

The Lord's Supper

9/10/17

Sunday Morning

Luke 22:14 When the hour had come, He reclined at the table, and the apostles with Him.

1. "the hour had come, He reclined at the table"
 - a. Luke doesn't give this in chronological order for emphasis sake
 - b. According to John, Judas has left & Jesus is alone w/ the 11
 - c. This will be an intimate conversation – **V.15**

V.15 And He said to them, "I have **earnestly** desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer,

1. "I have **earnestly desired** to eat this Passover with you before I suffer"
 - a. Why would He be so desirous to eat this particular Passover?
 - i. Even though He is in the shadow of the cross & its suffering the significance of this time is beyond human scope
 - ii. The plan from before time began is about to play out
 - iii. The apostles don't understand any of it
 - b. **#1.** This is the **last Passover** (of this type) to **ever** be eaten
 - i. This Passover was a memorial to their deliverance from Egypt
 - ii. Why is it the last one?
 - iii. Because the Passover was given, even though before the Law, became a part of the Law (Mosaic system)
 1. The Law didn't help man – it only condemned him
 - iv. The Law had to be neutralized b/c it brought death to man
Hebrews 10:28 Anyone who has set aside the Law of Moses dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. (the Law showed no mercy)
 - v. Christ looked forward to seeing the Law neutralized for man's sake
 - vi. And this is the time that Christ will neutralize the power of the Law

Romans 8:3 (NP)

Romans 8:3 (ESV) For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh,

Romans 10:4 (ESV) For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

Galatians 3:13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us-- for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE"—

vii. **#2.** Why Christ was looking forward to this Passover:

viii. Christ will establish a **new contract** w/ man

V.20 And in the same way He took the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup which is poured out for you is **the new covenant** in My blood.

ix. It will be far superior to the Law

Hebrews 8:6 (NIV) But the ministry Jesus has received is as superior to theirs^(earthly priest) as the covenant of which he is mediator is superior to the old one,^(Law) and it is founded on better promises.

c. HE earnestly desired to eat this Passover w/ them because:

i. **#1.** It was the last one of its kind **ever**

ii. **#2.** Because He would establish a new & better contract

iii. **#3.** Because this is a huge step toward the ultimate fulfillment of the Passover – was not understood until now –

V.16

V.16 for I say to you, *I shall never again eat it until it is fulfilled* in the kingdom of God."

1. "I shall never again eat it **until it is fulfilled**"

a. The word "until" **means** that the Passover will be celebrated again in the future & the Passover will be fulfilled

b. When Christ celebrates the Passover w/ His own in the future everything will be different

i. Christ mentioned it during this Passover – recorded in Matthew **Matthew 26:29 (NP)**

Matthew 26:29 "But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom."

a. "when I drink it **new** with you"

i. Two basic words for "**new**"

1. **νέος** – new in time

2. **καινός** – new in character – this is that word!

c. The future Passover will be new in character

d. Because Christ will be celebrating w/ His own who have been totally transformed

i. That is what it means when it says "until it is fulfilled"

e. The Passover **always speaks of redemption**

i. In O.T. it spoke of the redemption of Israel

ii. In N.T. it speaks of the redemption we have in Christ

iii. But that **redemption isn't complete yet**

iv. It won't be finished until we are resurrected (completely redeemed)

Romans 8:16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

¹⁷ and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him.

¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

¹⁹ For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God.

Romans 8:23 And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.

Colossians 3:4 When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, **then you also will be revealed** with Him in glory.

- v. When we are made perfect (our resurrection) the intimacy between Christ & us **transcends** description
- vi. The best description of that intimacy is found in **Eph.5**
Ephesians 5:28 So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself;
²⁹ for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also *does* the church,
³⁰ because we are members of His body.
³¹ FOR THIS CAUSE A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER, AND SHALL CLEAVE TO HIS WIFE; AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH.
³² This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church.
³³ Nevertheless let each individual among you also love his own wife even as himself; and *let* the wife *see to it* that she respect her husband.
- vii. Listen to what Christ prays to the Father
John 17:24 (ESV) Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.
- viii. That is real intimacy

V.17 And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He said, "Take this and share it among yourselves;

V.18 for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine from now on until the kingdom of God comes."

1. "until the kingdom of God comes"

a. He waits – for His kingdom

b. Where joy exist w/out boundaries

i. No old sin nature

ii. No old body that inhibits joy

iii. No environment that cast a shadow

iv. No **sin** to contaminate

v. No inferior position to inhibit joy

vi. No mandatory lower class – that restrains

c. It is our future – b/c of His great love for us **1 Cor.11:23 (NP)**

1 Cor.11:23 For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you:

The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread,

V.24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me."

V.25 In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

V.26 For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

1. Time of meditation –
2. Pass out elements
3. Explain "Open Communion"
4. Glutton free

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1. "This is my body, which is for you"
 - a. Bread speaks of His **body** – which speaks of **who He is**
 - i. He is the sinless Lamb of God
 - ii. The only perfect Man
 - iii. He is the Son of God
 - b. Pray – Eat

V.25 In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

1. "This cup is the new covenant in my blood"
 - a. The cup speaks of what He did for us
 - i. He took our sins upon Himself
 - ii. HE who knew no sin became sin for us
 - iii.
 - b. Pray – Drink

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