

Site: Upper Room

Scripture References:

Acts 1:13-26

John 13:1-20, 14:18, 14:26

Luke 22:12

Historical Significance:

- Room in Mount Zion, just outside the Old City walls, traditionally held to be the site of the Last Supper.
- Jesus reassured his disciples: "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you"
- Jesus washed the feet of the disciples.
- Jesus predicted his betrayal and imminent sacrificial death
- This is where the disciples had locked themselves, as they were afraid of the angry mob that crucified Jesus would come after them
- Jesus suddenly appeared among them, saying "Peace be with you!"

Things to look for:

- The current structure is a restoration of a 12th century Crusader chapel. This is not universally accepted as the Upper Room
- archaeologists have uncovered plaster fragments inscribed with Greek graffiti, one of which has been interpreted to contain the name of Jesus
- can ascend the staircase to the rooftop for breathtaking views of the Mount of Olives and the city of Jerusalem

What does this site teach us about God?

- The Lord fed His apostles both His Word and His Sacred Body and Blood. The Lord cannot force us to accept His gifts, these gifts will feed you and me only if we are willing to receive them