

Lord's Supper

1-13-19

Sunday Morning

1. This is the beginning of a new year
 - a. It is appropriate that we observe the Lord's Supper at this time.
2. At first glance it appears as though there is very little said about the Lord's Supper.
 - a. Just 4 verses

1 Corinthians 11:23 For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which 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."

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*There is more here than noticed at 1st glance **V.23**

V.23 For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus *in the night in which He was betrayed* took bread;

1. "in the night in which He was betrayed"
 - a. For 4000 years Satan had tried to abort what God had said would happen at some point in time.

Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed^(virgin birth); He^(an individual) shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel."

- a. This was the night & Satan had a man who would cooperate w/ him.

- i. Listen to John as he speaks of Satan's activities.

John 13:21 When Jesus had said this, He became troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, that one of you will betray Me."

²² The disciples *began* looking at one another, at a loss *to know* of which one He was speaking.

V.26 Jesus therefore answered, "That is the one for whom I shall dip the morsel and give it to him." So when He had dipped the morsel, He took and gave it to Judas, *the son* of Simon Iscariot.

²⁷ And after the morsel, Satan then entered into him. Jesus therefore said to him, "What you do, do quickly."

- b. Christ knew – while this Passover meal was being celebrated a spiritual war was taking place.
 - i. The darkness was gathering like storm clouds.
 - ii. Satan's defeat was about to occur but not w/out a price.
 - 1. Satan didn't know his defeat was eminent.
- c. All of the Old Testament was about to be fulfilled.
 - iii. In just a few days Christ would walk w/ two disciples along the road to Emmaus & explain the Old Testament.

Luke 24:27(after the resurrection) And beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.
- d. As they sat at that meal Christ knew – mankind was about to be purchased from slave market of sin.
 - i. But the price would be high!
- e. Christ would become sin –
 - i. He would experience the wrath of God the Father b/c of the sin of others.
 - ii. He would pay for every sin ever committed except one – unbelief!
- f. Christ knew that the spiritual world was aligned for battle.
- g. He knew angels were watching & had no idea what was going on.
- h. He knew Satan's big offensive was about to take place.
- i. He knew that one word from Him and the angelic world would destroy His enemies & deliver Him.
 - iii. He said as much to Pilate.

John 18:36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting, that I might not be delivered up to the Jews; but **as it is**, My kingdom is not of this realm."

- j. He is very aware that from before creation – everything has come to this epic moment.

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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."*

- 1. "when He had given thanks"

- a. With all this in the background He was still able to give thanks to the Father.

- 2. "He broke it, and said, "This is My body, which is for you.".

- a. No man will ever plumb the depth of what Christ did on the cross.

- b. But Scripture gives us some information.

- i. He had to have a human body.

- c. We know that He offered His body to be broken for our salvation

Hebrews 10:5 Therefore, when He comes into the world, He says, " SACRIFICE AND OFFERING THOU HAST NOT DESIRED, BUT A BODY THOU HAST PREPARED FOR ME;

- d. The NLT makes it clearer still.

Hebrews 10:5 (NLT2) That is why, when Christ came into the world, he said to God, "You did not want animal sacrifices or sin offerings. But you have given me a body to offer.

- e. Scripture is clear concerning His body being broken.

Colossians 1:22 yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach—

Hebrews 10:9 then He said, " **BEHOLD, I HAVE COME TO DO THY WILL.**" He takes away the first in order to establish the second.

¹⁰ By this will we have been sanctified **through** the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

- f. His body speaks of who He is.
 - i. He is the perfect sinless Lamb of God – who takes away the sins of the world.

Revelation 5:11 And I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands,

¹² saying with a loud voice, " Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing."

¹³ And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying, "To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, *be* blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever."

- 3. "Do this in remembrance of Me."
 - a. We are to remember how much He gave for us!
 - b. We are to remember that He is the LAMB OF GOD!

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- 1. "This cup is the new covenant in My blood."
 - a. Scripture also gives some understanding of His blood.
 - b. We are told that w/out the shedding of blood there can be no forgiveness of sins.

Hebrews 9:22 And according to the Law, *one may almost say*, all things are cleansed with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

- c. We know that Christ's blood bought our salvation.

Acts 20:28 "Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood."

- d. We know Christ's blood **completely satisfied** God's justice.

Hebrews 9:12 And not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

2. "Do this... in remembrance of Me."

- a. We are to remember that it is His blood that saves us.
b. He purchased us from the slave market of sin w/ His blood.

Ephesians 1:7 "*In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace.*"

- i. "In Him we have redemption"
ii. "redemption" – Literally means to let go free for a ransom.
1. Denotes being released from a state of slavery

iii. "according to the riches of His grace"
1. Not out of the riches of His grace
2. But according to the riches of His grace

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1. "You proclaim the Lord's death until He comes."
a. It is His death that sets us free from the penalty of sin.
i. There is no wrath aimed toward us b/c Christ took our wrath on the cross.

Romans 5:9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.

- b. It is His death that sets us free from the power of sin.

- i. Sin can no longer demand what we do.

Romans 6:3 Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?

V.6 knowing this, that our old self was crucified with *Him*, that our body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin;

⁷ for he who has died is freed from sin.

- c. It is His coming again that will set us free from the presence of sin.

Revelation 21:4 "And He shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there shall no longer be any death; there shall no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away."

- 1. Today we remember what Christ did, for our salvation.

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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."

- 1. "This is my body, which is for you."

- a. Bread speaks of His **body** –

- i. A body He gave for us

Isaiah 52:14 Just as many were astonished at you, *My people,* So His appearance was marred more than any man, And His form more than the sons of men.

- b. His body speaks of who He is.

- i. He is the only sinless Lamb of God
- ii. The only perfect Man
- iii. He is the Son of God

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. It was His blood that bought our salvation – there is nothing we can contribute to His work.

***Mark 14:34-36 (gone)**

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

1. "you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes"
 - a. We have eternal life – b/c He died for us!

They sang a song before they left!