

The Lord's Supper

Mark's Interview with John based on Mark 14

CHARACTERS: John and Mark

COSTUMES: Biblical.

PROPS: None specified

SETTINGS: None specified

RUN TIME: 3 minutes

SCRIPTURES: Based on Mk 14

MARK: John, tell us about the last supper you had with Jesus.

JOHN: It was the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the Passover lamb.

MARK: You referred to Jesus as the lamb in two of your books, didn't you.

JOHN: Yes. His cousin, John the Baptist, called him 'the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.' That started me thinking but it wasn't until after his death more things fell into place.

MARK: How many times do you refer to Jesus as a lamb in Revelations?

JOHN: Over 30.

MARK: Tell us about the last supper.

JOHN: Jesus sent Peter and I, telling us to go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. Say to the owner of the house he enters: The Teacher asks, where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?'

MARK: Generally men don't carry water.

JOHN: Right. That made it easy to find the man. The owner of the house showed us a large upper room, furnished and ready. We made preparations there for Passover.

MARK: What happened next?

JOHN: When evening came, Jesus arrived with the others. We were reclining at the table eating, when he said one of us would betray him – one who was eating with us.

MARK: How did you feel when he said someone would betray him?

JOHN: Sad. Bewildered. We all said "Surely it isn't I". It wasn't until it was over that we found out it was Judas.

MARK: So what happened when Jesus broke the bread

JOHN: He, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to us, saying "Take it; this is my body" Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to us.

MARK: And everyone drank?

JOHN: Yes. Then he said "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. I started thinking about him being the lamb of God, the perfect sacrifice.

MARK: According to the old law, blood was necessary for forgiveness of sin, right?

JOHN: Yes, but this time, the sacrifice would be the perfect lamb of God. It's hard when a pet lamb you care about dies to save you. Much harder when it's a friend who sticks closer than a brother.