

THE LORD'S SUPPER

--MARK 14:22-26--

INTRODUCTION:

Jesus and His disciples were eating the Passover when we finished last time. Jesus had just announced that one of the disciples was going to betray Him. This truth caused the disciples to be grieved and each one asked if he was the one. Jesus knew His betrayer was Judas and handing him bread dipped in the mash of fruit and nuts He sent him out to do what he had set his heart to do, to betray the Son of God into the hands of those who were determined to kill Him.

Judas is now gone, and Jesus turns His attention back to the eleven remaining disciples and Jesus transforms this Passover meal into the Lord's Supper and by doing so He signaled the transition from the Old Covenant to the New Covenant. Jesus' words brought to an end all the Old Testament ceremonies, sacrifices, and rituals, because all those symbols of the Old Covenant pointed to Christ; and in His death they were perfectly fulfilled and replaced.

I. THE BREAD (Mark 14:22)

- a. As we read the words of Jesus when He transformed the Passover meal into the Lord's supper we are at the brink of the most important _____ in all of human history.
- b. We do not have a record of the words of Jesus as He spoke of that event that took place centuries ago and how God _____ them from Egypt.
- c. Jesus gives them this same _____ and in doing so He gives it a new meaning.
- d. What did Jesus truly mean when He said, "*Take it, this is My _____.*" (Mark 14:22b, NASB95)
- e. As members of His Body, we _____ that life. (1st Corinthians 10:16)
- f. The bread also means we _____ in each other's lives. (1st Corinthians 10:17)
- g. We are proclaiming that we are _____ in the life of Christ—that we really have received and are participating in His life.

II. THE WINE (Mark 14:23-24)

- a. When the meal was complete, Jesus took in His hand the _____ cup of wine, the first two had been consumed.
- b. In order for a covenant to be established there had to be the shedding of _____. (Matthew 26:28)
- c. What did Jesus mean when He declared, "*This is My blood of the _____, which is poured out for many*"? (Mark 14:24, NASB95) (Isaiah 53:12b)
- d. Jesus' words confirmed the prophetic declaration of John the Baptist, that He was "*the _____ of God who takes away the sin of the world.*" (John 1:29, NASB95)
- e. The cup is meant to drive home to us who have put our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ the objective truth of our _____ as those who partake and share fellowship in the blood of Jesus Christ.
- f. On the cross, the Lord Jesus died as the perfect _____, bearing the sin and guilt of all who would come to Him in faith for forgiveness and salvation.

III. THE PROMISE (Mark 14:25-26)

- a. Jesus concluded the first celebration of the Lord's Supper with a _____ to His disciples. (Luke 22:16)
- b. Until Jesus Christ returns to reign as King of kings and Lord of lords, we are to _____ to celebrate the memorial meal of His table.
- c. As the Passover meal and celebration concluded, Mark tells us that Jesus and the disciples _____ a closing hymn. (Psalm 118:1-9, 14-29; Romans 5:8)
- d. Mark concludes that after singing the end of the Hallel, they went out to the Mount of _____.

CONCLUSION:

This morning, we have witnessed how Jesus transformed the Passover meal into the Lord's Supper. A memorial meal that He left for us to remember His death on our behalf until He returns. It is not only a remembering of what was accomplished in His death, but it is

an anticipation of what is yet to come, when we will eat the Passover meal with Him in His millennial kingdom celebrating the true and living Passover Lamb who saved us from the wrath of God by paying the price for the forgiveness of our sins.

This morning, we are going to celebrate the Lord's Supper as He instituted it for us. We are going to participate in Jesus' life as we eat the bread that represents Jesus' body, that God took on human flesh to be like us, so He could be the perfect substitute on our behalf and satisfy the wrath of God against sin. As we eat and drink at this table we will be sharing in each other's lives as we participate in Christ's life. As we drink the juice we will remember the truth of our redemption and the price that was paid on our behalf. We can say in our hearts, "Yes, I am really and truly forgiven because of the shed blood of Jesus Christ." As this truth penetrates our hearts we must give all thanks and all glory to the One who is the object of our faith and our celebration, the Messiah, the Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ. As we partake of the Lord's Supper we proclaim to all those around us the Lord's death until He returns as He promised.