

Journey

TO THE CROSS

in the Gospel of Mark

Mk. 14:12-16,22-26



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(Mark 14:22, NIV)

“On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the **Passover** lamb, Jesus’ disciples asked him, ‘Where do you want us to go and make preparations for you to eat the **Passover**?’” *(Mark 14:12, NIV)*

“So he sent two of his disciples, telling them, ‘Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. Say to the owner of the house he enters...’”

(Mark 14:13-14a, NIV)

“‘The Teacher asks: Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.” *(Mark 14:14b-15, NIV)*

“The disciples left, went into the city and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the **Passover.**” *(Mark 14:16, NIV)*

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we're told it was Passover.**

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14 times in the gospels,
we're told it was Passover.

**Jesus would not have
called himself
Christian**

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Jewish**

PASSOVER IN JESUS' TIME

“I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from slavery, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment. I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God.” *(Exodus 6:6b-7, NIV)*

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1. The cup of sanctification

“I will bring you out...”

The point:

God chooses me

Bitter Herbs



Question:

“Why is this night different
from all other nights?”

Answer:

The story of Passover

WHAT IS PASSOVER?























2. The cup of emancipation

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“I will free you...”

The point:

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God liberates me

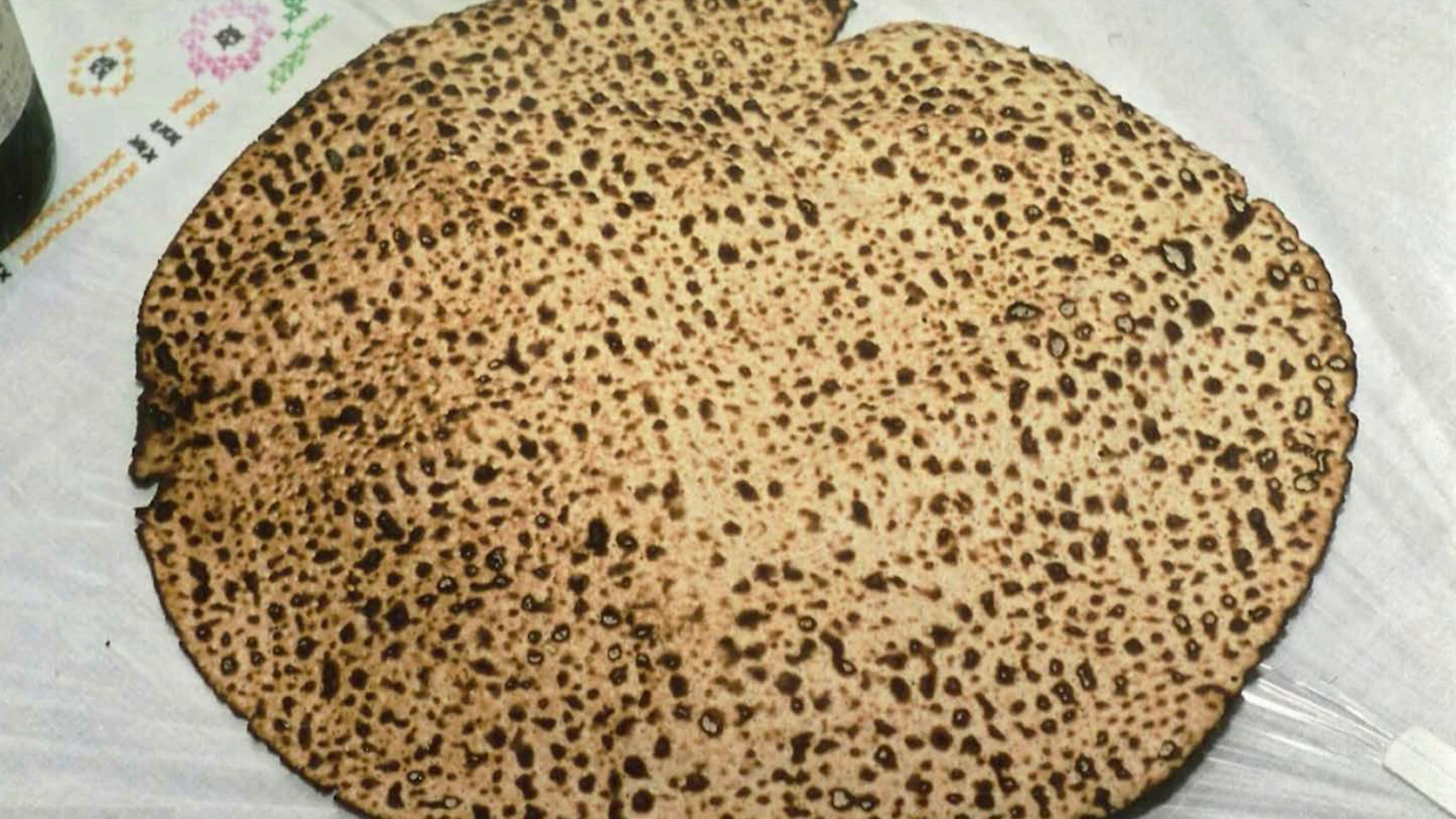






The Meal

Bread broken, lamb eaten











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3. The cup of redemption

“I will redeem you...”

The point:

A price was paid for me

“Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it. ‘This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many,’ he said to them.”

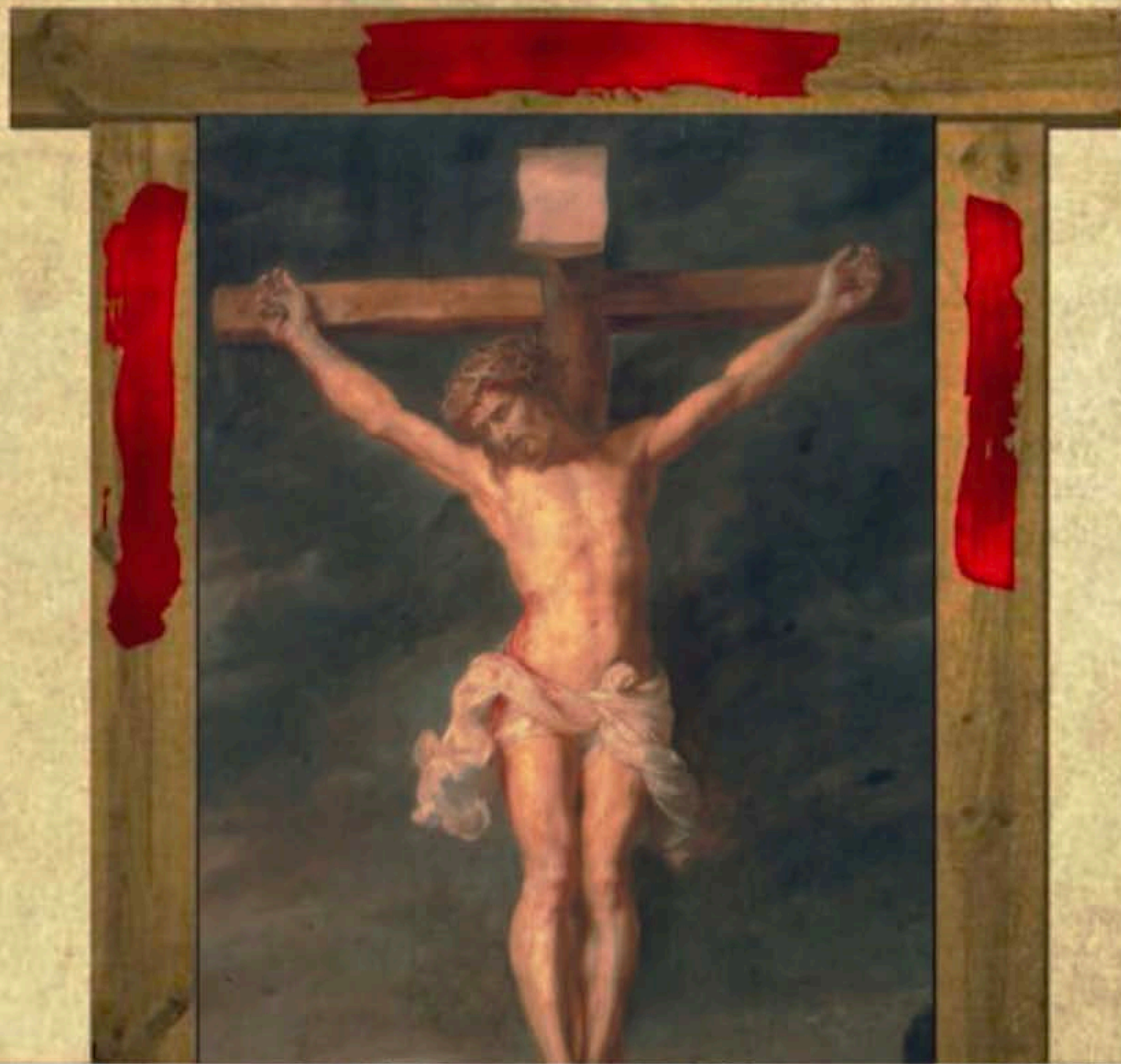
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“The days are coming,” declares the Lord, ‘when I will make a **new covenant** with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt...” *(Jeremiah 31:31, NIV)*

“I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts... I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

(Jeremiah 31:32,34b, NIV)

4. The cup of completion

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“I will take you...”

The point:

God leads me home

“Truly I tell you, I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

(Mark 14:25, NIV)

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“When they had sung a hymn, they
went out to the Mount of Olives.”

(Mark 14:26, NIV)

TWO OVERLOOKED ASPECTS OF THE LAST SUPPER

1. It's about **family**



“What binds Christians together is not common education, common race, common income levels, common politics, common nationality, common accents, common jobs, or anything else of that sort. Christians come together... because they have been saved by Jesus Christ. They are a band of natural enemies who love one another for Jesus’ sake.” —D.A. Carson



This meal reminds me:

**This meal reminds me:
I was a slave**

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I was a slave
I took shelter under the
blood of the lamb

This meal reminds me:

I was a slave

I took shelter under the
blood of the lamb

I escaped my captivity

This meal reminds me:
I was a slave
I took shelter under the
blood of the lamb
I escaped my captivity
Now God lives in our midst

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I was a slave
I took shelter under the
blood of the lamb
I escaped my captivity
Now God lives in our midst
We are following Him to the
Promised Land

2. It's about **food**

“He broke it and gave it to his
disciples, saying, “Take it...”

(Mark 14:22, NIV)



To receive life from food,

To receive life from food,
I must personally receive it

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