

The Lord's Supper



“Do this in remembrance of Me.” Luke 22:19

Exodus 12:21-28

The Passover

Then Moses called all the elders and said to them, “Go and select lambs for yourselves according to your clans, and kill the Passover lamb. 22 Take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and touch the lintel and the two door posts with the blood that is in the basin. None of you shall go out of the door of his house until the morning. 23 For the Lord will pass through to strike the Egyptians, and when He sees the blood on the lintel and on the two door posts, the Lord will pass over the door and will not allow the destroyer to enter your houses to strike you. 24 You shall observe this rite as a statute for you and for your sons forever. 25 And when you come to the land that the Lord will give you, as He has promised, you shall keep this service. 26 And when your children say to you, ‘What do you mean by this service?’ 27 you shall say, ‘It is the sacrifice of the Lord’s Passover, for He passed over the houses of the people of Israel in Egypt, when He struck the Egyptians but spared our houses.’” And the people bowed their heads and worshiped.

28 Then the people of Israel went and did so; as the Lord had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did.

Psalms 51:15-17

15 O Lord, open my lips,

and my mouth will declare Your praise.

16 For You will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;

You will not be pleased with a burnt offering.

17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;

a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

Matthew 26:17-19, 26-30

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Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where will You have us prepare for You to eat the Passover?" 18 He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with My disciples.'" 19 And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

26 Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." 27 And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, 28 for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. 29 I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom."

30 And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

(Read also: 1 Corinthians 11:23-25, Mark 14:12-25, Luke 22:7-10, John 13:1-38)

A Closer Look: The Lord's Supper

At the time of the first Passover, God told His people to put the blood of a perfect lamb on their door posts to protect them from death. They were told to celebrate this Passover every year so they would remember God's love for them. Jesus is the Perfect Lamb of God. He protects us from eternal death through His death on the cross. Jesus tells us to remember what He has done for us each time we celebrate the Lord's Supper.

- 1. What is the difference between dying and eternal death? How does God protect you from eternal death and take you to heaven?**
- 2. Just before He died, Jesus gave the Lord's Supper. What other names have you heard for the Lord's Supper?**
- 3. After giving thanks, Jesus gave the disciples bread to eat. What words did He say? When He gave them wine to drink, what words did He say?**
- 4. When you take the Lord's Supper, your sins are forgiven. How do you know this is true?**
- 5. What does it mean to be forgiven by God? What does it mean to forgive others? Is this easy for us?**
- 6. Jesus said, "Do this in remembrance of Me." What does this mean?**
- 7. Why should we go to communion?**