

## Day 6, The Walk, “Broken and Given” ~ Confusion



*As you look into this room you see Jesus’ disciples and closest friends . . . a motley crew . . . mostly uneducated fisherman and one political activist . . . can you even begin to imagine how confusing life must have become for them once they began following Jesus? They watched him turn water into wine, heal incurably sick people, and feed 5000+ with five fish and two loaves of bread . . . do you ever wonder if they looked at each other and said, “How did he do that?”*

*And why did Jesus choose such a group of broken men to be his closest followers?*

*Peter was impulsive.*

*James and John could be judgmental, calling down fire on a Samaritan village and ambitious in their asking Jesus for a place of honor in his kingdom.*

*Matthew, a former tax collector had possibly cheated people out of their money.*

*We know that Judas had a problem with greed, and we remember that Jesus chided the group for their “little faith” when they awakened him in the middle of a storm with the question, “Don’t you even care that we are going to drown?” Mark 4:38*



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*Here they are . . . sharing the Passover meal together and Jesus says and does confusing things. When a dispute arose among them as to which was to be regarded as the greatest, Jesus said nothing but quietly and humbly knelt down and washed their dirty feet.*

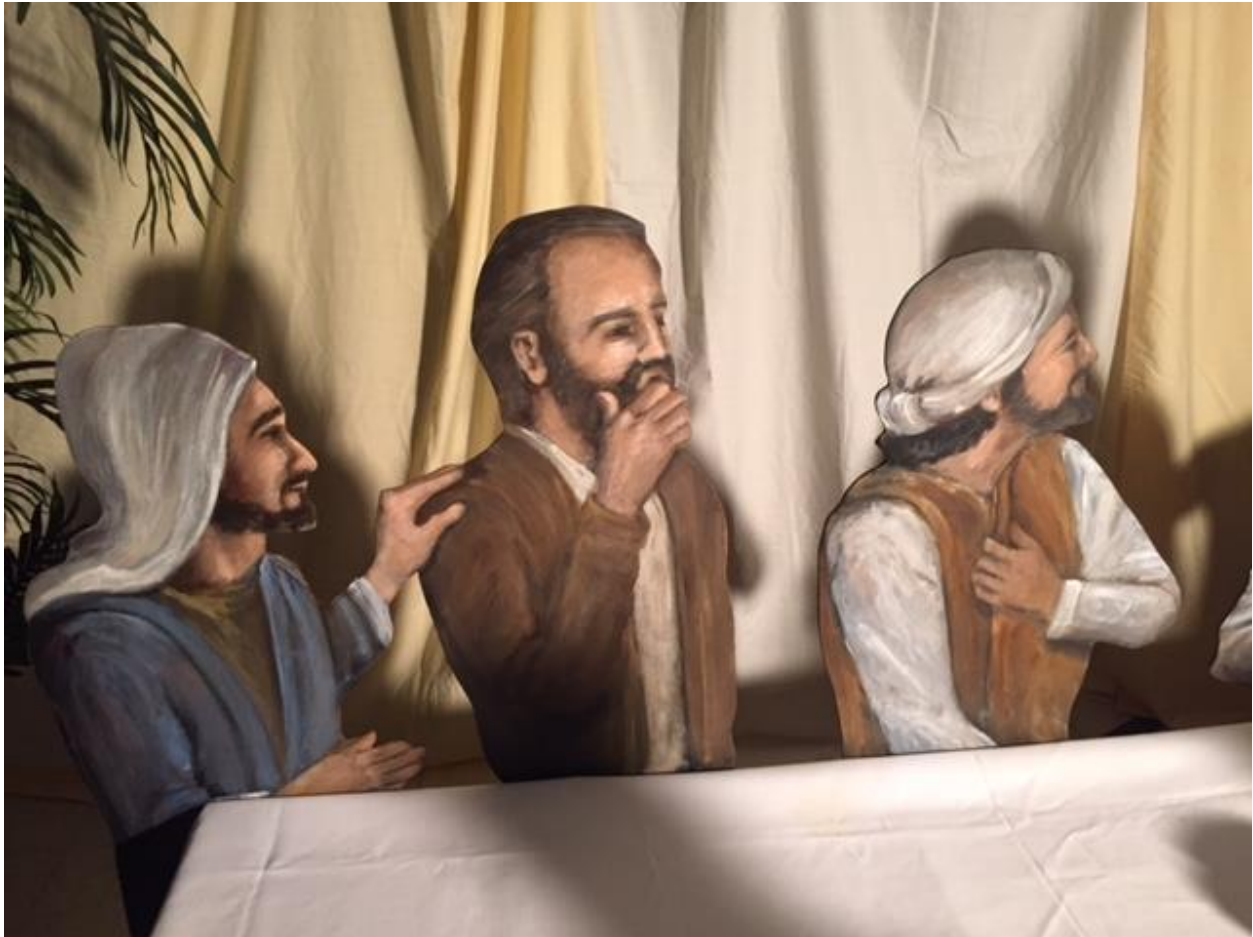
*Next, he told them that*

*one of them would deny him,*

*one of them would betray him,*

*and that all of them would fall away from him.*

*How incredibly confusing this must have been for them.*



*And then in the familiarity of the traditional Seder meal he did something vastly different. He took the bread, gave thanks, broke it, and then gave it to his dear disciples telling them that this was his body given for them. He knew what was coming . . . **and in his brokenness he gave** . . . he touched them in their brokenness and held out the healing and wholeness that can only come through the forgiveness he won for them and us at the cross.*

And he took bread, and when he had given thanks,  
he broke it and gave it to them saying,  
"this is my body, which is given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me."

Luke 22:19



*What happened to their confusion in that moment of broken bread? Might they have sensed a moment of healing and peace like never before?*

*What about you?*

*This past year has been full of confusion and questions.*

*What is the confusion in your life? the questions that have no answers?*

**~ Prayer Response ~**

Jesus comes closest to us through this meal of bread and wine.

Know that he longs for you to be there and

he holds out to you only mercy and grace.

Take a moment to see yourself at this table . . . share with him your questions . . . let him give you his peace.



Please take a moment to listen to “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross,” as we reflect on all that Jesus gave for us.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9DHszgAVFdw>

