

EASTER: Reminds: What did happen | Anticipation: What will happen [Paved with Promise](#)

God = Give Opportunities | We = Seize Opportunities: Unsaved – Unchurched - Unengaged

If we're not tethered to Christ...We'll get tossed by the world

'Reminder Stops' – | [Appomattox...blood](#) – Bull Run – Fort Sumpter – Gettysburg = **Civil...Rebuild**

We're on the road to resurrection...Anointed for Burial...Cross...Resurrection – Last Supper

Big Idea: The Road to Resurrection reminds believers of our position in Christ

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Repetitive Religious Rituals Run the Risk of Losing Significance

- **Ash Wednesday – What is it?** | [Airport...It's a catholic thing](#) – Because catholic – Easter
 - Palm Branches – Lent – 40 Jesus fasting – 'Give up' – Maundy Thursday - Fasting & Prayer
- Is it bad? 'Repent & believe in the Gospel' – **ME** – Lost Significance [Google: What should I give up for Lent?](#)
- **Indulgences: Sweets – Caffeine – Streaming – Music – Fast food – Video Games**
- **Sins: Gossiping – Pride – Using the Lord's Name in Vain**
- **Bizarre: Biting your Nails – Heat Styling Hair – Instagram Filters – Provocative Dancing (Prayer 27)**

Last Supper – Communion = Religious...Never lose significance...purest corporate act as church

Three Reminders from the Last Supper:

1. Sent to Fulfill God's Purpose (12-16)

¹² And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him,
"Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?"

- Passover – Celebrated by all Jews...Deliverance from slavery out of Egypt
- In Jerusalem – 2.7 million – Eaten & prepared...Lamb – Bread – Wine – Bitter – Sauces - [\(Chinese\)](#)

¹³ And he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, ¹⁴ and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' ¹⁵ And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us." ¹⁶ And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

- Peter & John (Luke) – Men & Carrying Water – Find Him – Follow Him – We're here for the room
 - Cryptic - [National Treasure...Lemon Juice Torah](#)
 - **Why the secrecy? Protection & Privacy** – Judas | Crowd – Jesus Alone | [Two things to notice:](#)

a) (16) 'And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as He had told them'

- **Whatever God says is True...is True** – Strange request...God said it was...and it was
- Why? Because God had a purpose...and the disciples were sent to fulfill it!

There's a request on your life right now...fulfills God's purpose: Strange – Evangelize – Give – Serve
The Last Supper Reminds Us that God is COMPLETELY in charge and sends us to fulfill His purpose

b) (14) say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?'

- **Whatever God uses for His Purpose...is His** – History reports Mark's House = My Guest Room
- Why? Because God had a purpose...and His followers were willing to give to fulfill it!

Stewardship – Owner of Nothing Manager of Everything | All God's – We're sent to fulfill God's Purpose

God Filled Garage Tools – I'm asking you to give that one up | I'm going to need you to go use it

God gives to us that we may build...His Kingdom...to fulfill His purposes...will you willingly go/give

Disciples: Went – Prepared | Master of the House: Gave what he had – May we be so sent! [Second...](#)

2. Sincerer in God's Presence (17-21)

¹⁷ And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. ¹⁸ And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." ¹⁹ They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, "Is it I?" ²⁰ He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. ²¹ For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born."

- Difficult words to hear – **'One of you will betray me'** | Difficult to hear...Jesus...Betrayal
 - Troubled – **'Is it I'...**Imagine sitting around the table – Doubt starts to reign in...
- Difficult words for Jesus to say – Walked - Washed their feet – Jesus knows the heart...**'WOE'**
 - John 13 – Dipped and gave it to Judas...His friend...He got up and left

Now...this next thing is unbelievable and powerful | [Splash Zone](#) | [Why did Judas have to leave then?](#)

- Judas wasn't a believer & Communion is for believers who are sincere in their Faith before God
 - Judas did not have faith in Jesus as the Son of the Loving God...Condemned for it

It is not because of his betrayal...every one of those disciples will betray Jesus by morning

Sleeping on the job – Run in fear – Peter will deny = All will betray Jesus...so will we!

It is not that they or you or I will not betray Christ...we will...do you believe He's your savior!

- **(19) 'Sorrowful'** – x2 Bible = Recognition you failed Christ | Sincere in God's Presence
 - Brokenness...repentance | Do – Jesus = Joy & Forgiveness | Don't = Heartbroken & Condemned
 - Communion Reveals our need for a Savior...[Insincere vs Sincere Apology](#) | [Communion](#)

3. Sharers in God's Promise (22-25)

²² And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." ²³ And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. ²⁴ And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. ²⁵ Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

The key to understanding the Last Supper is in understanding the Passover and Exodus itself

- Unleavened Bread = Haste left Egypt
- Bitter Herbs = Reminder of their forefathers' slavery
- Lamb Shank = Blood over the doorposts
- Four different cups of wine
 - Sanctification – Deliverance – Redemption – Praise and Anticipation

Jesus gets all the way into the Passover dinner...He's changing the game! Redefining everything!

Heb. 8:7 'If that first covenant had been faultless, there would be no occasion to look for a second'

Jesus is the Second...The New Covenant! The promises of God were now going to be fulfilled

- Bread...no longer representing haste – But the methodical plan to break the Saviors body
- Bitter Herbs...no longer representing slavery...why? Christ is the Lamb!

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- It's the third cup – Redemption...changing a covenant required a sacrifice

Jesus changes covenant...no more sheep...Josephus = 255k not sufficient for sin | **ONE LAMB**

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world

Jesus is the better Passover...He's the better Exodus: Sin - Slavery – Bitter Tears – Death...DONE!

Today...Now...not later...not tomorrow – Share in God's Promise – Secure your position in Christ

'The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost' – 1 Tim. 1:15

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Communion – Sent to fulfill God's Purpose | Sincere in God's Presence | Sharers of God's Promise

Bread – This is my body

Third Cup – This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many

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Fourth Cup – Praise & Anticipation