

Celebrating the Lord's Supper

Matthew 26:14-30

_____spect our hearts when gathering together (20-25)

- Jesus announced that someone would b_____ Him
 1. Jesus already knew that the betrayer was J_____.
 2. Jesus did not reveal the identity of the betrayer because He wanted all of the disciples to i_____ their hearts.
 - a. All answered Him with a rhetorical question, "Not I, Lord, right?"
 - b. Jesus reveals to Judas that He k_____ him to be the betrayer. This escaped the notice of all (Jn 13:26-29).

● Whenever we gather together

1. We are called Christ's b_____ (Eph 4:16; Col 1:18)
 - a. We do "together" activities – sing, pray, share, learn, en_____, etc.
 - b. We do these things in connection to Christ, the h_____.
2. We are to i_____ our hearts

● Preparing for the Lord's Supper

1. 1 Cor 11:27 - *Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord.*
2. 1 Cor 11:28 – a person must examine himself or herself so as to celebrate the Lord's Supper with m_____.
 - a. If there is a sin that is uncovered, r_____
 - b. If there is a matter unresolved with another believer, determine to r_____ it.

_____spect the meaning of communion (26-28)

● Tradition dictated certain words to be said during the Passover meal. Jesus said different words:

1. *This is My b_____ given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.* (the meaning of the bread) – Lk 22:19
2. *This is My b_____ of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins.* (the meaning of the cup).

● The lessons of communion

1. The lesson of the bread

- a. Jesus gave His body as a g_____ to us – He went to the cross on purpose, removing every barrier preventing Him from getting there.
 - b. Jesus gave His body as a s_____ for us – He took upon Himself the judgment we deserved (Rom 3:23; 6:23).
2. The lesson of the cup
- a. His blood put into effect a covenant which was the n____ covenant God promised He would enact (Jer 31:31-34).
 - b. His blood was poured out for m_____ - the blood is only for those who would believe.
 - c. His blood was a s_____ for our punishment, securing forgiveness for all our sins (Jesus is our Passover – 1 Cor 5:7)

spect our Lord to come again (29, 30)

- The Talmud (written in 200's A.D.) outlines the tradition of the Jews in relation to Passover.
 1. Looked back on God's judgment which passed over them and secured their freedom.
 2. Looked forward to the prophet Elijah's r_____.
- After everyone ate the Lord's Supper, Jesus pointed them to His r_____.
 1. On that day, we all will eat with Jesus at a m_____ feast (Rev 19:7,8) – between Christ and the church.
 2. On that day, Jesus will complete our salvation, removing all the effects of s_____ (I Thess 5:23,24 – body, soul, spirit).
- When we take the supper, we are to look forward to this day because complete v_____ is experienced in every way.