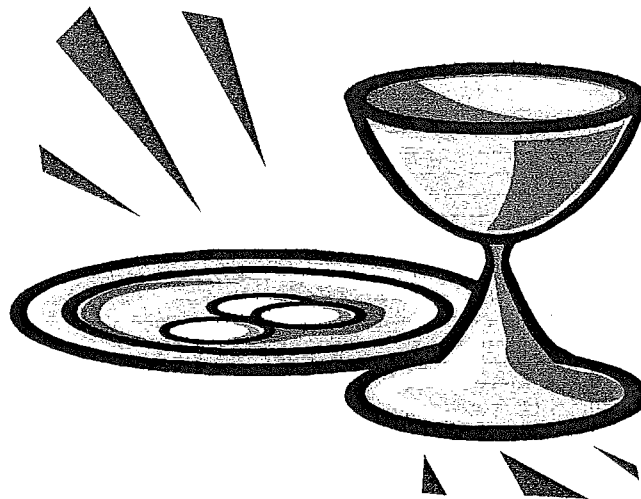


IN REMEMBRANCE OF “ME”

(How Jesus Became Our New Testament Passover)
Luke 22:1-20



WHY REMEMBER?

- ◆ Our Passover Saves Us!
- ◆ Our Passover Cleanses Us!
- ◆ Our Passover Promises Us!

“This is My Body which is given for you, this do in remembrance of me” (Luke 22:19)

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MATTHEW 26:26-28

“And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, take eat; this is My body”. (v. 26)

“And He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, drink ye all of it” (v. 27)

“For this is My blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins” (v. 28)

MARK 14:22-24

“And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said, take, eat, this is My body” (v. 22)

“And He took the cup, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, and they all drank of it” (v. 23)

“And He said unto them, this is My blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many “ (v. 24)

Luke 22:19, 20

“And He took bread and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, this is My body which is given for you, this do in remembrance of Me’. (v. 19)

“Likewise, also the cup after supper, saying, this cup is the New Testament in My blood which is shed for you” (v. 20)

“REMEMBER ME”

Text: Exodus 12:1-15 / Luke 22:19,20
Subject: Why Jesus Said “Remember Me”

Introduction

◆ Today is a day to “Remember”

Question: What are we “Remembering?”

Answer: We are “Remembering” the Lord.

Question: Why are we “Remembering” the Lord?

Answer: Because “Remembering” the Lord will have a profound affect upon us all:

(Remember:)

◆ It was Jesus who instituted what we call...

- ...communion (or)
- ...breaking of bread (or)
- ...the Lord’s supper (or)
- ...the table of the Lord (or)
- ...the Passover.

Question: Why did Jesus teach us to continually (and always) observe communion?

Answer: Because communion is...

- ...#1. A time to **Remember**, the price paid for our salvation.
- ...#2. A time to **Remember**, that as God delivered Israel from the bondage of Egypt, so God has delivered us from the bondage of sin’s power in this life.
- ...#3. A time to **Remember**, the spiritual fellowship we have with the Lord (and one another).
- ...#4. A time to **Remember**, to examine ourselves and confess and forsake every sin.
- ...#5. A time to **Remember**, to reach out to Jesus in faith, for by His stripes we are healed.
- ...#6. A time to **Remember**, to “Show the Lord’s death till He come” or live in eager anticipation of the rapture of the church.
- ...#7. A time to **Remember**, to personally renew our commitment and consecration to the Lord.

Question: Why is communion so meaningful?

Answer: Because of two reasons:

- #1. Communion is a **Memorial**...
 - ◆ ...To remind us that only Jesus can save us by His sinless life and sacrificial death, (and)
- #2. Communion is a **Celebration**...
 - ◆ ...To remind us that Jesus did not remain in the grave, but is alive and going to return one day.

(Notice The Communion Setting Of Our Text)

◆ In Luke 22:1, the plan of God is in full swing:

(In verse 1), “Now the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called the **Passover**”

(In verse 7), “Then came the day of unleavened bread, when the **Passover** must be killed”

(In verse 8), “Go and prepare us the **Passover**, that we may eat”

(In verse 13), “They made ready the **Passover**”

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(In verse 14), "And when the hour was come, He sat down, and the twelve apostles with Him"
(In verse 15), "And He said unto them, with desire I have desired to eat this **Passover** with you before I suffer".

Question: What's taking place?

Answer: It's the **Passover Supper**.

Question: What is the **Passover Supper**?

Answer: It is the feast that commemorates the deliverance of Israel from Egypt. (In Exodus 12)

Question: What is Jesus doing?

Answer: He is revealing a greater exodus than the one of Israel from Egypt.

- ◆ Jesus is instituting "**The Lord's Supper**" to replace the Passover meal of Exodus 12.
- ◆ Jesus Himself is becoming the Passover Lamb.

The Old Testament Passover Was Meaningful

- #1. The lamb was killed at the temple, where the blood was poured out as a sin offering.
- #2. Unleavened bread represented the haste in which the Israelites left Egypt.
- #3. The bowl of salt water represented the tears of slavery.
- #4. Bitter herbs represented the bitterness of slavery.
- #5. The paste of mashed fruit and nuts reminded them of bricks of clay made without straw.
- #6. The singing of Psalm 113-118, and Psalm 139, reminded the people that it was God who had saved them.
- #7. Four cups of wine were poured out to remind Israel of the four promises of God in Exodus 6:6,7:
 - ◆ Promise #1: "I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians".
 - ◆ Promise #2: "I will rid you out of their bondage".
 - ◆ Promise #3: "I will redeem you with a stretched out arm".
 - ◆ Promise #4: "I will take you to Me for a people and I will be your God".

Question: So what is Jesus doing in Luke 22?

Answer: He is meeting in an upper room to give a painful revelation:

- ◆ In verse 16, Jesus says, "There is no more Old Testament Passover on God's calendar".
- ◆ "The next feast will be the great "Kingdom feast" when I return".
- ◆ "I am becoming your "Passover Lamb".
- ◆ "So, take the bread and cup in your hand, and **Remember Me**".

Question: Why did Jesus institute the Table of the Lord?

Answer: ... To expand our memory. (Why?)

... To help us recollect what took place!

... To keep us on the edge of God's blessing!

... To help us stay mindful of the Passover!

... To help us process it over and over again!

... To remember in such a way, that in remembering you will be nourished and strengthened!

Question: Is it that important to partake at the table of the Lord?

Answer: Paul said in I Corinthians 5:7,8:

"Christ, our Passover, is crucified for us; therefore, **let us keep the feast**".

Question: Why are we keeping the feast (of communion)?

Answer: To **Remember!**

Question: What are we supposed to "**Remember**"?

Question: Why did Jesus say "**Remember**"?

Question: How does remembering affect us?

Question: What's the purpose in **Remembering** the Old Testament Passover and Christ our New Testament Passover?

Question: What exactly is Jesus saying in Luke 22:19: "Do this and **Remember Me** when you hold the bread and the juice?"

("Remember Me" Means:)

I. Remember My "Saving Blood"

Question: Why take the bread and the cup?

Answer: Because they represent our means of salvation.

- ◆ In Exodus 12, God required the Israelites to save themselves by means of a sacrifice.
- ◆ Each Israelite householder was to select a lamb on the 10th day of the present month.
- ◆ On the 14th day, the lamb was killed and its blood placed on the door posts.
- ◆ God said He would go through the land and destroy by a death plague.
- ◆ The first-born would be smitten and die.

Question: What was the only way that the first-born could be saved and spared?

Answer: God said in Exodus 12:13:

"When I see the blood, I will pass over you"

(In Other Words)

- ◆ The blood of the lamb was the only means of escape.
- ◆ The blood was the only way of salvation.
- ◆ The blood was the only covering that could protect from the destroyer.

Question: What is Jesus saying in Luke 22:19?

Answer: He is saying to us "**Remember**".

- ◆ "**Remember**, there is only one way to escape the wrath of God upon sin".
- ◆ "**Remember**, there is only one way to be saved from the guilt of your sin".
- ◆ "**Remember**, there is only one way to be free from sin's condemnation".
- ◆ "**Remember**, there is no other means to a clear conscience and full forgiveness of every sin you've ever committed".

Question: What are we remembering today?

Answer: We remember that the Passover feast lasted for 7 days, the number of completion (and)

- ◆ We now remember that Jesus has completed our salvation by the sacrifice of Himself!

Illustration

During the Great Depression, a Missouri man named Don Griffith controlled the railroad drawbridge across the Mississippi River. In the summer of 1937, he took his eight-year old son, Greg, to work with him. At noon, he put the bridge up to allow ships their passage. Enjoying the presence of his son, he lost track of time. At 1:07, he was startled by the *Memphis Express* blowing its whistle in the distance. He dashed to the controls and prepared to lower the bridge.

Just before releasing the master lever, he panicked as he caught sight of his son. His son had slipped from the observation deck, and now he had his leg caught in the cogs of the main gears. Griffith quickly thought of a plan to rescue his boy, but there was no time. (Pg. 3 of 5)

The express train carrying four hundred passengers was bearing down on the bridge. Saving his son would cost the lives of the passengers.

In anguish, Don Griffith threw the lever and watched his son die in the cogs of the gears. His son's death spared the lives of all the passengers on the train. As they sped by, great heartache followed as a numb Griffith stared into the windows of the speeding train. He saw passengers reading their newspapers and sipping coffee in the dining car – oblivious to the price that had been paid to save their lives. No one even looked his way to acknowledge his great sacrifice and overwhelming grief. Through tear-stained eyes, he screamed at the top of his voice to the passing train, **"I sacrificed my son for you people! Don't you even care?"**

("Remember Me" Means:)

II. **Remember My "Cleansing Blood"**

Question: How does communion provoke us to a life of holiness, and godliness, and sanctification?

Answer: Exodus 12:15-20 has the answer:

- ◆ In Scripture, leaven represents sin.
- ◆ During the Passover feast, God said, there was to be no leaven found in the dwellings of Israel:

(In Exodus 12:15)

"Put away leaven out of your houses"

(In Verse 18)

"Eat only unleavened bread"

(In Verse 19)

"Seven days there shall be no leaven in your houses"

(In Verse 20)

"You shall eat nothing leavened"

Question: What is God saying to Israel?

Answer: Passover is a time of cleansing and purity.

Question: What is Jesus saying to His church?

Answer: That His Passover Feast is a time of present cleansing and washing and sanctification of the soul.

(In The Old Testament)

- ◆ "Put away all leaven from your house"

(In The New Testament)

- ◆ "Put away all leaven from your temple"

Question: Why take the bread and the cup?

Answer: To remember that:

- ◆ Jesus still cleanses us of every sin!
- ◆ Jesus still washes us of every sin!
- ◆ Jesus still delivers us from every sin!
- ◆ Yes, communion is a feast to receive cleansing wherever cleansing is needed.

(“Remember Me” Means:)

III. Remember My “Promising Blood”

Question: Why take the bread and the cup today?

Answer: To rejoice in the covenant God has made with you.

Question: What rejoices the heart and gives us great security?

Answer: The promises of God revealed at this communion table.

(Remember Beloved)

- ◆ In the traditional Passover meal, the wine is served 4 times. (Why?)
- ◆ To symbolize the 4-part promise from God in Exodus 6:6,7.

(What’s The Security Promise?)

- #1. “I will bring you out”.
- #2. “I will free you from Egypt’s bondage”.
- #3. “I will redeem you”.
- #4. “I will take you as My people and I will be your God”.

Question: What is Jesus saying in Luke 22:19?

Answer: He is saying, “Remember your security (the promises) when you come to the table”.

- #1. “I will bring you out of every bondage that tries to keep you in your past sin”.
- #2. “I will redeem you and forgive you of every sin that seeks to hang on to you”.
- #3. “I will keep you as My own and I will be your personal Lord”.

(In Other Words – “Remember”)

- #1. “**Salvation** is through Me”.
- #2. “**Cleansing** is through Me”.
- #3. “**Promise** is through Me”.

Illustration

- ◆ A Roman soldier was mocking a believer who was a prisoner.
- ◆ The Roman soldier said, “Where is your Carpenter now?”
- ◆ To which the believer replied, “He is out making a coffin for your Emperor”.

(In Other Words)

- ◆ We **win** through the cross of Jesus.
- ◆ We **win** through the blood of Jesus.
- ◆ We **win** through the resurrection.
- ◆ We **win** through the second coming of Jesus.

Altar Call

AMEN!

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