

That You Might Believe
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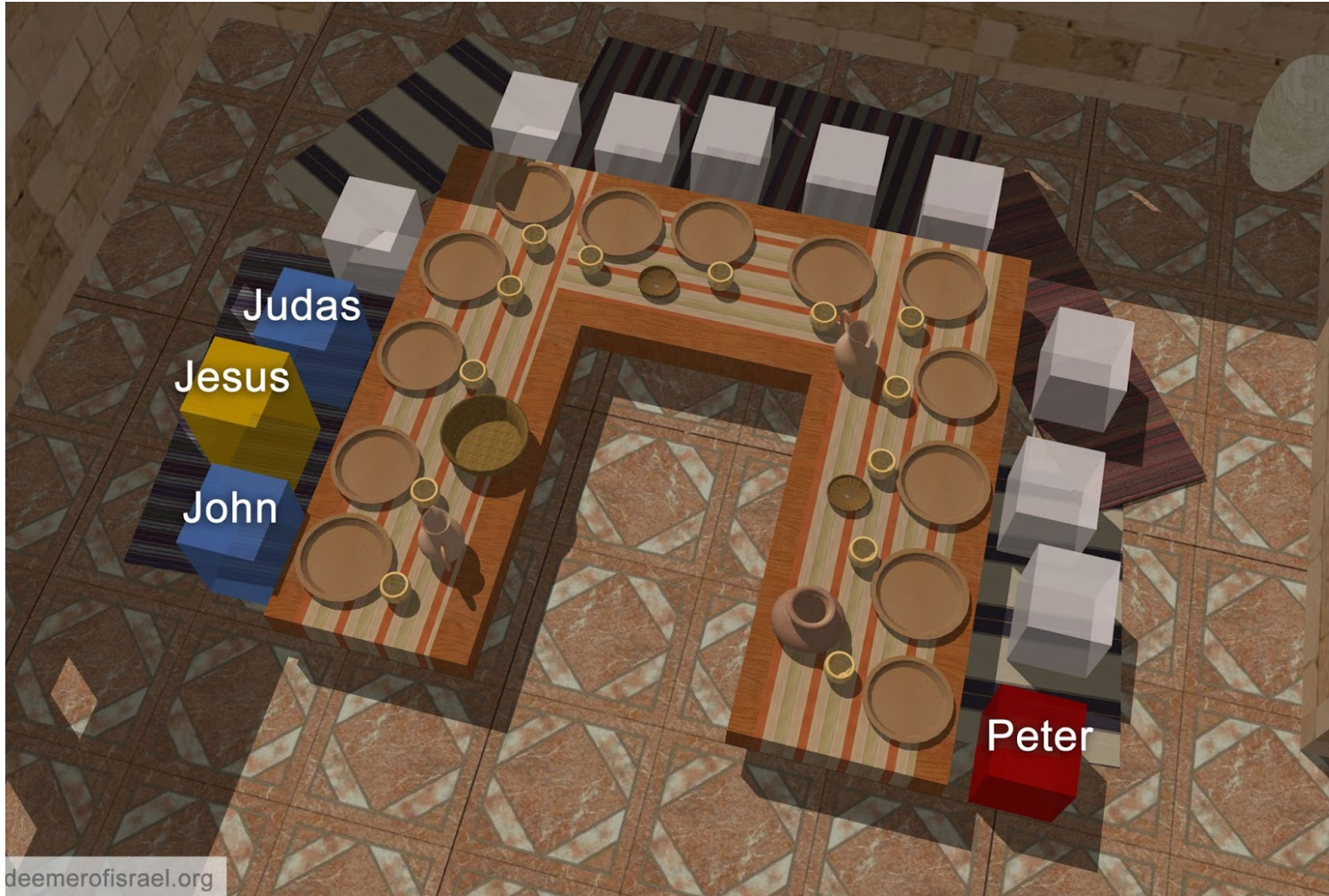
John 14



Famous
Painting of
Last
Supper



Probably a more accurate look of how they ate



This is how the disciples were seated around the table

**“Jesus will answer your questions,
but you must continue to trust Him.”**

I. Peter: Question #1

v.36 – “Lord where are you going?”

Jesus did not answer Peter’s question about ‘where’ he was going, but told him that he could not follow him there now, but would do so later.

Peter felt he was ready to lay down his life for Jesus, but clearly he did not understand what that would mean. Jesus answered, ‘Will you really lay down your life for me?’ These must have been hard words for Peter to hear, but worse was to follow: ‘I tell you the truth, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times!’

ch14:1 – In a very short time, life for the disciples was going to fall in. Their world was going to collapse in chaos around them. At such a time, there was only one thing to do—hold on to trust in God.

‘I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living’ Psalm 27:13

‘But my eyes are toward you, O God, my Lord; in you I seek refuge..’ Psalm 141:8

II. Thomas: Question #2

v.5 – “How can we know the way?”

Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life.’

Jesus’ response to Thomas’ question was that Jesus himself is **the way** is central point—that he is the truth and the life are supporting statements.

Jesus not only said that he was ‘the way the truth and the life’; he also added, No one comes to the Father except through me. This means that no-one can claim to know God while rejecting Jesus his Son

III. Philip: Question #3

v.8 – “Lord show us the Father and it is enough?”

He wanted them to understand he was not just a prophet, not just a teacher, not just their disciple-master, not only the Messiah; he was the Word made flesh, God incarnate.

Recognizing that it was stretching the faith of the disciples to accept this teaching, Jesus added, *or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles (works) themselves.*

III. Judas (not Iscariot): Question #4

v.22 – “How is it that you will manifest yourself to us, but not to the world?”

It would occur through the coming of the Spirit, whereby the Father and the Son would make their home with believers. When Jesus spoke of the Father and the Son making their ‘home’ with the believer, he used the same word used in 14:2, where he said that in his Father’s house there are many rooms.

V. Conclusion

v.15-31 – Jesus continues to speak of his departure and the Holy Spirit.