

The Evangelistic Gospel of John

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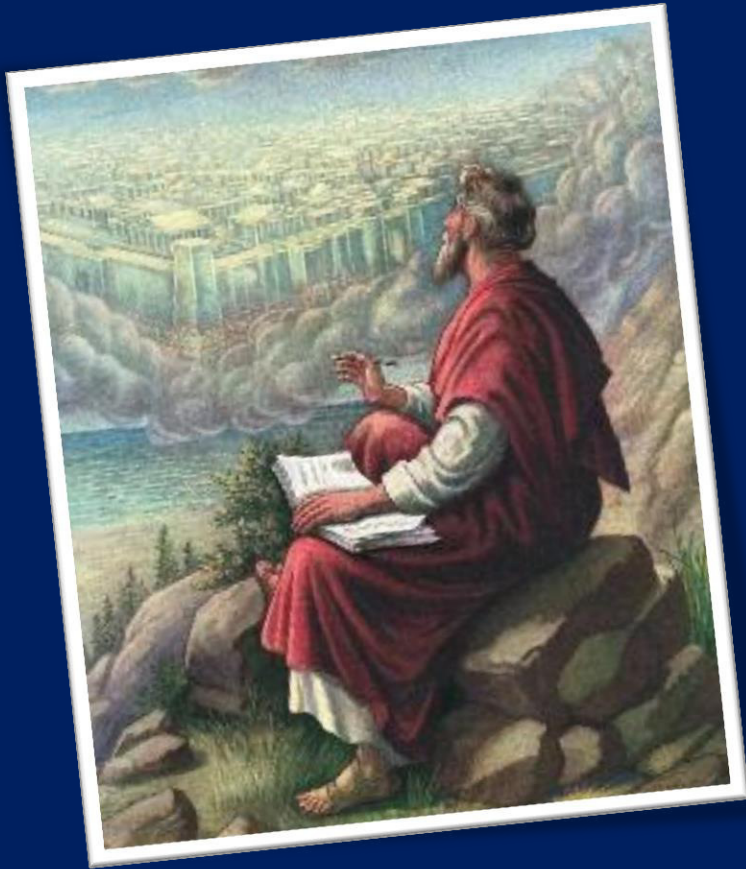


The Light and the Life...



Revealed!

John 20:30-31



“Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.”

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"7 SIGNS" in Gospel of John



Changing Water into Wine

2:11



Healing official's son

4:46-54

Healing an invalid at the Pool of Bethesda

5:1-18

Feeding the 5,000

6:5-14



Walking on water

6:16-21

Healing a blind man

9:1-7



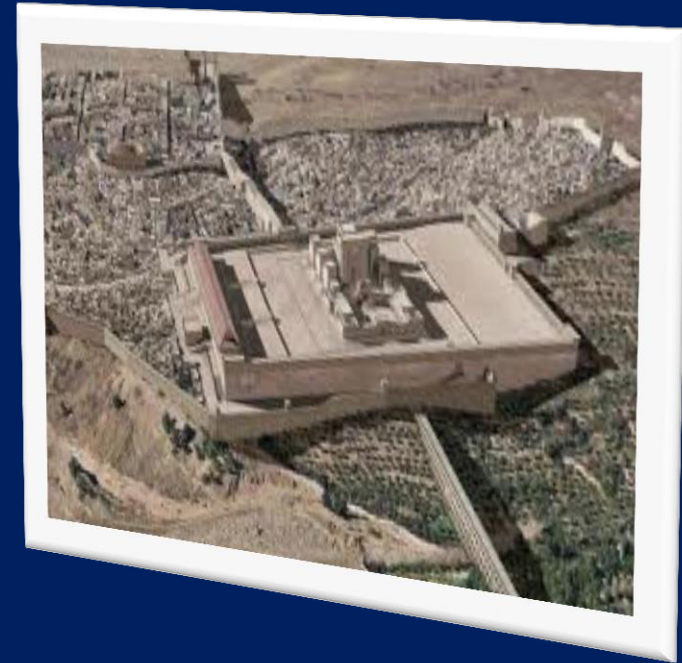
Raising dead Lazarus

11:1-45



Christ's Five Trips to Jerusalem

Feast	Verse
Passover	2:23
Unnamed	5:1
Tabernacles	7:2
Dedication	10:22
<u><i>Passover</i></u>	<u><i>13:1</i></u>



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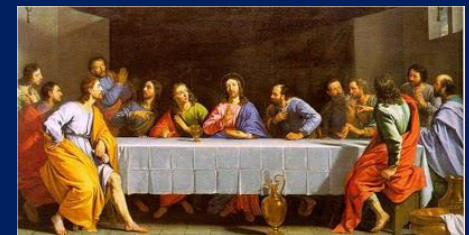
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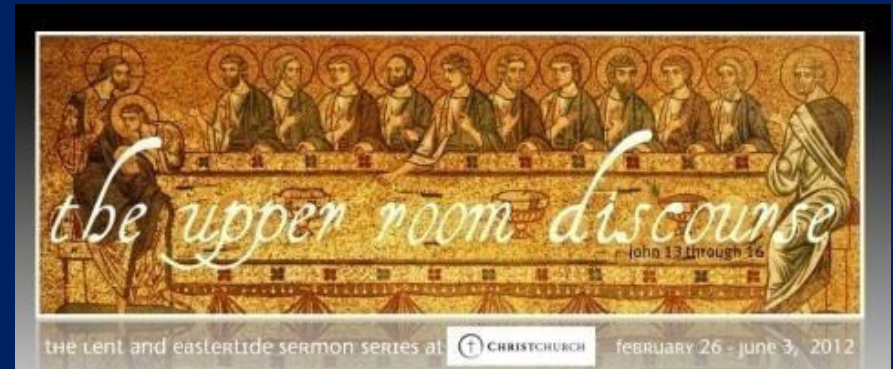
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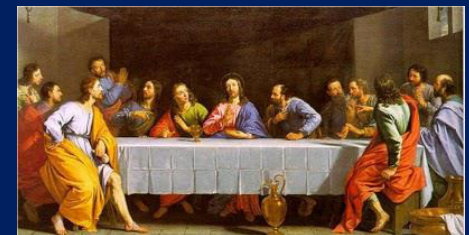
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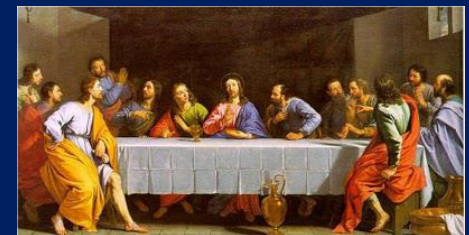
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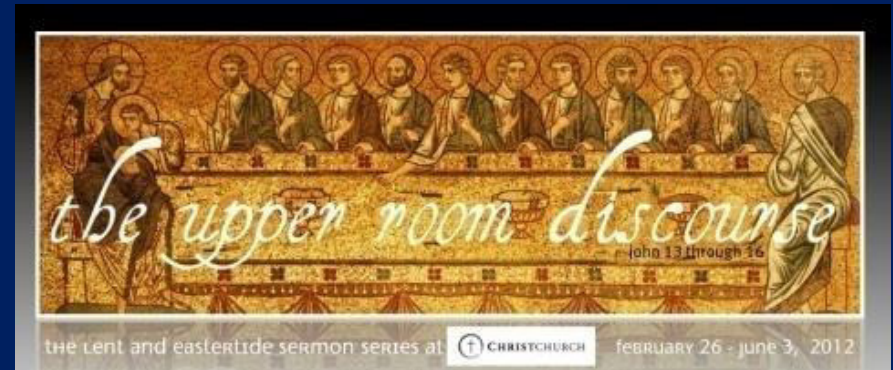
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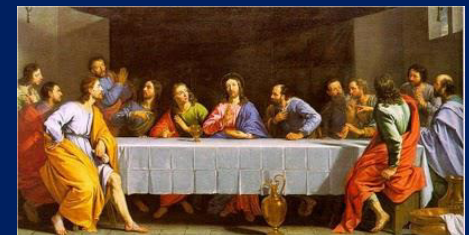
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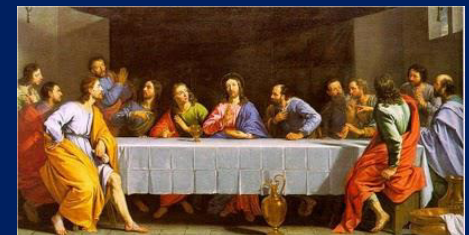
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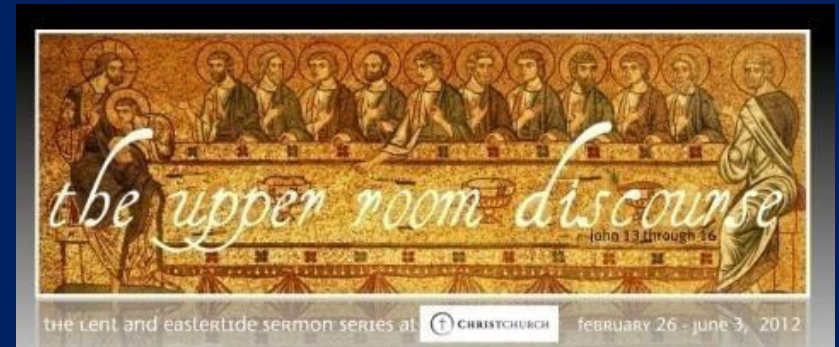
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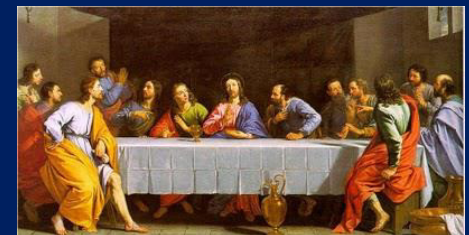
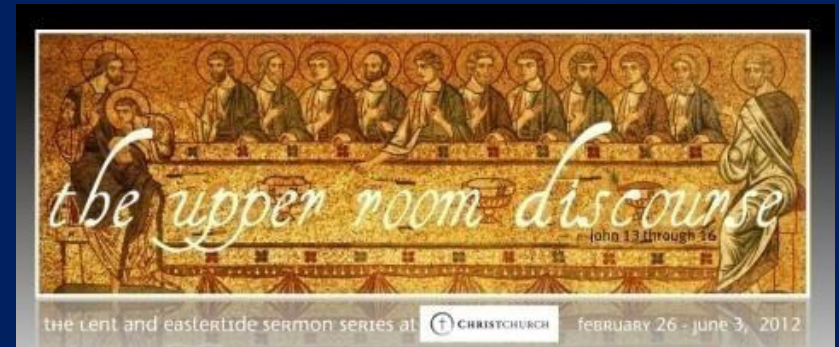
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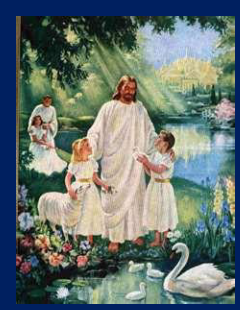
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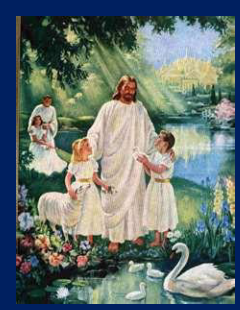
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John 14:1-4 Conclusion

- Christ would return through His Ascension to His Father's heavenly abode.
- He would then prepare temporary dwellings for His disciples.
- He would return for His disciples in the future.
- His return would be just as personal as was His First Coming and Ascension.
- He would physically take believers to be with Him by spatially drawing them to Himself.



John 14:1-4 Conclusion



- Purpose of this event is so that believers could dwell in their prepared, temporal, heavenly places and be with Christ where He is.
- This information would serve as a comfort to the disciples who were troubled over the announcement over His soon departure (John 13:1).
- Christ unfolded the reality of this event for the purpose of comforting His disciples (John 14:1).

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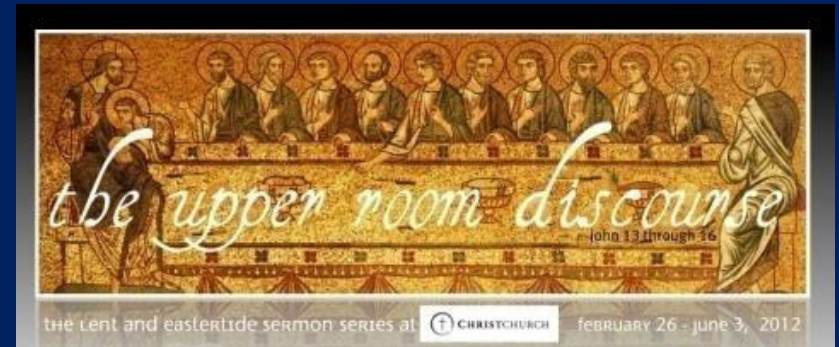
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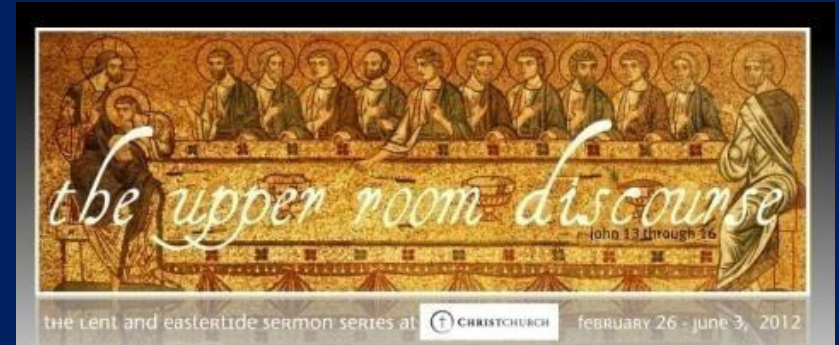
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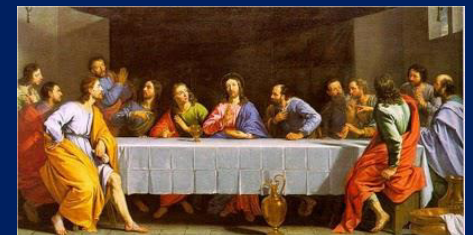
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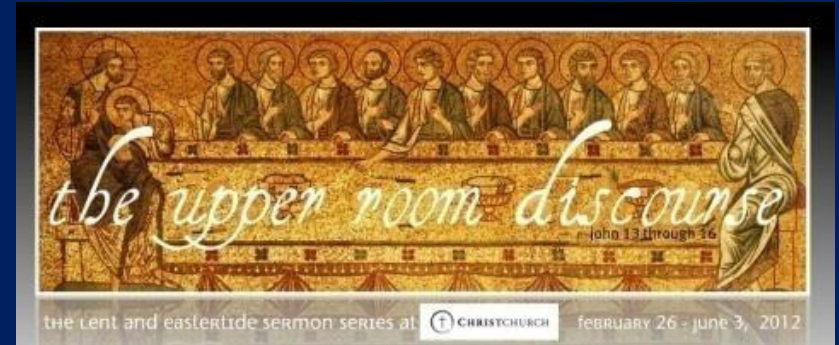
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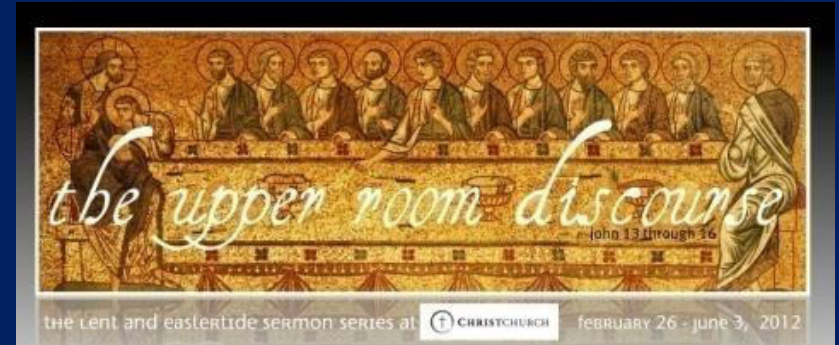
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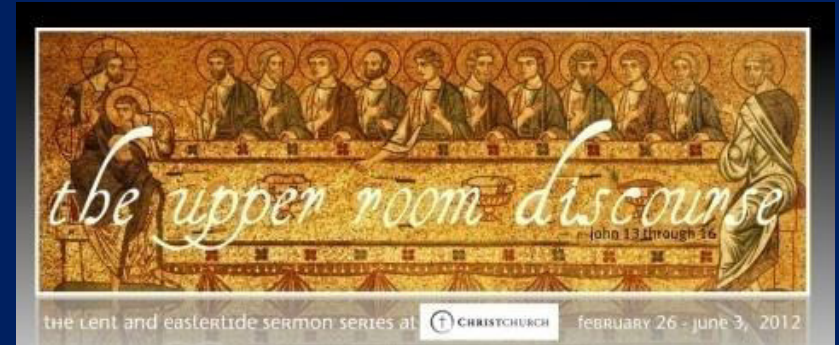
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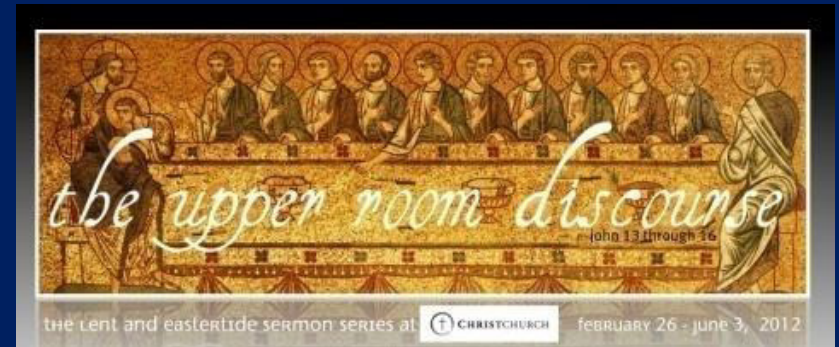


Matthew 7:13-14

Verse 14	Verse 13
Small	Wide
Narrow	Broad
Life	Destruction
Few	Many

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accept that there are diverse ways of being in the
world; that there are millions of ways to be a human
being. And many ways...many paths to what you
call God. That her path might be something else
and when she gets there she might call it the light.
But her loving, and her kindness, and her generosity
brings her to the...same point that it brings you...



...It doesn't matter whether she called it
'God' along the way or not...There couldn't
possibly be just one way!...There couldn't
possibly be only one way with millions of
people in the world!...You think...if you are
somewhere on the planet and you never hear the
name of Jesus but yet you live with a loving
heart. You lived as Jesus would have had you to
live. You lived for the same purpose as Jesus
came to the planet to teach us all, but you are in
some remote part of the earth and you never
heard the name of Jesus. You cannot get to
Heaven...?"



Emergent Missions: Alternative Religions



“I don’t believe making disciples must equal adherents to the Christian religion. It may be advisable in many (not all!) circumstances to help people become followers of Jesus and remain within their Buddhist, Hindu, or Jewish contexts” (Italics added).

Brian McLaren, *A Generous Orthodoxy*, 260.



Emergent Missions: Alternative Religions

“*Evangelism or missions for me is no longer persuading people to believe what I believe*, no matter how edgy or creative I get. Its more about shared experiences and encounters. Its about walking the journey of life and faith together, each distinct to his or her own tradition and culture but with the possibility of *encountering God and truth from one another*” (Italics added).

Gibbs and Bolger, *Emerging Churches*, 131.

Chrislam?



In a class I once taught at Dallas Seminary, I inadvertently asked an exam question on material I had not covered in class. One of the students brought that discrepancy to my attention. To be fair, I had to rescore all of the test papers because I could not hold the students liable for information they had never been given.

So the premise is that God will not hold people accountable for a decision they cannot make, based on information they have not received.

of their sin nature. And people in faraway lands who have never heard the gospel still have their own sins to answer for. This means we need to talk about the provision God has made for those who cannot believe.

Tony Evans, *Totally Saved: Understanding, Experiencing and Enjoying the Greatness of Your Salvation* (Chicago: Moody, 2002), 355,359.

Here's the spiritual principle at work: When people respond to what they do know of God, He takes personal responsibility for giving them more information about Himself.

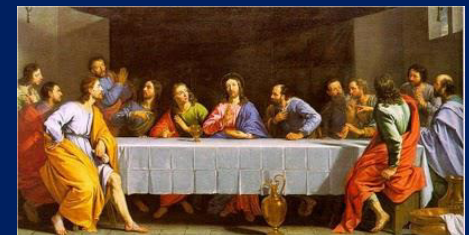
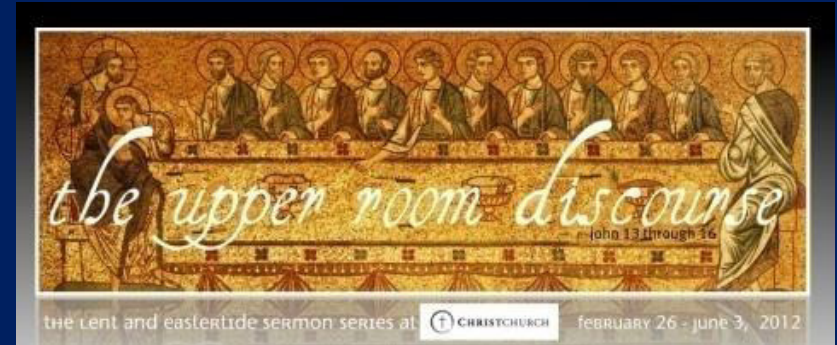
In the case of a person who never hears the gospel and never knows the name of Jesus, but who responds to the light he has, God treats that person like an Old Testament saint, if you will. That is, if the person trusts in what God has revealed, God deals with that person based on the knowledge he has, not the information he never received. I call this transdispensationalism.

By this I mean if a person is sincerely seeking God and desiring to know Him, and is responding to the truth he knows, if there is no missionary or direct manifestation of God, then God judges that person based on his faith in the light he has received. And as in the case of Abraham, God will retroactively count this person as righteous by applying the death of Christ from the dispensation of grace.

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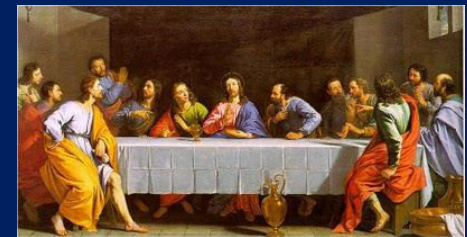
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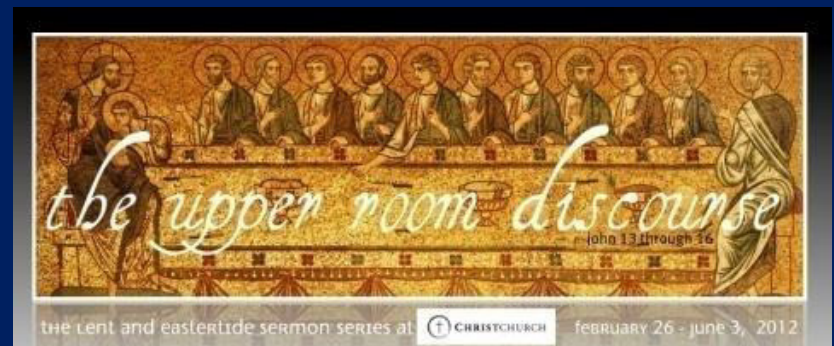


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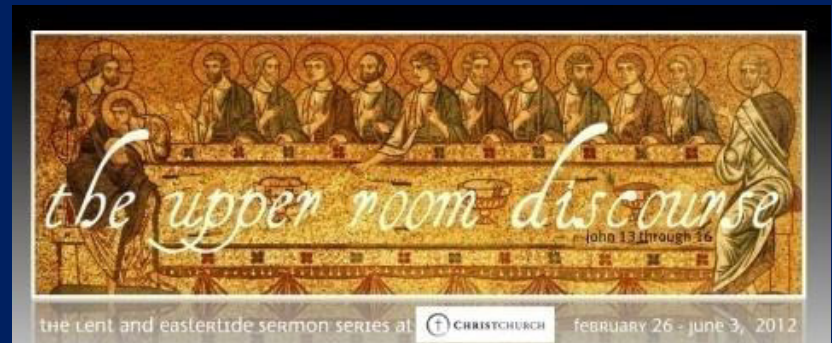


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