



About the play and the painting...

The Living Portrayal of Leonardo da Vinci's THE LAST SUPPER is a re-creation of da Vinci's world-famous painting with thirteen living characters.

Leonardo was born in Vinci, Italy in 1452. He is remembered primarily because of his two wonderful paintings, the Mona Lisa and the Last Supper. In 1494, when Leonardo was 42 he was commissioned by the Duke of Milan to decorate the dining room of the Convent Church of Santa Maria delle Grazie in Milan, Italy. As an appropriate theme for this dining room, Leonardo chose the LAST SUPPER. His painting was not intended as a faithful reproduction of the original scene as it had taken place in the 1st century Palestine, but as it might have taken place in 15th century Italy. Leonardo da Vinci reportedly chose what he considered the most dramatic moment of the last supper, that moment just after Jesus had said, "one of you will betray Me." Instantly the 12 apostles became men of 12 different moods. The only composed person was Jesus Himself. In the excitement Judas over turned the container of salt, while Peter drew his knife. Some of the apostles stared at the Lord in utter amazement, while others looked at each other in stark disbelief. In this "Last Supper" the twelve apostles speak their minds to themselves, to each other and to the Lord, in the light of the tragic words which they have just heard Him speak.

Tonight, each cast member will portray these different feelings with a short description of their life with Jesus.

One legend that surrounds the painting, is that when the artist was looking for subjects, he located them one at a time. Judas was one of the last characters painted, as legend has it, and Christ was one of the first. Leonardo da Vinci, after searching years for a Judas found one, who turned out to be the same one that posed as Christ several years before.

Many thanks to the following who volunteered of their time and resources to make tonight possible:

- Tommy Johnson and Gary Brazeur for building the set.
- Lavon Johnson and Jo Brazeur for painting the background as well as the design and placement of props.
- Cindy Conley and Jean Kincaid for sewing the disciple costumes.

The Cast

Jesus

Zale Crace

The Disciples

James the Less ... Tom Hunt

Matthew ... Bob Littleton

Andrew ... Steve Baxter

James the Major ... Robert Jackson

Simon the Zealot ... Gary Brazeur

Judas ... J.D. Sexton

Nathaniel ... Karl Vesecky

Thomas ... Doug Pearce

John ... Justin Anderson

Philip ... Richard McCall

Thaddeus ... John Lovell

Simon Peter ... Greg Gann

Drama & Musical Director

Karen Harris

Please join us for our Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday, March 29th at Noon Communion Service in Sanctuary

Good Friday, March 30th at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary

Easter Morning, April 1st—Bible Study at 9:00 AM

Morning Worship with Brass, 10:15 AM