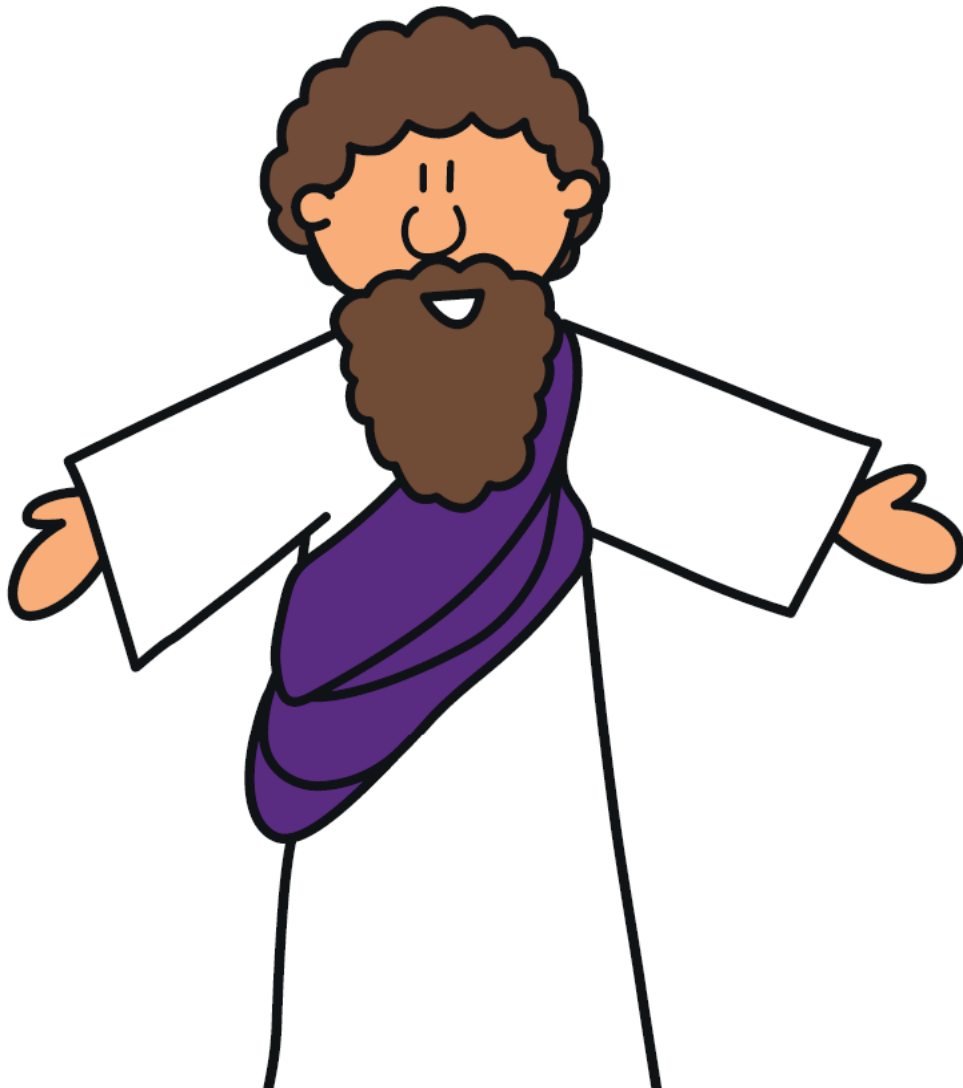


Jesus and the Passover



Jesus and his disciples were in an upstairs room celebrating the Passover. It was the day of Unleavened Bread, the day on which the Passover lamb was sacrificed.

Reclining at the table, Jesus said to them,

"I have longed to eat this Passover meal with you before I suffer."



Jesus picked up some bread, and after he had given thanks, broke it, saying,

"This is my body which was given for you; do this in order to remember me."



After this, Jesus took a cup of wine,
saying,

"This cup is the new promise in my
blood, which is poured out for you."



Soon after finishing the meal Jesus went out to the Mount of Olives. He knelt to pray. "Father," he prayed, "if you are willing, take this cup of suffering from me; yet not my will, but may your will be done."



Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him.

Luke 22: 7 - 23

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