- the leaders had wanted to kill Jesus for a long time but they were afraid of the people.

- **Judas' betrayal** gave them the opportunity to arrest Jesus **at Night – away** from the crowds, So, there would be no disturbance…

vs 3 ***"Satan entered into Judas"*** It was Satan's plan to destroy Jesus.
He merely **used** a willing agent in Judas **and in High Priests**!

(NB) • Judas is the **first** of **all the betrayers of Christ** in Church History.
- he even demanded payment for his cowardly act!

22: 7-13 **B. Jesus Prepares for His Final Passover on the 14th Nisan:**

- He puts Peter and John in charge of the preparations.
- These two **LOOM LARGE** from now on… right through to **Acts 12**
- They are a **symbol** of the Church: **PETER** = Authority / Leadership
  JOHN = Spirituality / People

- The details of preparation were familiar to **all Jews:** laid down clearly in Exodus 12.

- They only needed to know **where** they would eat the Passover.

22:10-13 • Again, with divine knowledge Jesus leads them to **the PLACE** cf. 19:30-34
* Why would He keep the location secret? **Because of Judas**!

The Last Supper of Jesus: 22:14-20

- This is Jesus' last meal on earth ∴ V.I.P.

- **This is Jesus' Passover** – when He will fulfill all that the Scriptures revealed about Redemption and God's Infinite Love for Humanity…

- Jesus, Himself **is** the Lamb for Sacrifice – **fulfilling Ex chap 12**

- This is the **First Mass** and the **First Eucharist** of the **New Covenant**
  - Jesus' **last** supper was our **first** supper in the KOG…

(NB) Because of all this Jesus said ***"I have longed to eat THIS PASSOVER with you before I suffer."***

Cf. Luke 12:50 ***"There is a baptism I must receive, and how great is my distress till it is over."***
(ie) immersion in Blood/Suffering

22:16 Here Jesus explains the Passion as the fulfillment of God's Plan of Redemption.

22:17-18 Luke gives a **very brief** account of the Institution of the Holy Eucharist
- which was to be continued "**AS A MEMORIAL"** of Him…

(NB) When **God instituted the Passover** at the time of the Exodus: ch. 12
Moses instructed the people to: ***"keep this day in remembrance…"***

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- The Rabbis taught that each year when the people gathered to celebrate Passover – that they received **all the graces** of the **First Passover** (NB) **AS IF THEY HAD BEEN THERE.**

(NB) What Jesus is saying here is that each time we celebrate Eucharist, **each one of us is present at HIS MASS** and receives all the graces that He offered them…

(NB) **There** is **something else though**! Jesus was going back to the Father, **but He also wanted to STAY with us** since we would never manage without Him…

(NB) He is the only Person who ever lived who could **LEAVE**...

(i) a Mystical Body of Himself on earth… after His death…

(ii) He found a way to be **PRESENT to us** in the **EUCHARIST** and therefore a way to continue His Mission to **SAVE** through the Church…

∴ Therefore, He remains Emmanuel: God-with-us: **forever.** cf. Is 7:14

- Every time we celebrate Eucharist we **participate in Jesus' Passover**
  - His Supper, Passion / Death and Resurrection and all this grace is available to us…

22:17-18 Jesus told the Apostles to **TAKE THE CUP**… **and all it signifies** and share it among them:
THE CUP = suffering – **their** participation in Redemption cf. **Acts 5:40-41**

(NB) ●Since they are called **to teach THE WORD of God**
they will have to drench it with the **Tears of their Repentance**
and " " " " " " " " **Tears of their Martyrdom**
as Jesus is doing here… in His Martyrdom

22:20 ***"This cup is the New Covenant in my blood which will be poured out for you"***

(NB) cf **Lev 17:11** ***"for the life of the flesh is in the blood; and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement by reason of the life."*** (MT) (ie) a **life** offered in atonement]

(NB) When Jesus took the cup to **His own lips He signed His own 'death warrant'!!**
"He was offering His life in atonement for us" cf. **Is 53:10**

- But He wants all of **us** – of His Mystical Body – to **participate** in making atonement for the sins of Humanity…

(NB) This is how Jesus explained His great sacrifice on the Cross ahead of time so that we would understand what He was doing…

22:19 Then Jesus took some bread from the table and created → His **greatest** and **continuous** miracle that has outlasted time…

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"This is my Body…" : Jesus is the Word of God Incarnate
: God created the **world** through **His Word** alone
: **Whatever God expresses comes into being.**

(NB) Broken Bread + cup poured out] - that bread – in Jesus' hands – blessed by Him and broken **was His Body** which would be broken on the Cross in 24 hours.

Problems Among the Apostles: 22:21-34

- The problems Luke brings up **here** show that **the Apostles** are **not 'with'** Jesus as He approaches His Final Hour; they are wrapped up in themselves **and their political pretentions**

22:21 **A.** (i) Judas - was about to betray Jesus, for **his own political reasons.**

22:22 (ii) Even though the Scriptures prophesied His betrayal, **Judas is still responsible before God** for his actions. Cf. **Ps 55:12-14**

22:23 (iii) **Jesus had kept this secret from the Twelve** so well that they were amazed that it could be **ONE OF THEM**! But Paul tells us in 2 Thess 2:7

"Rebellion **(lawlessness / iniquity)** *is at work already, but in secret"*

→ **Judas, the rebellious one,** would **not** be exposed until Jesus was removed from them; **then** the apostles discovered they had **a spy** (double-agent) in their camp

→ this might explain why the Scribes and Pharisees always knew where Jesus was!

*Judas was serving 2 Masters… and he despised Jesus and obeyed the Priests. Cf. Mt 6:24; Lk 16:13

The Rest of Them! The Eleven: 22:24-27

- If this discussion took place **AT the last Supper** it was **a SHAME**!
  - They discussed **who was the greatest among them!**
  - They were thinking of Jesus establishing an **EARTHLY** Kingdom and the 'greatest' would be His **Chief Steward.**

- **Jesus had already chosen Peter** for this position – but nobody thought he was the right man for the job! - a fisherman?!
  Cf. Lk 9:46-48 for same discussion – the child

- Jesus told them that the greatest (highest job) was to **behave** like the youngest (no job)
  " " " " the leader (highest job) " " " as **one who SERVES**

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22:27 ***"Yet here am I among you as one who serves":*** they will witness to their dismay what a lowly service Jesus is about to do for us all!

- He is going to wash our sins away with His own Blood!
- Their idea of earthly glory was crazy… **and shameful.**

22:28-30 **C. Rewards :** We are so weak that we need rewards for our services!
We need recognition – from **someone**!

- In His great loving-kindness Jesus, the King, **confers His Kingdom** on these men who do not yet understand Him at all!
- The Father had given the K.O.G. to His Son – Jesus now gives it **to the Church** to take care of – to love – to serve, and to die for!

20:30 **D. Jesus' Gift of Authority to the Twelve**

(i) ***"you will eat and drink at My table in my Kingdom"***

a) the **Eucharist is Jesus' Table**: He would **always** join us…

(ii) ***"you will sit on THRONES to judge the 12 Tribes of Israel"***

b) to Judge means to give Spiritual leadership cf. Book of Judges
c) the 12 Tribes – **NEW, REDEEMED ISRAEL → CHURCH**

E. Peter's Problem : Peter had rejected the idea of a Suffering Messiah
– but Luke did not tell us this.

- Here Luke explains Peter's denials **BEFORE** they happen, because the people would have a problem with such a weak leader!!

22:31 The Passover of Jesus **was a crisis time for the Twelve – a sifting time.**
But Jesus had interceded for them all – especially Peter, **the leader** so that **HIS FAITH** would not fail

→ Keeping the faith enabled Peter **to RECOVER** after his fall
∴ he will return to faithful, loving service…

(NB) **After** this experience Peter was to strengthen the others – **who would fail also!**
- it is then that he would understand forgiveness and its liberating force.

It was when they **all** failed Jesus that they began to lose their pride and become brothers to each other… **In failure** do you worry about who is the greatest?

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