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 passover at thy house with my disciples.   
 he said, Go passover. city to such a man, and say unto him,   
 The down with saith, My time is at hand; I will keep the   
 me. 19 And the   
 b Psa. disciples did as Jesus had appointed them ; and they made   
   
 20 Now when the even was come, he   
 21 And as they did eat, he   
 said, Verily I say unto you, that one of you shall betray   
 2 And they were exceeding sorrowful, and began   
   
 every one of them to say unto him, Lord, is it 1? % And   
 he answered and said,» He that dippeth his hand with me   
 in the dish, the same shall betray me. 24 The Son of man   
   
 note) ;—the lamb already kept from the indebted to St. narrative,   
 10th (Exod. xii. had to be slain the 20—25.] Jxsus, CELEBRATING THE   
 fore-court of the temple (2 Chron. xxxv. Passover, ANNOUNCES His BETRAYER.   
 5);—theunleavened bread, bitter &c., Mark xiv. 17—21. Jobn xiii. 21 ff.   
 prepared ;—and the room arranged. This Our Lord and the Twelve were a full   
 report does not represent the whole that Paschal company; ten persons was the   
 passed : it the Lord who sent the two ordinary and minimum number. Here   
 disciples; and i» reply this enquiry was come in (1) the expression of our Lord’s   
 made (Luke). 18.) The person spoken desire to eat this Passover before His   
 of was unknown even by name, as suffering, xxii. 15, (2) the divi-   
 from Mark and Luke, where he is to be sion of the first ib. vv. 17, 18; (3)   
 found by the turning in of a man with the washing of the disciples’ John   
 @ pitcher of water. The Lord spoke not xiii. 1—20 (? see note, xiii. I   
 from any previous as some mention these, not I have any desire   
 have thought, but in virtue of know- to reduce the four accounts to a har-   
 and command of circumstances. monized narrative, that I believe to   
 Compare the command ch. xxi. 2f., and be impossible, the attempt wholly un-   
 that in ch. 27. In the words to such profitable but because are additional   
 a man here must be involved the addi- circumstances, placed by their narrators   
 tional circumstance by St. Mark at this period of the feast. 1 simi-   
 and St. Luke, but perhaps to our larly notice all such additional matter,   
 narrator: see note Luke xxii. 10, where but without any idea of harmonizing the   
 the fullest is found. The apparent discrepancies the four (as ap-   
 term the Master, common to the three pears to me) entirely distinct inde-   
 accounts, does imply that the man was pendent reports. 21.) This announce-   
 @ disciple of our It was the com- tment is common to Matt., and   
 mon practice during the feast for John. In the part of the events of the   
 to receive into their houses supper which relates to Judas, St. Luke   
 tuitously, the purpose of eating the te deficient, no further report of   
 Passover: and in this of Him- them than vv. 21-23. The whole minute   
 self addressing a stranger, Lord has detail is by St. John, bore a con-   
 a deep meaning, as (perhaps, see note) siderable part in 22.] In the uc-   
 in the Lord in ch. xxi. 3,—‘Our Master countsof St. and St. this enquiry   
 and thine says.’ It His form of ‘press- is made “among themselves looking one   
 ing’ for the service of the King of this another.” The real enquiry the Lord   
 earth, the that are therein. was made by John himself, owing toa sign   
 My time is not ‘the time of the feast, JSvom Peter, This part of John’s narra-   
 but my own time, i.e. for suffering: tive stands in the highest position for   
 John vii. and often. There is no reason accuracy of detail, the facts related   
 for supposing this expression the it are evidently the ground of the other   
 man addressed was aware of its meaning. accounts. 23.) These first re-   
 The bearers of the were ; and the present the answer of our Lord to John’s   
 words, to the receiver it, bore them question (John xiii. The latter (ver.   
 a weighty reason of own, which, with 24 were not said now, but (Luke, vv. 21,   
 such a title the Master prefixed, was 22) formed part of the previous   
 bound to respect. For these words we are ment in our ver. 21. . 25.) I cannot