

THE SECOND STOP: THE LAST SUPPER DISCOURSE

*“Now this is eternal life: that they know you,
the only true God, Christ, whom you have sent.”*



Farewell Discourse from John's Gospel
Maestà by Duccio, c. 1310

“A time is coming and in fact has come when you will be scattered, each to your own home. You will leave me all alone. Yet I am not alone, for my Father is with me.

“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.”

(John 16:32-17:3)

Reflect Your crucifixion is imminent, and through it you will be glorified. ‘

You, Jesus, Lord God of Power and Might, allow yourself to be brought into humanity – trapped in the limitations of a body – like me. You see what I see, feel what I feel, question what I question, fear what I fear. You endured – and you *endure* – ever led to the light, the will and the glory of God. Your great love for *me* is the shining light that guides me through the often-dark valley of my human existence.

In tonight's breaking of the bread you ask me to be broken – like you – for others – a daunting challenge that I can endure only if your love patterns my love, if your life patterns my life, if your Way patterns my way – my path to eternal life.

Pray **Lord, help me in this earthly existence. Help me to see with your eyes, hear with your ears, and love with your heart so that I might endure and grow and, through you, follow the path you have laid out, the path to your kingdom. This I ask in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Sing *Jesus, you lead us to light. Jesus, you lead us to light.
Jesus, our hope; Jesus, our glory.
Jesus, our God and our all.*