



Meals with Jesus

The Last Supper



Luke 22:7-20 NRSV

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it." They asked him, "Where do you want us to make preparations for it?" "Listen," he said to them, "when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters and say to the owner of the house, 'The teacher asks you, "Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"' He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there." So they went and found everything as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

- Luke 22:7-20

¹⁴ When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves, for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

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Then Moses called all the elders of Israel and said to them, “Go, select lambs for your families, and slaughter the Passover lamb. Take a bunch of hyssop, dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and touch the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood in the basin. None of you shall go outside the door of your house until morning. For the LORD will pass through to strike down the Egyptians; when he sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over that door and will not allow the destroyer to enter your houses to strike you down.

- Exodus 12:21-28

24 You shall observe this as a perpetual ordinance for you and your children. When you come to the land that the LORD will give you, as he has promised, you shall keep this observance. And when your children ask you, 'What does this observance mean to you?' you shall say, 'It is the Passover sacrifice to the LORD, for he passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt when he struck down the Egyptians but spared our houses.' ”
And the people bowed down and worshiped.

The Israelites went and did just as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron; so they did.

- Exodus 12:21-28

“[Jesus] has come to do for Israel and the whole world what God did through Moses and Aaron in the first Exodus. When the powers of evil that were enslaving God’s people were at their worst, God acted to judge Egypt and save Israel. And the sign and means of both judgement and rescue was the Passover: the angel of death struck down the firstborn of all Egypt, but spared Israel as the firstborn of God, ‘passing over’ their houses because of the blood of the lamb on the doorposts.”

- NT Wright

“[Jesus] is God’s Son and the faithful representative of God’s people. Therefore this covenant is eternal and secure, because it rests on Christ’s perfect faithfulness.”

- Tim Chester

Communion is an act of community

Communion is an act of dependence

Communion is an act of participation

Communion is an act of formation

“In the Lord’s Supper we do not merely accept gracious forgiveness... we renew our responsive allegiance to Christ as King.”

- Randy Maddox

“We who...come together to obey Jesus’ command,
to break bread and drink wine in his memory,
find ourselves drawn into that salvation, that healing life.
The powers may still rage, like Pharaoh and his army
pursuing the Egyptians after Passover. But they
[sin and death] have been defeated, and rescue is secure.”

- NT Wright