

"The Lord's Supper is a visible sermon."
Thomas Watson

Matthew 26:20 Now when evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the twelve disciples.

21 As they were eating, He said, "Truly I say to you that one of you will betray Me."

22 Being deeply grieved, they each one began to say to Him, "Surely not I, Lord?"

23 And He answered, "He who dipped his hand with Me in the bowl is the one who will betray Me.

24 The Son of Man is to go, just as it is written of Him; but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born."

25 And Judas, who was betraying Him, said, "Surely it is not I, Rabbi?" Jesus said to him, "You have said it yourself."

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.

1 Corinthians 11:23 For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread;

24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

25 In the same way He took the cup also after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

### **Reception 11:23-26**

- What Jesus gave
- What Paul received
- What we should share
  - Great sin
  - Great love
  - Great sacrifice

"The Lord has given us a table at which to feast, not an altar on which a victim is to be offered; He has not consecrated priests to make sacrifice, but servants to distribute the sacred feast." John Calvin

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### Realization 11:25

- New Covenant
- Passover deliverance
- "It is finished!"
- Old Promise Genesis 3:15
- New Promise John 3:16

"Nowhere is God so near to man as in Jesus Christ; and nowhere is Christ so familiarly represented to us, as in this holy sacrament." Richard Baxter



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# Redemption 11:26

- 'the Lord's death'
- 'without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness' Hebrews 9:22
- Every Old Testament example
- All the Tabernacle and Temple shadows
- John the Baptist 'Lamb of God'

"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 the Martyr

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#### Restoration 11:26

- Jesus' first Advent
- Jesus' second Advent
- Message of Communion
  - Past Incarnation
  - Present Redemption
  - Future Glorification

"We ought carefully and with the utmost seriousness and consideration attend the sacrament of the Lord's Supper: this was appointed for this end, to draw forth longings of our souls toward Jesus Christ." Jonathan Edwards

27 Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord.

28 But a man must examine himself, and in so doing he is to eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

# Reflection 11:27,28

- 'examine himself'
- Not to be judged but self-reflection
- Standard is the Great Sin, Love & Sacrifice

"Are we in the habit of coming to the Lord's table? If so, in what frame of mind do we come? Do we draw near intelligently, humbly, and with faith? Do we understand what we are doing? Do we really feel our sinfulness and need of Christ? Do we really desire to live a Christian life, as well as profess the Christian faith? Happy is that soul who can give a satisfactory answer to these questions." J.C. Ryle

### What should we remember?

- Reception pass this memorial on!
- Realization promises made and kept
- Redemption bought by sacrifice
- Restoration first and second Advent
- Reflection let us now examine ourselves

"In every repetition of communion by presenting the sacrament God confirms his resolution to stick to his covenant; and by eating it the receiver commits himself to keep close to the condition of faith." Stephen Charnock

