



[Luke 22:7-16](#)

(7) Then came the Day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover must be killed. (8) And He sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat.” (9) So they said to Him, “Where do You want us to prepare?” (10) And He said to them, “Behold, when you have entered the city, a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him into the house which he enters. (11) Then you shall say to the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says to you, “Where is the guest room where I may eat the Passover with My disciples?”’ (12) Then he will show you a large, furnished upper room; there make ready.” (13) So they went and found it just as He had said to them, and they prepared the Passover. (14) When the hour had come, He sat down, and the twelve apostles with Him. (15) Then He said to them, “With *fervent* desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; (16) for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”

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As with Mark, Luke's account emphasizes that [Jesus](#) would eat the [Passover](#) with His disciples, not merely prepare for it. In verse 15, He declares how great His desire had been to eat that Passover with them. His focus that evening as He sat with His disciples was on *eating* the Passover, not on *being* the Passover. He spoke of what He was doing then, not on what He would be doing later on the 14th.

His words also reveal that the eating of the Passover was to be *before* He suffered (verse 15). His crucifixion began at “the third hour” ([Mark 15:25](#)), about nine o'clock the following morning, and ended after “the ninth hour” ([Matthew 27:46](#)). Jesus obviously knew when Passover was to be observed, and “with fervent desire [He had] desired” to eat it with His disciples *before*

He suffered. There is no indication He said this in reference to a meal the following afternoon or that He longed wistfully for [the crucifixion](#) to be put off until He could eat a late Abib 14 Passover.

The only conclusion is that He did in fact eat the Passover with His disciples that evening after the 14th had begun, prior to His arrest later that night and His appalling suffering, which began the next morning. These three accounts should leave no doubt that Jesus intended to, and in fact did, eat the Passover with His disciples at the beginning of the 14th day.

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