

Jesus's Last Supper and Agony in the Garden

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The Last Supper

Matt 26: 20-29 Mark 14: 12-26 Luke 22: 7-20 Jn 13: 2-11

When it was evening, he sat at table with the twelve disciples, and as they were eating; he said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me. The Son of man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born." Judas, who betrayed him, said, "Is it I, Master?" He said to him, "You have said so."

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the Covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I shall not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." (Matthew's narrative, RSV)

Fra Angelico, *The Last Supper*

Fresco, Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana, Vatican City

Florentine 1395-1455

Fra Angelico, *Communion of the Apostles*

Tempera on wood, Museo di San Marco, Florence

Florentine 1305-1455

Jesus's Agony in the Garden

Matt 26: 30-40 Mark 14: 26-42 Luke 22: 39-46

And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of me this night." Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go yonder and pray." And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here and watch with me." And going a little farther, he fell on his face and prayed, "My Father, if it be possible,

let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt.”
And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. (Matthew’s narrative, RSV)

Fra Angelico, *Jesus’s Agony in the Garden*
Tempera and gold on wooden panel. Pinacoteca Civica, Florence
Florentine, 1395-1455

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All of the Giotto frescoes come from his series titled “Scenes from the Life of Christ” produced between 1304 and 1306 in Capella Scrovegni, Padua Italy.

Giotto di Bondone, *Entry into Jerusalem* (No. 25)
Florentine 1276-1337

Giotto di Bondone, *The Last Supper* (No. 28)

Giotto di Bondone, *The Washing of the Feet* (No. 29)

Jesus . . . rose from the supper, laid aside his garments, and girded himself with a towel. Then, he poured water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples’ feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which he was girded. He came to Simon Peter; and Peter said to him, “Lord, do you wash my feet?” Jesus answered him, “What I am doing you do not know now, but afterward you will understand.” Peter said to him, “You shall never wash my feet.” Jesus answered him, “If I do not wash you, you have no part in me.” Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head!” Jesus said to him, “He who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but he is clean all over, and you are clean, but not all of you. “ For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, ‘You are not all clean.’” (John’s narrative, RSV: 13: 3-11)

Giotto di Bondone, *The Betrayal of Christ* (No. 30)

And immediately, while He was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, with him a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I shall kiss is the man; seize him and lead him away safely.” And when he came, he went up to him at once, and said, “Master!” (Mark’s narrative, RSV: 14: 43-45)

