

Luke 22:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

And he sent Peter and John, saying, Go and prepare us the passover, that we may eat. Jesus sent (ἀπέστειλεν, apêteilen, aorist active) His two leading apostles—Peter (Πέτρον, Petron, 'the rock') and John (Ιωάννην, Iōannēn, 'the beloved'). Their task: **prepare us the passover** (έτοιμάσατε ἡμῖν τὸ πάσχα, hetoimasate hēmin to pascha). This involved purchasing an unblemished lamb, bringing it to the temple for slaughter, retrieving the carcass, preparing it with unleavened bread, bitter herbs, wine, and the traditional elements.

The purpose clause **that we may eat** (ἵνα φάγωμεν, hina phagōmen, aorist active subjunctive) expresses Jesus' determination to celebrate this final Passover before His death. He would transform this memorial meal into the Lord's Supper, replacing old covenant symbols with new covenant realities. Peter and John's preparation of the Passover lamb parallels their later role preparing the church to receive Christ, the true Lamb.

Historical Context

Passover preparation required significant work: selecting and purchasing a lamb (one per household or group of 10-20), temple slaughter and blood application, roasting the entire lamb, securing unleavened bread and bitter herbs, preparing the upper room, mixing wine (four cups required in the Seder), and arranging couches for reclining at table.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

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Study Questions

1. How does Jesus' choice of Peter and John for this sacred task highlight the importance of trusted spiritual leadership?
2. What does Jesus' determination to eat this Passover ('that we may eat') reveal about His intentionality in fulfilling the Law?
3. In what ways should preparing for communion today mirror the careful preparation required for Passover?

Interlinear Text

καὶ ἀπέστειλεν Πέτρον καὶ Ἰωάννην εἰπών Πορευθέντες

And **he sent** **Peter** **And** **John** **saying** **Go**
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έτοιμάσατε ἡμῖν τὸ πάσχα ἵνα φάγωμεν

and prepare **us** **G3588** **the passover** **that** **we may eat**
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