



Matthew 26:17-30 - Ben Melli

1. What are some of the tangible signs of the covenants in the Old Testament? How did God react when Noah, Abraham, Moses, David, the people of Israel, sinned against God? What were some of the outcomes?
2. Matthew prepares us to understand that Jesus is about to become the sacrificial lamb that was required for the atoning of sin. He prepares the reader by setting the stage in the festival of the unleavened bread or passover. Why do you think this would have been so significant for the original audience of Matthew's gospel?
3. Do you ever wonder if you would betray or deny Christ, if you were put in a precarious situation that might test your faith. Have you been in a situation like that? (i.e. serious illness, devastating loss, painful experience, physical threat)
4. This New Covenant is not between God and on of His creation, rather, it is between God and...God. (Father and Son) Yet it is applied to all those who eat of the bread and drink of the wine. (The Church) Yet, Judas takes the bread and drinks the wine. What must be required of the heart along with the taking of the bread and cup?
5. CPC believes that faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior is a prerequisite for taking communion. We also believe that it is good to examine our hearts in order to confess our sin and reaffirm that eternal life comes to all Christians through the shed blood of Jesus on the cross. The Lord's Supper levels the field for all Christians. It reminds us that we all need Jesus. How might you approach communion the next time you take it?



More Than Just Another Death
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1. What is your own personal life experience with taking Communion?
2. In what ways does this passage reveal how Jesus was completely in control of the events leading up to his death?
3. Why was the Passover celebration so important for the Jewish people?
4. How do you think the disciples felt when Jesus announced that one of them would betray him? Do you think anyone suspected Judas?
5. What can we learn from Judas about God's sovereignty and human responsibility?
6. How did Jesus reinterpret the Passover through his words and actions in vv. 26-28?
7. How is the New Covenant different from the Old Covenant?
8. In what way does the Lord's Supper look forward to a future event? See verse 29.
9. How did God speak to you through this message?