

Monumental Shift

Matthew 26:17-30

vs. 17, Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?

vs. 2, The Passover is in 2 days and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified.

Passover was an important and significant celebration in Israel's faith.

2 major points

1. Sabbath celebration
2. A deeply meaningful meal shared with family and sometimes friends.

The meal celebrated Israel's deliverance from Egypt.

If a house was marked by the blood of the Lamb the Lord would pass over that house without judgement.

Exodus 12:12-13 For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. 13 The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

Afterward the family would participate in singing from Psalm 113-118

Psalm 113:5-6 Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high, 6 who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

vs. 18-19, Jesus gives the disciples instructions to prepare for the special and anticipated shared meal.

vs. 21-25, The Lord accomplishes his purposes and is sovereign over time and history.

We must accept this truth concerning the power, grace, and wisdom of God.

He is sovereign.

He does accomplish his will.

As his children we can still plan as best we can.

We cover each step of our lives with prayer.

Our prayer reveals our trust. God what would you have me do next?

Because of this glorious foundation we can rest / trust / lean on Jesus!

Side Note: The disciples still don't know who the one would be that would betray Jesus.

vs. 24, Rejection of the truthfulness of Jesus

Only with and because of Jesus can we face judgement without fear.

Hebrews 9:27-28 And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, 28 so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Acts 2:23 this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.

God uses the sinful choices of man to accomplish his purposes.

God plans Humanity chooses

Within the depths of humanity Godly and foolish impulses co-exist.

That's not me...is it?

The potential of unfaithfulness exists in every disciple

Judas rejected Jesus. He did not accept truth. He would enter judgement with fear.

The gift of assurance

vs. 25,

Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper as a symbol so the disciples would understand:

"The weakness of the men *at* the meal established the need *for* the meal. The sins of the men at the meal required the death of the host of the meal, if any were to be redeemed." ~ Daniel Doriani

Hebrews 10:4 For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

vs. 26-29, The Sacrament of Communion

- Jesus is our substitute. He is our propitiation. He has justified us (declared us not guilty). He alone forgives sin.

2 Corinthians 5:21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

- Jesus is our redemption (particular) vs. 28, poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Matthew 1:21 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

- Jesus is our assurance. vs. 29, I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.

John 10:27-30 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to me,[a] is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. 30 I and the Father are one.”

Jesus

vs. 30, And when they had sung a hymn,

- Sharing the sacrament of communion is a celebration of the gift of salvation.
- Taking time to pray and fast is a discipline of trust.