

THE LORD'S SUPPER

MATTHEW 26:17-30

¹⁷ Now on the first *day of the Feast* of the Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying to Him, “Where do You want us to prepare for You to eat the Passover?”

¹⁸ And He said, “Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, “My time is at hand; I will keep the Passover at your house with My disciples.” ’ ”

¹⁹ So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them; and they prepared the Passover.

²⁰ When evening had come, He sat down with the twelve. ²¹ Now as they were eating, He said, “Assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me.”

²² And they were exceedingly sorrowful, and each of them began to say to Him, “Lord, is it I?”

²³ He answered and said, “He who dipped *his* hand with Me in the dish will betray Me. ²⁴ The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born.”

MARK 14:12-26

¹² Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they killed the Passover *lamb*, His disciples said to Him, “Where do You want us to go and prepare, that You may eat the Passover?”

¹³ And He sent out two of His disciples and said to them, “Go into the city, and a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him. ¹⁴ Wherever he goes in, say to the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says, “Where is the guest room in which I may eat the Passover with My disciples?” ’ ¹⁵ Then he will show you a large upper room, furnished *and* prepared; there make ready for us.”

¹⁶ So His disciples went out, and came into the city, and found it just as He had said to them; and they prepared the Passover.

¹⁷ In the evening He came with the twelve. ¹⁸ Now as they sat and ate, Jesus said, “Assuredly, I say to you, one of you who eats with Me will betray Me.”

¹⁹ And they began to be sorrowful, and to say to Him one by one, “Is it I?” And another *said*, “Is it I?”

LUKE 22:7-23

⁷ Then came the Day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover must be killed. ⁸ And He sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat.”

⁹ So they said to Him, “Where do You want us to prepare?”

¹⁰ And He said to them, “Behold, when you have entered the city, a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him into the house which he enters. ¹¹ Then you shall say to the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says to you, “Where is the guest room where I may eat the Passover with My disciples?” ’ ¹² Then he will show you a large, furnished upper room; there make ready.”

¹³ So they went and found it just as He had said to them, and they prepared the Passover.

¹⁴ When the hour had come, He sat down, and the twelve apostles with Him. ¹⁵ Then He said to them, “With *ferve*nt desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; ¹⁶ for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”

JOHN 13:1-30

¹ Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.

² And supper being ended, the devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon’s *son*, to betray Him, ³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, ⁴ rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. ⁵ After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet, and to wipe *them* with the towel with which He was girded. ⁶ Then He came to Simon Peter. And *Peter* said to Him, “Lord, are You washing my feet?”

⁷ Jesus answered and said to him, “What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this.”

⁸ Peter said to Him, “You shall never wash my feet!”

Jesus answered him, “If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me.”

⁹ Simon Peter said to Him, “Lord, not my feet only, but also *my* hands and *my* head!”

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MATTHEW 26:17-30 cont.

²⁵ Then Judas, who was betraying Him, answered and said, "Rabbi, is it I?"

He said to him, "You have said it."

²⁶ And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke *it*, and gave *it* to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body."

²⁷ Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. ²⁸ For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. ²⁹ But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom."

³⁰ And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

MARK 14:12-26 cont.

²⁰ He answered and said to them, "*It is one of the twelve, who dips with Me in the dish.* ²¹ The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had never been born."

²² And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke *it*, and gave *it* to them and said, "Take, eat; this is My body."

²³ Then He took the cup, and when He had given thanks He gave *it* to them, and they all drank from it.

²⁴ And He said to them, "This is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many. ²⁵ Assuredly, I say to you, I will no longer drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

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LUKE 22:7-23 cont.

¹⁷ Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, "Take this and divide *it* among yourselves; ¹⁸ for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

¹⁹ And He took bread, gave thanks and broke *it*, and gave *it* to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

²⁰ Likewise He also *took* the cup after supper, saying, "This cup *is* the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you. ²¹ But behold, the hand of My betrayer *is* with Me on the table. ²² And truly the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom He is betrayed!"

²³ Then they began to question among themselves, which of them it was who would do this thing.

JOHN 13:1-30 cont.

¹⁰ Jesus said to him, "He who is bathed needs only to wash *his* feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you." ¹¹ For He knew who would betray Him; therefore He said, "You are not all clean."

¹² So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? ¹³ You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. ¹⁴ If I then, *your* Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶ Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. ¹⁷ If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them."

¹⁸ "I do not speak concerning all of you. I know whom I have chosen; but that the Scripture may be fulfilled, 'He who eats bread with Me has lifted up his heel against Me.' ¹⁹ Now I tell you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe that I am *He*. ²⁰ Most assuredly, I say to you, he who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me."

²¹ When Jesus had said these things, He was troubled in spirit, and testified and said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me." ²² Then the

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disciples looked at one another, perplexed about whom He spoke.

²³ Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved. ²⁴ Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask who it was of whom He spoke.

²⁵ Then, leaning back on Jesus' breast, he said to Him, "Lord, who is it?"

²⁶ Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I shall give a piece of bread when I have dipped *it*." And having dipped the bread, He gave *it* to Judas Iscariot, *the son* of Simon. ²⁷ Now after the piece of bread, Satan entered him. Then Jesus said to him, "What you do, do quickly." ²⁸ But no one at the table knew for what reason He said this to him. ²⁹ For some thought, because Judas had the money box, that Jesus had said to him, "Buy *those things* we need for the feast," or that he should give something to the poor.

³⁰ Having received the piece of bread, he then went out immediately. And it was night.

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Discussion Questions: "The Lord's Supper"

Matthew, Mark, and Luke accentuate the importance of Jesus' establishment. All three tell the similar story. Judas plans to betray Jesus, Jesus establishes the Lord's Supper during the Passover, and then Jesus prays in the garden. There are two lessons to be learned from the Lord's Supper. John provides one lesson to learn about being clean. Matthew, Mark, and Luke give the other lesson where Jesus symbolically demonstrates the breaking of bread and the drinking of the wine. The bread represents His body, which will be broken. The wine represents His blood, which will be shed. Both are just as important, and both need to be studied. Either one apart from the other does not provide a clear picture of the event.

- 1. When and why is Passover celebrated?** When: March 22nd to April 25th. Why: When the Israelites were held captive as slaves in Egypt, Moses went before Pharaoh, telling him to let the Jews go free. Each time, Pharaoh says "no." God sends plagues down to Egypt, demanding the Jews be set free. On the tenth plague, God sends down a most severe plague killing every firstborn. The Israelites are told to protect themselves by marking the doors with lamb's blood so the angel of death would pass over them. Hence the name Passover.
READ IN SECTIONS: John 13:1-15, then let someone else read John 13:16-30.
- 2. The Lesson: Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet:** (John 13:3-5) **Why did Jesus wash the disciples' feet?** Jesus fully comprehended how much He had elevated above them over during his physical lifetime on Earth. The washing of one's feet was the work of a servant to perform for the homeowner's guests. Jesus demonstrates how low He would be willing to go to teach and save His people. It was a symbolic lesson of humility. A study intended to teach the disciples to be humble and one they would never forget. Notice also the disciples realized what Jesus was doing, but none of them offered to do the same in return.
- 3. Why does Jesus say He who is bathed only needs to wash their feet?** (John 13:10) There are a few theories why Jesus says those that bathed only need to wash their feet. 1) It was customary to bathe before eating the Lord's Supper. When returning from where they bathed, only the feet were dirty and needed to be washed. 2) Another theory is Jesus was teaching them they were already clean or pure. But not all of them were clean or pure. Look closely at John 13:10-11. Jesus states in 13:10; they are clean, "but not all of you." Then in 13:11, John clarifies what Jesus was referring to about not being clean; The one who will betray Him. 3) Another theory Jesus is saying to the disciples that you are spiritually clean, by teaching my Word and ministry.

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4. **Why does Jesus tell the Disciples to wash one another's feet?** (John 13:14-15) Jesus is teaching them a lesson in humility. Jesus is saying do not be proud or unwilling to occupy a low place. To lead them by His example.

Compare Matthew, Mark, and Luke's observation of the Lord's Supper.

5. Have someone read: Matthew 26:17, Mark 14:12, Luke 22:7-9. **Why was the bread to be unleavened bread?** The feast would last a total of eight days. During this time, no bread made with the yeast of leaven was permitted to be eaten. Notice Mark and Luke mention the Passover must be killed. But only Mark mentions "lamb."
6. Have someone read: Matthew 26:18, Mark 14:13-15, Luke 22:10-12. **Jesus instructs the disciples to find their room for the Passover. What city is Jesus referring to when He says, "Go into the city?"** Jerusalem.
7. **Who were the two disciples Jesus sent?** Peter and John. Luke 22:8.
8. **Who is the man Jesus instructs the disciples to provide the room for the Lord's Supper?** The man's name is unknown, but he was carrying a pitcher of water.
9. **Where and what kind of room does the man have prepared for the disciples?** The room is a large upper room, most likely on the second floor. It was furnished and equipped. The word "furnished" means spread. This usually means carpets were laid on the floor and couches to recline on at the table.
10. Have someone read: Matthew 26:19, Mark 14:16, Luke 22:13. **What do the disciples prepare for the Passover?** Most likely, the disciples did not purchase or obtain a lamb and went through the whole process of cooking their lamb. It is more likely they purchased a lamb that was prepared at the temple. During this ceremony, many lambs would have been made ready for sale in the temple. They would have been flayed, roasted, and prepared with bitter herbs and a sauce by the priests, along with unleavened bread. The blood would have been poured on the altar.
11. Have someone read: Matthew 26:20-22, Mark 14:17-19, John 13:21-22. **Jesus states to the twelve disciples one of them will betray Him. All of them ask, "Lord is it I?" Who is the last to ask and why?** These are the only verses between Matthew, Mark, and John. The last to ask was the betrayer, Judas. For all of them were sorrowful, looking at one another and probably even questioning themselves if they were the betrayer. All except one. Judas. We say Judas would be the last

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because, during this moment, he was most likely silent. Judas would not have asked during this moment. Nor would he probably look around at the other disciples. Because he knew it was himself. He knew he was guilty and the one Jesus was calling out that would betray Him. He most likely initially felt an emotion of shock, knowing that Jesus knew there was a plot to betray him. So the guilty would always conceal themselves, and he would remain silent.

12. Bonus Question: **Jesus previously mentions to the twelve that one of them is "a devil" and who the betrayer is. Where is this mentioned?** Read John 6:70-71. At this moment, John, the author, nor any of the other disciples, would not have known who the "devil" would have been in verse 6:70. Without more detailed information at this moment, the twelve would also not have suspected Judas Iscariot in verse 6:71 because they continued to treat Judas the same afterward.
13. Have someone read: Matthew 26:23-24, Mark 14:20-21. **Why is it better for the betrayer to not been born than to betray the Son of Man?** Betrayal in itself is a conscience, selfish act for one's gain. Planning a betrayal is deliberate, pros and cons are evaluated and the plan is finally put into action. The act of betrayal, therefore, has some level of premeditation of how, the betrayal is initiated. Knowing who he represented, and using Him for his financial gain, is evidence Judas knew what he was about to do. The betrayer of Jesus will undergo the most severe and agonizing punishments. It would be better to be "nothing" (not being born) than being the betrayer of the Son of Man for all of eternity.
14. Have someone read: Matthew 26:26, Mark 14:22, Luke 22:19. **What is the significance of breaking the bread and eating it?** Jesus took the unleavened bread, blessed it (gave thanks), broke it apart, and gave them instructions on what to do with the bread. Jesus tells them to eat the bread that it represents His body. He tells them to do this in remembrance of Him. Matthew and Mark are the same: Take, eat, this is My body. Luke states do this in remembrance of Him. However, in these verses, it does not clearly state Jesus' body is broken apart as the bread has been. It is inferred, and many conclude this. Read what Paul states in 1 Corinthians 11:24 in either the King James or New King James versions. Paul links the bread to Jesus' body and states, "this is my body, which is broken for you." Some of the other versions do not include "the body is broken." The breaking of the bread represents the suffering Jesus will endure for our sins. It does not mean literally that His body will be broken apart like the bread is broken apart. It means Jesus will take on your sins, and His body will absorb and be afflicted for the atonement and punishment of the sins.

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15. Have someone read: Matthew 26:27-29, Mark 14:23-25, Luke 22:20-22. **What is the significance of drinking from the cup?** Jesus states the wine in the cup represents His blood that is about to be shed. And drinking from the cup represents man's new covenant with the Lord. The new covenant is sealed with His blood.
16. **What does the wine represent?** The wine represents the new covenant God makes with man through Jesus.
17. **What is the old covenant?** Exodus 24:8. Moses offered burnt offerings to the Lord. Half of the blood was sprinkled on the altar. The other half was put in basins. Moses then sprinkled the blood from the basins onto the people.
18. **When did Jesus have his disciples drink from the cup of wine during the Passover?** Luke states Jesus took the cup after supper.
19. **What does it mean when Jesus says his blood is shed for many for the remission of sins?** For our sins to be forgiven by God, it is Jesus' blood that must be used to wipe away their sins. It is unclean for a man to drink blood. Jesus' blood was used to shed for many people.
20. **Why does Jesus state he will no longer drink from the fruit of the vine?** Jesus is saying that his stay will be very short. The cup He drank from would be the last drink he would have with his disciples.
21. Have someone read: Matthew 26:25 and John 13:26-27. **Jesus identifies his betrayer. Who is it?** There are two references where Jesus outwardly identifies who the betrayer is. In Matthew 26:25, Judas asks Jesus, "Is it I?" Jesus replies, "You have said it." In John 13:26-27, Jesus is responding to Peter's inquiry, "Lord, who is it?" Jesus provides the answer and tells him it is the person he hands the bread to when he dips it into the bread. In the following sentence, Jesus gives the bread to Judas Iscariot. At the end of John 13:27, Jesus says to Judas, what he has to do, do it quickly.

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1. **When and why is Passover celebrated?**

2. **The Lesson: Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet: (John 13:3-5) Why did Jesus wash the disciples' feet?**

3. **Why does Jesus say He who is bathed only needs to wash their feet? (John 13:10)**

4. **Why does Jesus tell the Disciples to wash one another's feet? (John 13:14-15)**

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5. **Why was the bread to be unleavened bread? (Matthew 26:17, Mark 14:12, Luke 22:7-9)**

6. **Jesus instructs the disciples to find their room for the Passover. (Matthew 26:18, Mark 14:13-15, Luke 22:10-12)**

1. **What city is Jesus referring to when He says, "Go into the city?"**

2. **Who were the two disciples Jesus sent?**

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3. **Who is the man Jesus instructs the disciples to provide the room for the Lord's Supper?**

4. **Where and what kind of room does the man have prepared for the disciples?**

7. **What do the disciples prepare for the Passover?** (Matthew 26:19, Mark 14:16, Luke 22:13)

8. **Jesus states to the twelve disciples one of them will betray Him. All of them ask, "Lord is it I?" Who is the last to ask and why?** (Matthew 26:20-22, Mark 14:17-19, John 13:21-22).

1. **Bonus Question: Jesus previously mentions to the twelve that one of them is "a devil" and who the betrayer is. Where is this mentioned?**

9. **Why is it better for the betrayer to not been born than to betray the Son of Man?** (Matthew 26:23-24, Mark 14:20-21).

10. **What is the significance of breaking the bread and eating it?** (Matthew 26:26, Mark 14:22, Luke 22:19)

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11. **What is the significance of drinking from the cup?** (Matthew 26:27-29, Mark 14:23-25, Luke 22:20-22)

1. **What does the wine represent?**

2. **What is the old covenant?**

3. **When did Jesus have his disciples drink from the cup of wine during the Passover?** _____

4. **What does it mean when Jesus says his blood is shed for many for the remission of sins?**

5. **Why does Jesus state he will no longer drink from the fruit of the vine?**

12. **Jesus identifies his betrayer. Who is it?** (Matthew 26:25 and John 13:26-27)

The Lord's Supper Quiz

1. Why is Passover celebrated?
 - a. Passover is the same holiday as Easter.
 - b. Deliverance from slavery from Egypt.
 - c. When the Israelites escaped Egypt, they passed through the Red Sea.
 - d. The angel of the Lord passed over the Hebrew houses whose doors were marked with lamb blood.
2. How were the Israelites to cook the lamb for Passover?
 - a. Boiled with herbs and spices.
 - b. Roasted with bitter herbs.
 - c. Grilled over an open fire.
 - d. Rotisserie with butter.
3. What city did Jesus, and his disciples celebrate the Passover?
 - a. Jerusalem
 - b. Bethlehem
 - c. Nazareth
 - d. Bethany next to the Mount of Olives.
4. Why did Jesus wash the feet of the disciples?
 - a. Their feet were dirty after walking on the dusty road outside.
 - b. Jesus is demonstrating a lesson of humility.
 - c. The disciples were in a guest's house and He said they should be clean.
 - d. Jesus tells them to wash another's feet.
5. When Jesus broke the bread with his disciples, what did the bread represent?
 - a. The bread was used to feed the multitudes on the Mount.
 - b. The bread was used to dip into the lamb sauce.
 - c. The bread was unleavened bread made without yeast.
 - d. The bread represents Jesus' body.
6. When Jesus took the cup of wine and told each of them to drink it, what did the wine represent?
 - a. The wine represents sin.
 - b. The wine represents purifying the sins from the body.
 - c. The wine represents Jesus' blood of the new covenant.
 - d. The wine is to be eaten at Passover when you eat the bread.

7. What does Jesus say is the purpose of the pouring out of His blood?
 - a. Forgiveness of our sins.
 - b. Jesus is keeping His promise.
 - c. The blood is everlasting life.
 - d. Jesus was sacrificed on the cross causing him to pour out his blood.
8. Why would it have been better to have never been born, than to betray Jesus?
 - a. The betrayer will live in hell for all of eternity.
 - b. Not being born, would be nothing; for betrayal, he will undergo the most severe and agonizing punishments.
 - c. He will hang himself from a Redbud tree.
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9. What did Jesus say how the disciples could identify who would betray him?
 - a. He would not eat the bread or drink the wine.
 - b. He would kiss Jesus on the cheek.
 - c. He would betray Jesus for 30 pieces of silver.
 - d. He received a piece of bread when Jesus had dipped it.
10. Who betrays Jesus? (The most correct answer for this lesson)
 - a. Satan.
 - b. The devil.
 - c. Judas.
 - d. The Pharisees, and Sadducees.

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