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Chronology of the Last Supper

	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
145 Foot washing				13:1–20
146 ID Judas	26:21–25	14:18–21	22:21–23	13:21–29
148 Lord's Supper	26:26–29	14:22–25	22:17–20	
146 Judas Leaves			22:21	13:30
144 Dispute over greatness			22:24–30	
147 Peter's Denial	26:31–35	14:27–31	22:31–38	13:31–38
152 Leaving the upper room	26:30	14:26	22:39	18:1

This arrangement leaves the most text intact. It merely reverses the order of the Lord 's Supper and the identification of the betrayer in Luke, following the order of Matthew and Mark, both of whom were there. And it opts for Luke/John order for when they left the upper room, keeping the prediction of Peter's denial in the upper room rather than on the road, a rather incidental detail. It makes sense to leave John in chronological order since not only was he there, but he devotes nearly a quarter of his book to this meal. Caution: Don't lose each author's theology (i.e., story line) in lieu of chronology. The message must take priority to historical order.