



the good news according to

**MATTHEW**

**Chapter 26:17-30**

**Tasting the Tree of Life**

**17** On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Where do you want us to prepare the Passover meal for you?” **18** “As you go into the city,” he told them, “you will see a certain man. Tell him, ‘The Teacher says: My time has come, and I will eat the Passover meal with my disciples at your house.’” **19** So the disciples did as Jesus told them and prepared the Passover meal there.

**God**  
**DELIGHTS in**  
**PARTNERING**  
**with US**

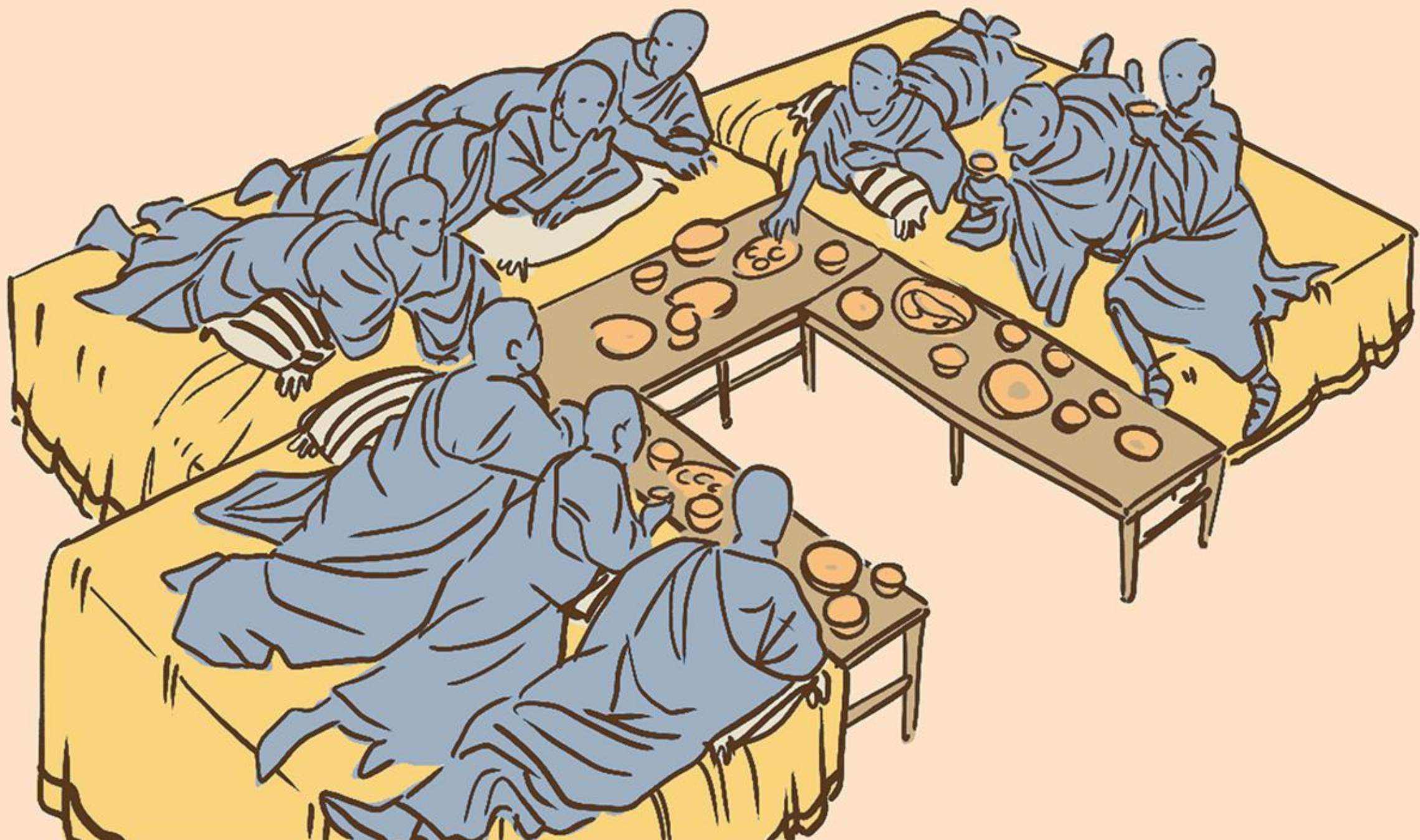


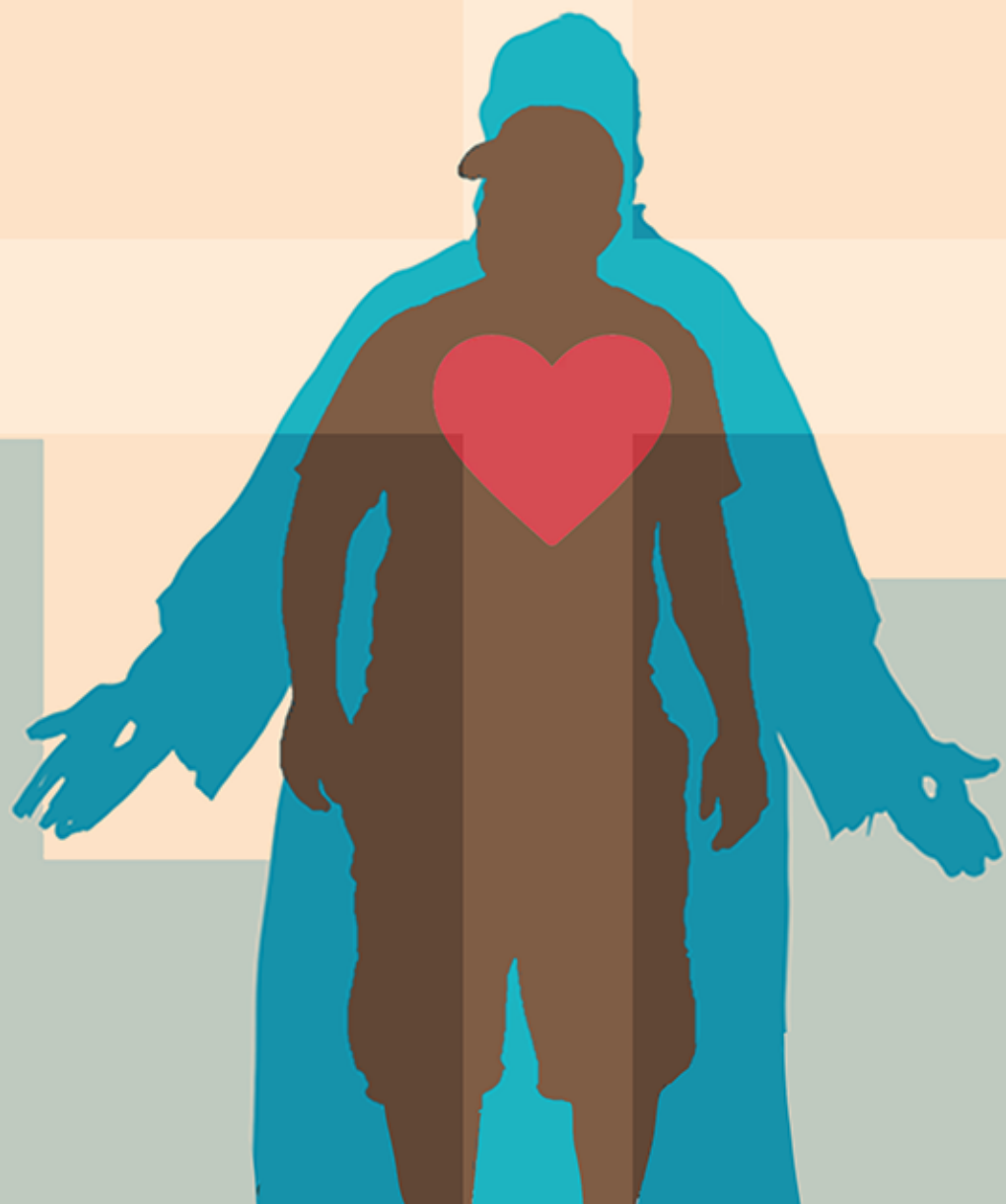
<sup>20</sup> When it was evening, Jesus sat down at the table with the Twelve. <sup>21</sup> While they were eating, he said, “I tell you the truth, one of you will betray me.” <sup>22</sup> Greatly distressed, each one asked in turn, “Am I the one, Lord?” <sup>23</sup> He replied, “One of you who has just eaten from this bowl with me will betray me.

**24 For the Son of Man must die, as the Scriptures declared long ago. But how terrible it will be for the one who betrays him. It would be far better for that man if he had never been born!”** **25 Judas, the one who would betray him, also asked, “Rabbi, am I the one?” And Jesus told him, “You have said it.”**

OK... ON THREE,  
EVERYONE SAY  
PASSOVER!







**JESUS IS THE ONLY  
model for a  
PERFECT  
RELATIONSHIP  
with God**

<sup>26</sup> As they were eating, Jesus took some bread and blessed it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, “Take this and eat it, for this is my body.” <sup>27</sup> And he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. He gave it to them and said, “Each of you drink from it, <sup>28</sup> for this is my blood, which confirms the covenant between God and his people. It is poured out as a sacrifice to forgive the sins of many.

**29 Mark my words—I will not drink wine again until the day I drink it new with you in my Father’s Kingdom.”**

**30 Then they sang a hymn and went out to the Mount of Olives.**

THE NEW COVENANT  
**RESTORES**  
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**<sup>6</sup> In Jerusalem, the Lord of Heaven's Armies will spread a wonderful feast for all the people of the world. It will be a delicious banquet with clear, well-aged wine and choice meat. <sup>7</sup> There he will remove the cloud of gloom, the shadow of death that hangs over the earth.**

**<sup>8</sup> He will swallow up death forever! The Sovereign Lord will wipe away all tears. He will remove forever all insults and mockery against his land and people. The Lord has spoken! <sup>9</sup> In that day the people will proclaim, “This is our God! We trusted in him, and he saved us! This is the Lord, in whom we trusted. Let us rejoice in the salvation he brings!”**

