



Preparing an Upper Room for the Lord

In the gospels we are told that when it was time to celebrate the Passover during the Lord's last days on earth, He sent two of His disciples, Peter and John, on ahead to find and prepare a place. Peter and John found an upper room in which to hold the Passover feast. Create a diagram of this upper room, using two shoeboxes taped or glued together. As you work on the diagram, think about working as Peter and John did, to create a special place for the Lord to conduct what would be the first Holy Supper.

1. Tape or glue two empty shoeboxes together.
2. You may want to paint the shoeboxes. The house in Jerusalem could have been made of stone, brick, or mud.
3. There would probably not have been many windows, but you may want to carefully cut out one or two.
4. To reach the second floor, there might have been a staircase but more likely a ladder. If you wish, you can create a ladder by gluing together twigs or popsicle sticks, or by twisting some brown pipe cleaners together.
5. Think about why this special dinner took place in an upper room. We know that in those days the upper room would have been the better room, often reserved for guests or as the best bedroom. The lower level of the house would have been where most of the family and often their livestock lived.
6. The house would probably have been heated by a small brazier with coals in it. You could use a small dish and put crumbled up red and orange paper in it to represent this.
7. You may want to make a very low table. The Lord and His disciples probably sat around this table on rugs or on the floor.
8. Make some small dishes for the table. These would probably have been very simple.