November 5 Questions

L)	The last Passover meal. The wording suggests that the upper room had been prepared in the
	style with the food on a triclinium (a U-shaped table). Guests reclined around the table
	according to social custom, where the position signified either greater or lesser ¹ The
	disciples had prepared the meal themselves, and there was no to wash their feet. No
	one volunteered, and so they took their places at the table with dry and dusty feet. They evidently
	weren't happy with the seating order, for a dispute soon began over who was the
	Jesus told them, "Let the greatest among you become as the, and the leader as one
	who" Then He put His words into action by pouring water into a basin and washing the
	disciples' feet. Are we looking for ways to serve others, or are we looking for the place of greatest
	honor? At the table, Jesus was in the place of the was on His right, with his back
	to Jesus, while was on the far side in last place. And where was Judas? Where was the
	man who had treachery and betrayal in his heart? The wording suggests that he was on Jesus' left in
	the place of honor! (cf. John 13:26). Did he take that place for himself? It seems
	unlikely given Jesus' rebuke. No, put Judas there Himself. Down to the very last moment,
	Jesus was reaching out to Judas, not wanting him to commit that final, terrible act of sin.



¹ James C. Martin, John A. Beck, and David G. Hansen, *A Visual Guide to Bible Events* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Publishing Group, 2009), p. 198.

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