



Communion

A Christian sacrament in which bread is eaten and wine is drunk as a way of showing devotion to Jesus Christ. The term sacrament is used to categorize this ceremony as a Christian rite recognized as of particular importance and significance. There are various views on the existence and meaning of the rite. In particular, Catholics and Protestants have varying views on the purpose, priority and nature of Communion. Communion finds its origins in an event in the life of Jesus termed the Last Supper. It is also termed the Eucharist.

The evening before Christ was betrayed by one of his disciples, he gathered them together to eat, tell them he knew what was coming and wash their feet (a gesture symbolizing that all were equal under the eyes of the Lord). As they ate and drank together, Christ gave the disciples explicit instructions on how to eat and drink in the future, in remembrance of him..

Leonardo Da Vinci's Last Supper is a mural painting painted from 1495 to 1498 on the back wall of the dining hall at the Dominican convent of Sta Maria delle Grazie in Italy. It is Leonardo's visual interpretation of a meal chronicled in all four of the Gospels (books in the Christian New Testament of the Bible). The painting was made using experimental pigments directly on the dry plaster wall and unlike frescos, where the pigments are mixed with the wet plaster, it has not stood the test of time well. Even before it was finished there were problems with the paint flaking from the wall and Leonardo had to repair it.

