

Jesus Institutes the Lord's Supper

Matthew 26:17-29, Mark 14:10-25, Luke 22:14-23, John 13:18-30



Look at the picture on the left.
What special meal did Jesus
give us?

What is the relationship between
these two pictures?



Prayer

Dear Father in heaven, thank You for the gift of Your only Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. His death assures us that all our sins are paid for in full. Help us through Your Holy Spirit to understand and appreciate Your wonderful plan for our salvation. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The Story

A Harmony of the Gospels

Then Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Jesus to them. And when they heard *it*, they were glad, and promised to give him money. So he sought how he might conveniently betray Him.

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?" 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. 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?"' Then he will show you a large upper room,

furnished *and* prepared; there make ready for us." 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.

When evening had come, He sat down with the twelve. Now as they were eating, He said, "Now I tell you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe that I am *He*. Most assuredly, I say to you, he who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me." 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." And they were exceedingly sorrowful, and each of them began to say to Him, "Lord, is it I?"



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. Now after the piece of bread, Satan entered him.

"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." Then Judas, who was betraying Him, answered and said, "Rabbi, is it I?" He said to him, "You have said it."

Then Jesus said to him, "What you do, do quickly." But no one at the table knew for what reason He said this to him. 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. Having received

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

Jesus said to them, "With *fervent* desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; "for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." And as they were eating, He took bread, blessed and broke *it*, and gave *it* to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. 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." And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Story Details

This is the last time Jesus would eat with His disciples before He would suffer and die. It was a special night of special actions and words.

Jesus took bread, _____ and _____ it, and gave _____, and gave it to His disciples saying, "Take eat, this is _____."

Then Jesus took the cup, _____, and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, _____." For this is _____ of the new _____ which is shed for _____ for the _____."

Outer Aim

Jesus instituted the Lord's supper as His last will and testament.

How Does This Apply To Us

Jesus assures us that our sins are forgiven when He instituted the Lord's Supper. This personal assurance of forgiveness is still used today in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. What is a sacrament?

Hymn

Jesus and His disciples were celebrating the Feast of the Passover. They never asked if they should celebrate. They just asked where they should celebrate. Every day we continue to sin and need the special assurance of forgiveness. Jesus paid for all sins and in this sacrament we are once again assured that all sins are forgiven for Jesus has said it.

Review Hymn 32 v. 1. Which word(s) are used that help give the key points of this story?

Inner Aim

In Holy Communion we remember that Jesus died for our sins and He gives us the personal assurance that our sins are forgiven.

Passages

Ephesians 1:7 – In [Christ] we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.

Matthew 26:28 – For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Romans 6:22 – But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life.

What God Says To Us - Review 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 regarding the Lord's Supper.

" For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes."

1. In Jesus' words of institution He reminds us that this is a new covenant. What is a covenant?
2. The blessing given is for the forgiveness of sins, but why are we to celebrate this sacrament on a regular basis?
3. What should we do prior to partaking of this sacrament?
4. Why do you think Jesus instituted this sacrament?
5. Why did He say "...in remembrance of me?"

Prayer

Use Hymn 163 vs. 6-9 as today's closing prayer.