

Luke 22 – The Last Supper, Betrayal, and Humility

Institution of the Lord's Supper

Luk 22:14-16 When the hour had come, He sat down, and the twelve apostles with Him. Then He said to them, "With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

This particular Passover held inexpressible meaning for Him, and He had ardently desired it before He was to suffer. He would not keep the Passover again till He returned to earth and set up His glorious kingdom. The construction "With fervent desire I have desired" carries the sense of ardent, passionate longing. These revealing words invite all believers of every time and place to consider how passionately Jesus longs for communion with us at His table. – Believers' Bible Commentary

Luk 22:17-18 Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

When He took the cup of wine as part of the Passover ritual, He gave thanks for it and passed it to the disciples, reminding them once again that He would not drink of the fruit of the vine again until His Millennial Reign. The description of the Passover meal ends with verse 18.

When does the Kingdom come?

Matthew 16:28 "....And I tell you the truth, some standing here right now will not die before they see the Son of Man coming in his Kingdom."

Mark 1:15 "The time promised by God has come at last!" he announced. "The Kingdom of God is near! Repent of your sins and believe the Good News!"

Is it possible for Jesus to drink the fruit of the vine now?

Acts 2:46-47 So, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

Luk 22:19-20 And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me." Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you."

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The bread and the wine were common, not only at Passover meals but also at every meal in that culture. Those elements symbolized His “body,” the sacrifice for the entire nation, and His “blood.” He was the sacrificial Lamb who was to take away the sin of Israel and of the entire world ([Jhn 1:29](#)). The New Covenant (spoken of many times in the OT but highlighted in [Jer 31:31-34](#)), which was a prerequisite for the Kingdom Age, was instituted by Jesus’ sacrifice ([Luk 22:20](#)). The New Covenant provided for the regeneration of the Israelite nation and the Holy Spirit’s indwelling individuals in the nation. Believers in the Church Age also participate in those spiritual blessings of regeneration and the indwelling Spirit ([1Co 11:25-26](#); [2Co 3:6](#); [Heb 8:6-7](#)). – Bible Knowledge Commentary

How did the disciples react when they were expecting the bread of affliction and the Passover story, but Jesus declared a change?

What are the implications for us today?

Is celebrate the Passover meal and the bread of affliction instead of the remembrance of Christ correct after His death and resurrection as our Passover lamb?

Luk 22:21 But behold, the hand of My betrayer is with Me on the table.

From the accounts of Mark and John, we know that the betrayer was Judas Iscariot. Although the other disciples were confused by Jesus' words, Judas knew what Jesus meant.
– Life Application Bible

Joh 13:23-27 Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved. Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask who it was of whom He spoke. Then, leaning back on Jesus' breast, he said to Him, "Lord, who is it?" Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I shall give a piece of bread when I have dipped it." And having dipped the bread, He gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon. Now after the piece of bread, Satan entered him. Then Jesus said to him, "What you do, do quickly."

How did all the disciples miss that it was Judas?

Were the signs there? What can we learn from this?

Luk 22:22-23 And truly the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom He is betrayed!" Then they began to question among themselves, which of them it was who would do this thing.

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The one who was going to betray Him was in their midst. There are those who believe that Judas actually left before the institution of the Lord's Supper. I think that is accurate. Luke doesn't give the chronological order; he gives us those facts necessary for the purpose of his commentary. John makes it clear that during the Passover our Lord took the sop, gave it to Judas, and said, "That thou doest, do quickly" (see [Jhn 13:26-30](#)). Then Judas left.

Every one of the disciples believed he was capable of denying and betraying the Lord. If you are honest, you know that you also could betray Him. If He did not keep His hand on me, I could deny Him in the next five minutes. Thank God, however, He will not take His hand off me, and I rejoice in that. – McGee

Mark 14:19 They began to be sorrowful, and to say unto Him one by one, Is it I?

What does it say about the character of the disciples that they ask if it was them one by one without accusing others?

What is the lesson we can learn?

Luke 22:31 NLT "Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift each of you like wheat.

Does Satan still ask to sift each of Jesus's disciples today?

What do we know about sifting and Israel?

Amos 9:9-10 "For surely I will give the command, and I will shake the house of Israel among all the nations as grain is sifted in a sieve; but not a pebble will reach the ground. All the sinners among My people will die by the sword— all those who say, 'Disaster will never draw near or confront us.' "

Could this explain 70AD, where Israel was sifted and believing Jews escaped?

Joh 13:31-32 So, when he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in Him. If God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and glorify Him immediately.

After the departure of Judas, the events leading to Jesus' death fell into place quickly. Jesus was then free from the tension which Satan in Judas had produced. Also the long tension building up toward His death (Luk_12:50) would soon be over. The words glorified and glorify occur five times in these two verses. Jesus' unique glory was revealed in His death. The Father was also glorified in Jesus' death because God's love, His condescension, and His righteousness were made known (cf. Joh_1:14; Rom_3:21-26). The words God... will

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glorify Him at once looked ahead to the Resurrection and the Ascension. – Bible Knowledge Commentary

What is it like to behold the Glory of God?

Joh 13:33 Little children, I shall be with you a little while longer. You will seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, 'Where I am going, you cannot come,' so now I say to you.

For the first time the Lord Jesus addressed His disciples as little children—a term of endearment. And He used it only after Judas had departed. He was only to be with them a little while longer. Then He would die on the cross. They would seek Him then, but would not be able to follow Him, for He would return to heaven. The Lord had told the same thing to the Jews, but He meant it in a different sense. For the disciples, His departure would only be temporary. He would come again for them (chap. 14). But for the Jews, His leaving them would be final. He was returning to heaven, and they could not follow Him because of their unbelief. – Believers' Bible Commentary

Notice the word now. What was the tone? Did the disciples now realize what Jesus had been telling them all along?

Joh 13:34-35 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

Jesus says that our Christlike love will show we are his disciples. Do people see petty bickering, jealousy, and division in your church? Or do they know you are Jesus' followers by your love for one another?

Love is more than simply warm feelings; it is an attitude that reveals itself in action. How can we love others as Jesus loves us? By helping when it's not convenient, by giving when it hurts, by devoting energy to others' welfare rather than our own, by absorbing hurts from others without complaining or fighting back. This kind of loving is hard to do. That is why people notice when you do it and know you are empowered by a supernatural source. The Bible has another beautiful description of love in 1 Corinthians 13. – Life Application Bible

As a believer, do you live as Love being a commandment or optional in real life?

Do people know you by your Love?