

Understanding Communion Passover After The CROSS Matthew 26:17-30

- I. The celebration of Passover by Jesus and his disciples as described in Matthew 26:17-30 is extremely significant. Why? Because during this Passover meal, the Lord Jesus Christ instituted another celebration, the Lord's Supper or what we call COMMUNION.
- II. The Background: Exodus 12
 - a. The Reason:
 1. God had Sent Moses to Tell Pharoah to let His people go. Pharoah refused and God sent 9 Plagues(water turning to blood, frogs, lice, flies, livestock pestilence, boils, hail, locusts, and darkness)upon Egypt Exodus Chapter 7-11. Chapter 12 opens with preparation for the tenth and final plague.
 2. ⁷They must take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses where they eat them.. Exodus 12:7
 3. ¹³The blood on the houses where you are staying will be a distinguishing mark for you; when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No plague will be among you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. Exodus 12:13
 4. ²²According to the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness. Hebrews 9:22
 5. ²⁹The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! John 1:29
 - b. The need still exists:
 1. For I am conscious of my rebellion,

and my sin is always before me.

⁴Against You—You alone—I have sinned
and done this evil in Your sight.

So You are right when You pass sentence;
You are blameless when You judge.

⁵Indeed, I was guilty when I was born;
I was sinful when my mother conceived me.

Psalm 51:3-5

2. Yet He himself bore our sicknesses, and He carried our pains; but we in turn regarded Him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. ⁵But He was pierced because of our rebellion, crushed because of our iniquities; punishment for our peace was on Him, and we are healed by His wounds. ⁶We all went astray like sheep; we all have turned to our own way; and the LORD has punished Him for the iniquity of us all. ⁷He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth. Like a lamb led to the slaughter and like a sheep silent before her shearers, he did not open his mouth. Isaiah 53:4-7

3. ²³For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. ²⁵God presented Him as the mercy seat by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His restraint God passed over the sins previously committed. Romans 3:23-25

III. The Preparation: Matthew 26:17-20

- a. The Room: ¹⁰"Listen," he said to them, "when you've entered the city, a man carrying a water jug will meet you. Follow him into the house he enters. ¹¹Tell the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks you, "Where is the guest room

where I can eat the Passover with my disciples?" ¹²Then he will show you a large, furnished room upstairs. Make the preparations there." Luke 22:10-12

- b. The Meal(**sedder**): The table is set with the finest china and silverware to reflect the importance of this meal. During this meal, the story of the Exodus from Egypt is retold using a special text called the Haggadah. Four cups of wine are consumed at various stages in the narrative. (wikipedia.org)

1. The Lamb: ⁵You must have an unblemished animal, a year-old male; you may take it from either the sheep or the goats. Exodus 12:5

2. The Bitter Herbs and Unleavened Bread: ⁸They are to eat the meat that night; they should eat it, roasted over the fire along with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Exodus 12:8

3. The Blood: ²²Take a cluster of hyssop, dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and brush the lintel and the two doorposts with some of the blood in the basin. None of you may go out the door of his house until morning. Exodus 12:22

- c. The Participants:

1. The Whole Household: ⁴If the household is too small for a whole animal, that person and the neighbor nearest his house are to select one based on the combined number of people; you should apportion the animal according to what each will eat. Exodus 12:4

2. All the disciples were there: ²⁰When evening came, He was reclining at the table with the Twelve. Matthew 26:20

IV. Judas was there: Matthew 26: 21-25

1. ²⁵Judas, His betrayer, replied, "Surely not I, Rabbi?" "You have said it," He told him.
Matthew 26:25
2. Jesus knew Judas was a **thief** (John 12:6), a **betrayer** (Matthew 26:21), and a **devil** (John 6:70-71) yet he was there. Judas was necessary in order for us to have victory at Calvary.
3. Judas fulfilled the Scripture: Even my friend in whom I trusted, one who ate my bread, has raised his heel against me. Psalm 41:9
4. Remember your enemies can really become your stepping stool. ¹³Now to which of the angels has he ever said: Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies your footstool? Hebrews 1:13

V. The blessing of the Bread

- ²⁶As they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take and eat it; this is My body." Matthew 26:26

VI. The blessing of the Cup

- ²⁷Then He took a cup, and after giving thanks, He gave it to them and said, "Drink from it, all of you. ²⁸For this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. Matthew 26:27-28

VII. They sang a hymn.

- ²⁹But I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom." ³⁰After singing a

hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Matthew 26:29-30

VIII. The Practice today 1 Corinthians 11:23-34

- a. Each church/denomination may do communion different.
- b. We believe you can take communion as often as you desire as long as it remain a special celebration to you.
 - ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.. 1 Corinthians 11:26
- c. We Believe The bread represents Jesus' body:
 - ²³For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: On the night when He was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took bread, ²⁴and when He had given thanks, broke it, and said, "This is My body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." 1 Corinthians 11:23-24
- d. We believe the wine/juice represents Jesus' blood:
 - ²⁵In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, and said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." 1 Corinthians 11:25
- e. We believe in open communion:
 - ²⁸Let a person examine himself; in this way let him eat the bread and drink from the cup. 1 Corinthians 11:28
- f. We believe communion represents the fulfillment of Psalm 51.
 - ⁷Purify me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.
¹⁰God, create a clean heart for me and renew a steadfast^l spirit within me. Psalm 51:7-10

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Let us break bread together on our knees

Let us break bread together on our knees, (on our knees)
Let us break bread together on our knees. (on our knees)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees, (on our knees)
Let us drink wine together on our knees. (on our knees)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees, (on our knees)
Let us praise God together on our knees. (on our knees)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me