

Jesus Institutes the Lord's Supper

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



What do these two pictures suggest to you?

How are the two pictures related to each other?



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

One of Jesus' twelve disciples, Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests to betray Jesus to them. They were very happy about this, and agreed to pay him. After that, Judas began looking for a chance to betray Jesus.

On the first day of the feast of the Passover, the disciples went to Jesus to ask Him where they should have the dinner. Jesus said, "Go into the city, and a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him. He will show you a large upper room that is all prepared. Make ready for us there." So His disciples

followed Jesus' directions and everything was just as He said.

When evening came, Jesus sat down with His twelve disciples. As they were eating, Jesus was deeply troubled. He said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me." The disciples were very upset and began asking, "Lord, is it I?" Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I shall give a piece of bread when I have dipped it." And He gave the piece of bread to Judas. After this, Satan entered into Judas.

Jesus said, "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 asked, “Rabbi, is it I?” Jesus answered, “You have said it. What you do, do quickly.” Some of the other disciples thought He meant that Judas should go to buy things for the feast, or give something to the poor. After Judas took the bread, he went out immediately into the night.

Then 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.” As they were eating, Jesus took the 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.” Then they sang a hymn together, and went out to the Mount of Olives.

Recalling Details - Who spoke the following? Write **Jesus**, **Judas**, or the **disciples** on the line.

1. “Go into the city, and a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him.” _____
2. “Most assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me.” _____
3. “Lord, is it I?” _____
4. “Rabbi, is it I?” _____
5. “With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.” _____

Outer Aim

Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper as a Means of Grace. The Means of Grace is the Gospel as it is found in Word and Sacraments.nt.

Discussion Questions

1. What is omniscience? How did Jesus show His omniscience in this story?
Name 2 ways.

2. How can you tell from the story that Jesus loved Judas?
3. Jesus used the word “is” when speaking of the bread and wine being His body and blood. Why is this so important to us as Christians?

Inner Aim

Holy Communion gives and assures us of the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.

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.

Hymn

Read or sing stanzas 1-4 of hymn 158. Why is the subject of blood so important? What does blood have to do with the Lord's Supper?

Prayer

Dear Jesus, thank You for the precious gift You gave to us on Maundy Thursday. On the very night You were betrayed to Your enemies You were thinking about us and what we would need to be strengthened while on earth. While I am young, each time the Lord's Supper is celebrated, help me to remember how You suffered and died for my sins. When I am older, help me to come to Holy Communion in a worthy manner – sorry for my sins, trusting You for forgiveness, and certain that I am receiving Your true body and blood when I eat the bread and drink the wine. Amen.