

# Lunch with Jesus

Exodus – Gospels - Revelation

"We call this food the thanksgiving [Eucharist], and the only people allowed to receive it are those who believe our teaching and have received the washing for the remission of sins and for regeneration; and who live according to the commands of Christ." Justin Martyr

Why do we say 'thanks' at a meal?
Why begin and end meetings with prayer?
Jesus ate many meals – 5000
These three have lasting significance

Ex 3:7 The LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of My people who are in Egypt, and have given heed to their cry because of their taskmasters, for I am aware of their sufferings.

8 So I have come down to deliver them from the power of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanite and the Hittite and the Amorite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite.

9 Now, behold, the cry of the sons of Israel has come to Me; furthermore, I have seen the oppression with which the Egyptians are oppressing them.

10 Therefore, come now, and I will send you to Pharaoh, so that you may bring My people, the sons of Israel, out of Egypt."

Exo 12:12 'For I will go through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against 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 live; 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.

# The Passover – Meal from the Past Exodus 3,12

- Release from slavery
  - Joseph to Moses 400+ years
  - Moses reluctant Pharaoh reluctant
  - Blood is the redeeming element!
- Reminder of release (Ex 12:14-20)
  - Basic bread
  - Now a plate of reminders whole story



"Nowhere is God so near to man as in Jesus Christ; and nowhere is Christ so familiarly represented to us."

Richard Baxter

Matt 26:26 While they were eating, Jesus took some bread, and after a blessing, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is My body."

27 And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you;

28 for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins.

29 But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom."

30 After singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Luke 22:19 And when He had taken some bread and given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

20 And in the same way He took the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood."

# The Lord's Supper – Meal for Now Matthew 26 & Luke 22

- Release from Sin
- Reminder of Jesus' Death
- Additional reminders Baptism
- Elements of Communion Confession (10 plagues)
  - Thanks sharing thanks sharing singing!

"At the heart of the present significance of the Lord's Supper is our communion or fellowship with Christ, hence the term 'communion service."

James M. Boice

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Luke 22:16 for I say to you, I shall never again eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

17,18 And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He said, "Take this and share it among yourselves; for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine from now on until the kingdom of God comes."

The 4 Cups represent the 4 expressions of deliverance promised by the Lord in Exodus 6:6-7: "I will bring out," - "I will deliver," "I will redeem," - "I will take." Exodus He did – Deliver He will – Redeemer He is - Taking to Himself Soon!

Rev 19:6 Then I heard something like the voice of a great multitude and like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, saying, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns."

7 Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready."

8 It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

9 Then he said to me, "Write, 'Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are true words of God."

Rev 21:3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them,

# The Marriage Supper of the Lamb – Meal from the Future - Revelation 19

- Release from sadness and sorrow
- Reminder of God's fellowship 'Tabernacle'
- Our communion is the shadow of His fellowship
  - Past Passover Feasts
  - Present Lord's Table
  - Future Marriage Supper of the Lamb

"The examination takes place because it would be hypocrisy for us to pretend that we are in communion with the Holy One while actually cherishing known sin in our hearts." James M. Boice

# All are celebrations of deliverance!

"Communion should be the celebration of our daily fellowship."

