



Is it I, Lord?

SERMON NOTES
APRIL 17, 2025

Maundy Thursday
Scripture: Luke 22:14-23

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¹⁴When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, ¹⁶for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." ¹⁷Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves, ¹⁸for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." ¹⁹Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. ²¹But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. ²²For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!" ²³Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this.

What do we learn from Jesus about what this "last supper" with his disciples represents?

The Passover meal (which Jesus is celebrating with his disciples) was "the food to be eaten after the family had packed their belongings for the journey to the promised land (Fred Craddock)." What 'promised land' might Jesus be seeing?

"Maundy" is a form of the word 'mande' from which we get mandate or command. Maundy Thursday is the "Night of Command". Why are we 'commanded' to celebrate this meal, especially tonight?

When we celebrate the Lord's Supper or Holy Communion, what do you experience?