



Jesus' Passover Meal and the Institution of the Lord's Supper

Luke 22 14-23 (NKJV)

¹⁴ When the hour had come, He sat down, and the twelve apostles with Him. ¹⁵ Then He said to them, "With fervent 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." 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.

The Passover Feast commemorates God's deliverance of the children of Israel out of the Egyptian bondage led by God's servant Moses. (Exodus 12-13) The Passover was the first of three great feasts of the Hebrew people. It refers to the sacrifice of a lamb by the Hebrews before leaving Egyptian bondage. The Hebrews smeared the blood of the lamb on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they ate it. (Exodus 12: 1-14)

"And thus you shall eat it: with a belt on your waist, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. So you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord's Passover." (Exodus 12: 11-14; Luke 22:7-13)

In Luke 22:19-20, Jesus instituted The Lord's Supper. It was to be regularly commemorated (I Corinthians 11:24-25).

The Lord's Supper reminds Christians of Jesus' sacrifice on Calvary for their sins and of His coming again to receive them. (John 14:1-3)

Life Applications:

- † Christians must never forget that the Lord's Supper is a Memorial Meal. It reminds us of Jesus' sacrifice for our sins. (I Corinthians 11:25)
- † Christians must never forget the Lord's Supper is a Proclamation Meal. It proclaims the message of Jesus' sacrifice for our salvation. (I Corinthians 11:26)
- † Today, Thursday, is a good day for anyone who has not trusted Jesus to be their Savior to ask Him to save them. (Romans 10:9,13)

Discussion Questions:

1. Jesus told His disciples to remember Him through the bread and the cup. Why is remembering Christ's sacrifice essential to our faith?
2. How does communion remind us that faith is rooted in what Jesus did for us?
3. What does it mean to live every day remembering the sacrifice of Christ?

Passion Week Timeline

Day 1: The Triumphal Entry (Palm Sunday) | *Matthew 21: 1-11; Mark 11: 1-11; Luke 19: 28-44; John 12: 12-19*

On the first day of the week, Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, fulfilling an ancient prophecy (Zech. 9:9). The crowd welcomed him with "Hosanna" and the words of Psalm 118:25-26, thus ascribing to him a Messianic title as the agent of the Lord, the coming of the King of Israel.

Day 2: Jesus Clears the Temple (Monday) | *Matthew 21: 12-17; Mark 11: 15-18; Luke 19: 45-48*

On this day, Jesus returned to the temple and found the court of Gentiles full of traders and money changers making a large profit as they gave out Jewish coins in exchange for "pagan" money. Jesus drove them out and overturned their tables.

Day 3: Jesus Teaches the Passover Crowd (Tuesday) | *Matthew 21:23 - 24:51; Mark 11:27 - 13:37; Luke 20:1 - 21:38*

In Jerusalem, the Pharisees questioned Jesus' authority. Yet, Jesus evaded the traps set by the priests. On the Mount of Olives overlooking Jerusalem, Jesus taught in parables and warned the people against the Pharisees. He predicted the destruction of Herod's great temple and told His disciples about future events; including His own return.

Day 4: A Day of Rest (Wednesday) | *Not mentioned in the Gospels*

The Scriptures do not mention Jesus' actions on this day.

Day 5: Passover Meal and the Institution of The Lord's Supper | *Matthew 26: 17-30; Mark 14:12-26; Luke 22:7-23; John 13:1-30*

In an upper room Jesus prepared both Himself and His disciples for His death. He gave the Passover meal a new meaning. The loaf of bread and cup of wine represented His body soon to be sacrificed and His blood soon to be shed. And so He instituted the "Lords Supper" after singing a hymn, they went to the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus prayed in agony, knowing what lay ahead for Him.

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WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

Understand ... You Need To Be Saved

- † Because you have sinned. "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)
- † Because your sin has a penalty. "The wages of sin is death." (Romans 6:23)
- † Because you cannot save yourself. "Not by works of righteousness which we have done." (Titus 3:5)

Understand ... You Can Be Saved

- † Because God loves you. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)
- † Because Jesus died for you. "While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8)
- † Because God raised Jesus from the dead. "God...raised up Jesus...so He could grant repentance...and bestow forgiveness and release us from sins." (Acts 5:30-31)

Understand ... There Is Something For You To Do To Be Saved

- † You must repent (turn from sin). "Repent...and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out." (Acts 3:19)
- † You must put your faith in Jesus (only). "For by grace are you

saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God." (Ephesians 2:8)

- † You must surrender to Jesus as your Lord (boss). "If you will confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." (Romans 10:9)

1. Do you believe you need to be saved? Yes No
2. Do you believe you can be saved? Yes No
3. Do you believe God raised Jesus from the dead? Yes No

If you are ready to be saved, then you are ready to pray. The Bible says, "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord will be saved."

Dear Lord Jesus:

I know I am a sinner and right now I ask you to forgive me. I know you died for my sins, and right now I invite you into my heart to be my Savior and Lord. I willingly turn from my sin and give my life to you. Thank you for saving me. Amen.

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