

Seven Days

Luke 22

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Luke 22:7-13 (NLT)

⁷ Now the Festival of Unleavened Bread arrived, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed. ⁸ Jesus sent Peter and John ahead and said, “Go and prepare the Passover meal, so we can eat it together.” ⁹ “Where do you want us to prepare it?” they asked him. ¹⁰ He replied, “As soon as you enter Jerusalem, a man carrying a pitcher of water will meet you. Follow him. At the house he enters, ¹¹ say to the owner, ‘The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room where I can eat the Passover meal with my disciples?’ ¹² He will take you upstairs to a large room that is already set up. That is where you should prepare our meal.” ¹³ They went off to the city and found everything just as Jesus had said, and they prepared the Passover meal there.

Exodus 6:6-7 (ESV)

⁶ Say therefore to the people of Israel, ‘I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from slavery to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment. ⁷ I will take you to be my people, and I will be your God, and you shall know that I am the LORD your God, who has brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.

Four Cup Promise:

1. I will bring you ***out***.
2. I will ***deliver*** you.
3. I will ***redeem*** you.
4. I will take you for ***my own people*** and ***I will be your God!***

Luke 22:13-20 (NLT)

¹³ They went off to the city and found everything just as Jesus had said, and they prepared the Passover meal there. ¹⁴ When the time came, Jesus and the apostles sat down together at the table. ¹⁵ Jesus said, “I have been very eager to eat this Passover meal with you before my suffering begins. ¹⁶ For I tell you now that I won’t eat this meal again until its meaning is fulfilled in the Kingdom of God.” ¹⁷ Then he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. Then he said, “Take this and share it among yourselves. ¹⁸ For I will not drink wine again until the Kingdom of God has come.” ¹⁹ He took some bread and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁰ After supper he took another cup of wine and said, “This cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood, which is poured out as a sacrifice for you.

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Three Orientations for Passover: (Jews)

1. It looked ***backwards*** to the past deliverance of slavery in Egypt.
2. It looks at the ***present*** – strength for their journey.
3. It looks to the ***future*** – the Promised Land.

Three Orientations for Communion: (Believers)

1. It reminds us that our ***past*** sins have been forgiven through Christ.
2. It strengthens us in our ***present*** in our witness of Jesus.
3. It gives us a ***future*** hope of spending eternity with Christ.

Matthew 26:36-46 (NLT)

³⁶Then Jesus went with them to the olive grove called Gethsemane, and he said, “Sit here while I go over there to pray.” ³⁷He took Peter and Zebedee’s two sons, James and John, and he became anguished and distressed. ³⁸He told them, “My soul is crushed with grief to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.” ³⁹He went on a little farther and bowed with his face to the ground, praying, “My Father! If it is possible, let this cup of suffering be taken away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.” ⁴⁰Then he returned to the disciples and found them asleep. He said to Peter, “Couldn’t you watch with me even one hour? ⁴¹Keep watch and pray, so that you will not give in to temptation. For the spirit is willing, but the body is weak!” ⁴²Then Jesus left them a second time and prayed, “My Father! If this cup cannot be taken away unless I drink it, your will be done.” ⁴³When he returned to them again, he found them sleeping, for they couldn’t keep their eyes open. ⁴⁴So he went to pray a third time, saying the same things again. ⁴⁵Then he came to the disciples and said, “Go ahead and sleep. Have your rest. But look—the time has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶Up, let’s be going. Look, my betrayer is here!”

Gethsemane – means oil press.

What can we learn from Jesus about prayer?

- a. He teaches us the ***necessity of prayer*** even when the hard times seem intolerable.

“For Jesus, prayer was not a way of escape, but a respite to be renewed and refreshed. Prayer was not a way to avoid difficulty, but a way to strengthen himself to endure it.”

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What can we learn from Jesus about prayer?

- b. He teaches the ***value of shared prayer***. (corporate prayer)

Matthew 18:19-20 (ESV)

¹⁹Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

What can we learn from Jesus about prayer?

- c. He teaches us the ***value of repeated prayer***.
- d. He teaches us the ***mystery of unanswered prayer***.

Hebrews 5:7 (NLT)

⁷While Jesus was here on earth, he offered prayers and pleadings, with a loud cry and tears, to the one who could rescue him from death. And God heard his prayers because of his deep reverence for God.