

# Luke 22:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he shall shew you a large upper room furnished: there make ready.

## Analysis

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**And he shall shew you a large upper room furnished: there make ready.**

Jesus prophesies the homeowner's response with certainty—he shall shew you (δείξει ὑμῖν, *deixei hymin*, future active indicative) promises definite action. A **large upper room** (ἀνάγαιον μέγα, *anagaion mega*) describes a spacious second-story room, large enough for thirteen men to recline at table. The participle furnished (ἐστρωμένον, *estrōmenon*, perfect passive, 'spread with carpets/cushions') indicates a prepared, dignified space with dining couches arranged.

The command **there make ready** (ἐκεῖ ἐτοιμάσατε, *ekei hetoimasate*, aorist active imperative) requires completing preparations—roasting the lamb, arranging bread and wine, preparing bitter herbs. This furnished room would witness history's most significant meal: the last Passover of the old covenant becoming the first communion of the new covenant. Tradition holds this same room hosted the post-resurrection appearances (Luke 24:36, John 20:19) and Pentecost (Acts 2:1). If so, the Upper Room became Christianity's birthplace.

## Historical Context

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Upper rooms (*hyperōa* in Greek, *aliyyāh* in Hebrew) provided privacy, separation from street noise, and cooling breezes. They often served as study spaces for rabbis and disciples. The room's size suggests a wealthy homeowner—most Jerusalem houses were small. Later tradition identifies this as the Cenacle on Mount Zion, though archaeological certainty is impossible.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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1. How does God's provision of a 'furnished' room demonstrate His attention to details in accomplishing His purposes?
2. What spiritual preparations do you need to 'make ready' before approaching the Lord's Table?
3. If this same room witnessed the Last Supper, resurrection appearances, and Pentecost, what does that suggest about God's purposeful use of places?

## Interlinear Text

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κάκεῖνος	ὁμῖν	δείξει	ἀνώγειν	μέγα	ἐστρωμένον·	ἐκεῖ
<b>And</b>	<b>you</b>	<b>he shall shew</b>	<b>upper room</b>	<b>a large</b>	<b>furnished</b>	<b>there</b>
G2548	G5213	G1166	G508	G3173	G4766	G1563

ἐτοιμάσατε

**make ready**

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## Additional Cross-References

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**Acts 1:13** (Parallel theme): And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James.

