

Luke 22:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they said unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare?

Analysis

And they said unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare? Peter and John's question is practical and obedient—**Where** (Ποῦ, Pou) seeks specific instruction. Wilt thou (Θέλεις, theleis, present active indicative of 'to will/desire') acknowledges Jesus' authority to determine the location. This wasn't a casual inquiry; Jerusalem was packed with pilgrims, and securing appropriate space for thirteen men required advance arrangement.

Their question assumes Jesus has made provision, trusting His foreknowledge and planning. The simplicity of their response contrasts with the complexity of what Jesus will reveal in verses 10-12—detailed prophetic knowledge of a man carrying water, a specific house, an available upper room. This interchange demonstrates true discipleship: ready obedience awaiting specific direction, without presuming to know the Master's plans.

Historical Context

Most Passover pilgrims had no permanent lodging in Jerusalem, camping in surrounding areas or staying with relatives. Jerusalem homeowners traditionally made upper rooms available free of charge for Passover observance, considered a religious duty. The disciples' question anticipates Jesus has arranged something, as visiting rabbis typically did.

Related Passages

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Study Questions

1. How does the disciples' simple 'Where wilt thou?' model proper submission to Christ's direction in your life?
2. When facing tasks requiring preparation, how quickly do you seek Christ's specific guidance rather than presuming your own wisdom?
3. What does this exchange teach about balancing practical questions with faith in Christ's provision?

Interlinear Text

οἱ	δὲ	εἴπον	αὐτῷ	Ποῦ	θέλεις	έτοιμάσωμεν
G3588	And	they said	unto him	Where	wilt thou	that we prepare
G1161		G2036	G846	G4226	G2309	G2090

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