

Last Supper!

Luke 22:1-6

Now the Festival of Unleavened Bread, called the Passover, was approaching, ² and the chief priests and the teachers of the law were looking for some way to get rid of Jesus, for they were afraid of the people. ³ Then Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, one of the Twelve. ⁴ And Judas went to the chief priests and the officers of the temple guard and discussed with them how he might betray Jesus. ⁵ They were delighted and agreed to give him money. ⁶ He consented, and watched for an opportunity to hand Jesus over to them when no crowd was present.

Betrayal by a friend**Luke 22:7,14-22**

⁷ Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed.

¹⁴ When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. ¹⁵ And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶ For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God."

¹⁷ After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. ¹⁸ For I tell you I will not drink again from 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 given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

²⁰ In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you. ²¹ But the hand of him who is going to betray me is with mine on the table. ²² The Son of Man will go as it has been decreed. But woe to that man who betrays him!"

A New Covenant replaces the Old**The Old Covenant – The rescue and deliverance of Israel from Egypt****The MAGNITUDE of the Passover Meal**

The ceremonies observed...are intended to remind the Jewish people of the great event when God redeemed them from bondage and made them a free people, dedicated to serve the eternal God only. All customs are therefore attuned to the aim of stirring in both young and old, the spirit of liberty, of spiritual and physical freedom. The story and songs implant within one the conviction of the ultimate victory of individual freedom, of light succeeding darkness, and of ethical relations superseding tyranny.

FOUR Cups of wine at the meal symbolize deliverance

Everybody "even the poorest who subsist on charity shall drink four cups of wine (M. Pes., l.c.). Wine, symbolizing the climax of joy on other festive Jewish occasions, as on Sabbaths, the festivals, marriages, circumcisions, was prescribed for the Seder in a special measure. This number four [according Jewish religious teachings relates to] the four promises of redemption made to Israel by God as recorded in scripture: (1) Out of bondage, (2) Deliverance from servitude, (3) Redemption from all dependence on Egypt, and (4) Selection as the people of God.

Exodus 6:6-7

⁶ "Therefore, say to the Israelites: 'I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment. ⁷ I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God, who brought you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians.

The New Covenant – The rescue and deliverance of humanity from Satan

Jesus takes the hidden manna and breaks it declaring this is NOW his body.

He takes the third cup and declares it is HIS blood poured out for his disciples.

The disciples must have been amazed at this moment as Jesus transformed this ancient meal into a new celebration of remembrance. It would become entrenched in the orthodox celebration of the eastern and western Christian churches! All the major branches of Christianity: Orthodox, Catholic, and Protestant place a very high value on the practice of the Lord's Supper!

REMEMBER

REMEMBER the sacrifice of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. A sacrificed that redeemed us from bondage and transformed our lives to become children of God. We recognize the Messiah has come and we celebrate the life he offers to ALL who open the door of their heart to him and welcome him in!