

Value Meal

I. Slide#1 **Announce:**

- A. **Slide#2 Israel Trip** - Registrations are due now. March 21-April 1.
- B. **Slide#3 Taking Off the Gloves** - Mark calendar, Sat/Jan.25 [More info & register takingoffthegloves.com](http://takingoffthegloves.com)
 - 1. Being a man matters. Round 4.
- C. **Slide#4 Movie Nov.17th** - Not Today free showing [[along w/our schools Justice club](#)]
 - 1. Friends Church Pastor **Matthew Cork** encountered the plight of India's **Dalit** people. The church created the powerful movie **NOT TODAY**.
- D. **Slide#5 Bike Cambodia** - *Kelly, Donna Hansen, Michelle Banister, Jill Andrews* are doing a 450m bike ride thru VN/Cambodia to raise support/awareness for **Hagar Ministries** at the end of Dec/Jan.
 - 1. Hagar is an international Christian organization dedicated to **recovery of extreme human rights abuses, particularly human trafficking, gender-based violence, and sexual exploitation.** [[support member or the group - see them or CMs missions page](#)]
- E. **Slide#6 Pray for** - Dr.Les, Julie Ghironzi & Emi Fugi, **Medical Missions training** in Burma.
 - 1. **Greg** - 3 day hike in Burma.

II. Slide#7 **Intro:**

- A. Here Jesus takes *a major Jewish celebration*, called the **Passover**, one that the Jews had observed each year for **over 1500 years** since the time of Moses, **and converted it and elevated it** into what we know now as **communion**.
 - 1. The Lord's Supper is **the Fuller View, the Completed view**, of **redemption**.
 - 2. **It contains the Passover and its fulfillment in Jesus Christ.**
- B. **Last week:** we had Mary's beautiful anointing of Jesus' body...**for His burial**. (His death looms over these next chapters)
- C. **Slide#8 Outline:** **Passover Meal; Last Meal; Value Meal.**

III. Slide#9 **PASSOVER MEAL (12-16)**

- A. Jn.13:1 **Now before the feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.**
- B. **Slide#10** He seeks to demonstrate **He** is God's **Passover Lamb**.
- C. (13) Note Jesus was very organized. **This wasn't happening to him.**
 - 1. He did not leave things to the last minute.
 - 2. **Also**, its possible only these 2 disciples (**Peter & John**) knew the location, to make it impossible for Judas to reveal it?
 - a) **This was to be the most important meal** eaten in the history of the world.

- D. **Slide#11 A man carrying a pitcher** – This would have been very unusual as the women did this chore.
1. **But**, in *Khans, lodging houses, Inn's* where there were so many male strangers, they would hire male servants to fetch the water. **Men carried water in large goatskin on back.**
 2. **Guest room** (14) - same word as **Inn** in Nativity story...*kata'lyma*.
 3. **Streets weren't named & ran crooked, so easiest way for directions...follow him.**
- E. **Slide#12** (15) **Furnished & prepared** – *i.e.* spread w/carpets & cushions.
1. **Furnished w/a low table (U-shaped) by which they would recline.**
- F. **Slide#13** The Passover lamb was selected on the **10th day of Nissan** (our March/April), examined for **blemishes, slain** on the **14th** day of the month.
1. **It was to be slain in the Temple precincts** (you did your own lamb).
 2. **The lamb's throat was slit the blood was caught in a gold or silver bowl, passed up 1 of the 2 lines of the priests, & at the end of the line it was dashed upon the altar.**
 - a) Josephus says more than 250,000 were slain.
 3. The supper eaten w/in the Jerusalem city limits.
- G. **This was a memorial of a past victory.**
- H. The meal consisted of **the roasted lamb, unleavened bread, & the dish of bitter herbs, & 4 cups of diluted wine.**
1. **Roasted Lamb** – to remind them of **the lambs blood** that was applied to the doorposts in Egypt to keep the angel of death from killing their 1st born.
 2. **Unleavened Bread** – to remind them of their **haste** in leaving Egypt.
 3. **Bitter Herbs** - to remind them of **suffering** as Pharaoh's slaves.
 4. **4 cups of Wine** – 3 parts wine/2 part water.
 - a) This was to remind them of the **4 promises** in Ex.6:6,7.
- I. **The Four Cups:**
1. **The cup of Kiddush** (sanctification/separation) *ie.* separation from all other common meals
 2. **The cup of Haggadah** (explaining or proclaiming) {before meal}
 3. **The cup of Thanksgiving** (prayer, "Blessed are you, O Lord, our God, King of the Universe, who has created the fruit of the vine.") {after meal}
 4. **The 4th cup** – after the conclusion of Hallel.

IV. **Slide#14 LAST MEAL (17-21)**

- A. Jesus' last supper/last meal.
1. **Slide #15-18 Last meals for some...**[Ted Bundy/steak eggs hasbrowns coffee; Timothy McVeigh/2 pints of mint choc-chip; Aileen Wuornos/1 cup of coffee; Jonathan Nobles/bread/wine]
 2. **Slide #19,20** Jesus last meal was to be a **farewell meal...but** so much **more**.

3. Instead of **getting** a last meal...**He gave one.**
- B. Between vs.17,18 is the **washing of the feet** & the lesson on **humility**, found in **Jn.13:1-20.**
- C. (18) **What a shattering announcement** - **one of you will betray Me.**
1. John says, Jesus **was troubled in spirit.** Jn.13:21
- D. (19) **Is it I?** – the Greek indicates that a **negative** answer is expected.
1. **i.e. “Surely, it is not I!”**
 2. **The men that often debated on which one of them was the greatest, now discussed who was the vilest.**
 3. Judas chimed in & mouthed the words **“surely not I”**, fooling everyone...**but Jesus.**
 4. Had Jesus pointed out Judas, **Peter would have had him in a chock-hold before you could say the word traitor.**
- E. (20) **Dips w/me in the dish** – In the East, to break bread w/someone means to enter into a pact of friendship & mutual trust.
1. As if to say, **“I know what you are going to do. Will you not stop even yet?”** (Barclay)
 2. To **break bread, then betray your host, is the basest of treachery.**
 3. Even this was the fulfillment of God’s Word, **Even my close friend, whom I trusted, he who shared my bread, has lifted up his heel against me.** Ps.41:9
 4. Judas may have had the honored position at our Lord’s **left.**
 - a) Judas was close because Jesus was able to hand him the morsel of bread.
 - b) **Lets’ get the picture:** John was on Jesus’ right. Everyone would lean on their left hand, thus leaning partially on the person to their left & then they would eat w/their right hand.
 - c) Thus we have **John** leaning on **Jesus** chest/shoulder. **And Jesus leaning on...Judas?**
 - (1) Thus Judas had the opportunity to have **whispered a repentance** at any time during the meal.
 5. **What an act of love - What an act of friendship** - Just like when Boaz invited Ruth to do the same. **Now Boaz said to her at mealtime, Come here, and eat of the bread, and dip your piece of bread in the vinegar.**
 6. **“Judas, here is my friendship & forgiveness...if you take it.” “Will you?”**
 - a) Jn.13:27 **Now after the piece of bread, Satan entered him.**
- F. (21) **Never been born** – **Some say** Judas was just forcing Jesus hand to reveal his power & setting up the kingdom. **Others say**, he was just obeying what God’s Word had prophesied of him.
1. **Yet**, Judas was **no martyr nor robot.** He was **neither a hero nor the victim** of some merciless predestination.
 2. **He was a responsible human being who made his own decisions, but in so doing, fulfilled the Word of God.** Warren Wiersbe, pg.136.

3. Judas was lost for the same reason millions are lost today: he did not **repent** of his sins & **believe** on Jesus Christ, the true Passover Lamb.

V. Slide#21 **VALUE MEAL (22-26)**

- A. Slide#22 Bread & wine were 2 common items that were used at practically every meal, **but** Jesus gave them *a wonderful new meaning*.
 1. New meaning so that **from now on** they would serve as **memorials** of **His death**.
 2. Every detail of the **Passover** pointed to that great day of Israel's **deliverance** from Egypt.
 - a) **Now**, Jesus will redirect the details to **Himself** & to **His deliverance** of the world from sin.
 - b) When you do this again, do it in memory of **Me** and **not** of the lamb slain in Egypt.
 3. **This is the Original Value Meal** - and what a **value** He placed on it :)

- B. Slide#23 **Bread (22)**
- C. Jesus now shatters the Passover tradition with the words, ...take, eat; this is **My body**.
 1. Yes, this **bread** represented **the life of Christ**:
 2. Slide#24 His birth: He was **given that body** at His birth in Bethlehem (house of bread)
 3. His life: He said, **I am the bread of life**. A sinless life He led in **that body**.
 4. His cross: He bore our sins in **that body**.
 5. His res: He triumphed from the grave bringing **that body** back to life.
 6. His ascension: He now **lives in that glorified body** at the right hand of the Father.
Take, eat; THIS...is My body.

- D. Slide#25,26 **The Cup (23)**
- E. **New covenant?** - ...this is **My blood**.
 1. **Old covenant** (Sinai) ratified w/the blood of **animals sacrifices**.
 2. **New covenant** was ratified by **His** blood.
 - a) This blood did what the animal's *couldn't*...**take away sin**, **not just cover over it**.
 - b) We are not saved by participating in a religious ceremony, **but** by trusting Jesus Christ as our Savior.
 3. The **deep red** of the wine in the cup represented **Jesus' atoning blood**.
 4. **Shed for many** – is an illusion to Is.53:12 **Because He poured out His soul unto death**. (describing a violent death)
 5. These symbols should drive home **the objective fact**, the **actual existence & reality** of our redemption.
 - a) We should say, “yes, I am *really* forgiven.”

- F. **Slide#27** (25) The supper ends on a note of **Hope**...until that day when I drink it new in the Kingdom of God.
1. Looking forward to the 2nd Coming. "Right now, I'm facing **suffering & death**...but one day we will be **reunited** in the kingdom."
- G. (26) **They sung a hymn** - Imagine the Lord **singing**, when the cross was only a few hours away.
- H. **Jesus was sure of 2 things**: He was **to die**, & His kingdom was **to come**.
1. He was certain of **His cross** & certain of **His glory**.
 2. He was certain of the **Love of His Father** & certain of **man's sin**.
 3. He was certain that in the end that **love** would conquer that **sin**.
- I. **Slide#28** When Leonardo da Vinci was 43 years old, the **Duke Ludovico** of **Milan** asked him to paint the dramatic scene of Jesus' last supper with His disciples: Working slowly and giving meticulous care to details, he spent **3 years** on the assignment. He grouped the disciples into threes, two groups on either side of the central figure of Christ. Christ's arms are outstretched. In his right hand, He holds a cup, painted beautifully with marvelous realism. When the masterpiece was finished, the artist said to a friend, "Observe it and give me your opinion of it!" "It's wonderful!" exclaimed the friend. "The cup is so real I cannot divert my eyes from it!" Immediately Leonardo took a brush and drew it across the sparkling cup. He exclaimed as he **Slide#29** did so: "Nothing shall detract from the figure of Christ!"
- J. **COMMUNION**:
1. **Bread** -
 2. **Cup** -