



## SERMON REFLECTION GUIDE

Luke, Part 62: The Last Supper - Luke 22:7-30 - March 1, 2026

### SERMON OUTLINE

Intro - *warning tracks*, and the awareness of critical terrain at the end of Luke's gospel. As **chapter 22** begins, the final hours of Jesus life - including the last supper, Gethsemane betrayal, abandonment, false trials, scourging, and crucifixion - take shape before our eyes.

#### A. Luke 22:7-13 - Preparations for the Passover

- The Passover meal was the most sacred time of all for the Jews gathered in Jerusalem - the entire meal was in remembrance of the first Passover and the Exodus from Egypt.
- The strangeness of these verses are in regard to **v. 4-6** in which we learn that Judas is looking for a private place to betray Jesus.
- Passover would be a perfect time, but Jesus does not want the Passover meal interrupted. Therefore, we see the secrecy behind the location for the meal.

#### B. Luke 22:14-15 - Jesus's Love for his Friends

- ἐπιθυμία ἐπεθύμησα (*epithymia epethymesa*)- "I long for with great longing" Here we see just how important it is for Jesus personally to have this meal with the disciples, even Judas.
- The establishment of the Lord's Supper also must happen for the future good of the church.

#### C. Luke 22:16-20 - The Last Supper

- Jesus implies that this is his **last** feast with his followers until "the kingdom of God"
  - (1) Jesus is leaving, and (2) the Passover is becoming obsolete.
- The entire "Lord's Supper" is a reimagining of the Passover meal with Jesus's sacrifice and blood at the center of the deliverance.
  - The New Testament portrays Jesus as the greater Passover Lamb (**Jn. 1:29, 1 Cor. 5:7**)
- εὐχαριστέω (*eucharisteō*) "To give thanks"
- "**Blood**" as the basis for both the old covenant and new. See: **Ex.24 & Heb. 9-10**
- Against *Transubstantiation*: What does "this is my body" really mean?
- The Lord's Supper as a "remembrance" - a "gospel sermon" for all 5 senses.

#### D. Luke 22:21-27 - Traitors & Usurpers

- Jesus knows that a traitor is at the table.
- After supper, the disciples discuss who will take over after Jesus is gone.
- All sin is a variation on the themes of treason and usurping. The Lord's Supper reminds us why these are unnecessary and covered by Jesus' sacrifice.

#### E. Luke 22:28-30 - A Seat at the Big Table

- Jesus promises these would-successors that a place at the table and a place on the throne is still there for them in the kingdom of God!
- **Illustration**: kids in high-chairs always wanting to sit at the big table.
- The Lord's Supper should always operate in **REVERSE** and **FAST FORWARD** - we look back to Jesus's sacrifice AND we look forward to the eternal banquet in the kingdom of God.
- When we take the Lord's Supper, we come to realize that Jesus "earnestly desires" to eat with us just as much as he did with the twelve!

Once, Satan told Adam & Eve *to take and to eat* and they would be like God.

The original "**take, eat**" in **Genesis 3** must be undone!

Jesus - the bread of life, who also drinks the cup of wrath - does all that is required in order to tell us "**take, eat**" in a brand new way!

The Lord's Supper is the curse undone - right before our eyes every week!



## **SERMON REFLECTION QUESTIONS**

1. Why does Jesus have a secret plan for the location of the Passover meal? Why is it so important that this meal go through as planned?
2. How does Jesus feel about his 12 disciples? Is this something that you think about often?
3. How does Jesus envision the end/transition of the Passover feast?
4. Why is "blood" a key component of the "new covenant" instituted in the Lord's Supper?
5. What is the Roman Catholic doctrine Transubstantiation? Why do we reject it? Why might it become problematic?
6. Why should we look BOTH backwards and forwards when we take the Lord's Supper?
7. What is your experience like in taking the Lord's Supper - both in your past and currently at FBC?