

# The Lord's Supper

Luke 22.1–23

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## **Prelude:**

### **I. Jesus and his disciples were still in Jerusalem.**

- A. He had gone to Jerusalem first and foremost to die.
- B. That time had now arrived.
  - 1. However, before it could take place,
  - 2. he wanted to show the disciples
    - a) something that he would want them to do to remember him.
    - b) It is something that he wants all his disciples to do.

### **II. We want to be remembered,**

- A. especially for the good that we have done.
- B. We know that in time memories of us will fade from the people we touched.
  - 1. Soon, we will be gone, and
  - 2. our children will remember us, and
    - a) our grandchildren will too, but
    - b) not as much as our children, and
      - (1) our great-grandchildren may not even know who we were.
      - (2) Jesus wants us to remember him, because
        - (a) what he did
        - (b) affected not only the disciples traveling with him, but
          - i) everyone who has ever been saved from
          - ii) the destruction of our sins,
            - (1) needs to remember
            - (2) the cost he paid to acquire our forgiveness.

**Persuasion:**

**I. Luke 22.1–6 • Satan Entered Judas**

**1 Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called Passover. 2 And the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might kill Him, for they feared the people. 3 Then Satan entered Judas, surnamed Iscariot, who was numbered among the twelve. 4 So he went his way and conferred with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray Him to them. 5 And they were glad, and agreed to give him money. 6 So he promised and sought opportunity to betray Him to them in the absence of the multitude.**

A. Passover was the first day

1. of the Feast of Unleavened Bread,
2. which lasted for a week.
  - a) Luke noted this, because
  - b) this was the season when Jesus would die.
    - (1) It would also help us to understand
    - (2) what he used in establishing his memorial, because
      - (a) he used a couple of things from the Passover meal
      - (b) to establish two things that he wants us to remember.

B. While families throughout the land of Israel and in the city of Jerusalem

1. prepared to kill the Passover lamb,
2. the chief priests and scribes prepared to kill the true Passover Lamb.
  - a) They realized that they could not just go out and seize him, because
  - b) they feared how the people would react, and
    - (1) that would be an additional problem or
    - (2) even a greater problem to them.

C. Satan seized his opportunity.

1. He found Judas Iscariot,

2. knowing of his weakness of covetousness and for greed.
  - a) Luke noted that Judas was one of the 12.
  - b) So many times I think to myself
    - (1) that if Judas had not allowed Satan to enter him,
    - (2) that he would have been a faithful apostle and preacher, and
      - (a) we might be even quoting him, but
      - (b) unfortunately, he gave his heart to Satan and not to Jesus.
- D. Judas knew that the Jewish leaders wanted to arrest Jesus.
  1. Therefore, he met with them,
  2. that he might confer with them
    - a) on how to betray Jesus to them.
    - b) He was willing to betray Jesus, and
      - (1) the chief priests and scribes were glad
      - (2) that he would work with them in betraying Jesus, and
        - (a) so they gladly paid him, and
        - (b) he was glad to get the money.
- E. Then Judas gave his thoughts over to how to betray Jesus.
  1. He was not thinking on all the memorable teachings of Jesus.
  2. The images of all the miracles and how Jesus helped people,
    - a) did not find a place in the mind and heart of Judas.
    - b) In particular, Judas had to find a way to betray Jesus
      - (1) away from the crowds.
      - (2) Then he got an idea.
        - (a) There was a place where Jesus went privately with his disciples.
        - (b) It was away from the crowds.

## II. Luke 22.7–13 • A Man with a Pitcher of Water

**7 Then came the Day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover must be killed. 8 And He sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat." 9 So they said to Him, "Where do You want us to prepare?" 10 And He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him into the house which he enters. 11 Then you shall say to the master of the house, The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room where I may eat the Passover with My disciples? 12 Then he will show you a large, furnished upper room; there make ready." 13 So they went and found it just as He had said to them, and they prepared the Passover.**

A. It was time for the Passover,

1. especially for the killing of the Passover lamb.
2. What was the Passover?
  - a) The Passover was a lamb
  - b) that Israel killed every year
    - (1) to remember their deliverance from Egyptian bondage, because
    - (2) the children of Israel had to put the blood from the lamb
      - (a) across the top of the doorway and
      - (b) on the doorposts, and then
        - i) the Destroyer would passover that house, but
        - ii) since the Egyptians did not have blood in their doorways,
          - (1) the Destroyer would go in and take the life of the first-born.
          - (2) The children of Israel later that night went free.

B. How appropriate

1. that the blood of the Lamb Jesus Christ
2. covers us and we escape spiritual and eternal death, because
  - a) we are now free from our bondage to sin.

- b) The timing here was perfect.
- C. Jesus summoned Peter and John and
  - 1. asked them to make preparations
  - 2. that they might eat the Passover.
    - a) They knew this feast well, but
    - b) they did not know fully what was coming.
- D. Evidently, none of them lived in Jerusalem.
  - 1. So they wanted to know where to prepare it.
  - 2. Then he explained what they needed to do.
    - a) It appears that Jesus had made reservations with a certain man.
    - b) He told them exactly how to find the unnamed man.
      - (1) How amazing that he got to host
      - (2) Jesus and the 12 apostles.

### **III. Luke 22.14–23 • The Fervent Desire of Jesus**

**14 When the hour had come, He sat down, and the twelve apostles with Him. 15 Then He said to them, "With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; 16 for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." 17 Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; 18 for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." 19 And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me." 20 Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you. 21 But behold, the hand of My betrayer is with Me on the table. 22 And truly the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom He is betrayed!" 23 Then they began to question among themselves, which of them it was who would do this thing.**

- A. They all sat down to eat the Passover.
  - 1. Undoubtedly, they were sober and somber for this feast, but
  - 2. they would have been that way also, because

- a) of the way that Jesus was acting.
  - b) He knew that in 24 hours,
    - (1) he would be dead, and
    - (2) in his tomb.
      - (a) He knew of the torture of the cross and
      - (b) he knew of the separation from the Father.
  - c) All of it just hours away.
- B. Nevertheless, Jesus had a strong desire
- 1. to eat this particular Passover
  - 2. with his disciples
    - a) before his suffering.
    - b) The reason was
      - (1) that the next time he would eat it with them
      - (2) was in the kingdom of God.
        - (a) Jesus came to die, as we all know, but
        - (b) he also came to build the church/kingdom.
          - i) The entire Old Testament head toward the kingdom/church.
          - ii) Jesus had preached about it.
- C. He was about to set it up.
- 1. Daniel had prophesied:  
**44 “And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.”**  
– Daniel 2.44

2. Jesus had promised to build his church

**18 “And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.”**

– **Matthew 16.18**

- a) He has the keys to the gates of Hades and of death.
  - b) Therefore, when he died
    - (1) he used those keys
    - (2) to open the gates and
      - (a) to re-enter his body.
      - (b) Then he would build his church/kingdom.
        - i) This was so certain
        - ii) that not even death itself could prevent him from doing it.
- D. He declared that he would eat this supper with the disciples in the kingdom.
- E. We eat it now,
- 1. which means
  - 2. that he has set up his kingdom.
    - a) There are people still waiting for the kingdom, because
    - b) they do not understand the nature of the kingdom.
      - (1) The kingdom is here and
      - (2) when we eat the Lord's Supper,
        - (a) in the Spirit,
        - (b) he participates with us.
- F. He used two items from the Passover for them to use as a memorial of him.
- 1. The bread was his body.
  - 2. He gave it

- a) for them, and
  - b) for us.
- G. He took the cup of juice that they would have had there and
- 1. told them that it was his blood.
  - 2. It was the New Covenant in his blood.
    - a) He shed his blood
      - (1) for the New Covenant and
      - (2) for the remission of our sins.
    - b) Think on those two things as you meditate during the Supper.
- H. As he said these things,
- 1. did they understand what he said?
  - 2. He had been telling them
    - a) that he was going to Jerusalem to die, but
    - b) still things were very good.
      - (1) It would be hard to imagine what would take place
      - (2) in the next 24 hours.
- I. Notice
- 1. that he passed the cup and
  - 2. asked them to divide it among themselves.
    - a) They may have poured from one container, but
    - b) they all used their own separate containers.
- J. Then he made known to them
- 1. that his betrayer was close at hand,
  - 2. so close that he was eating with the betrayer.
    - a) He would not be known as a betrayer
    - b) unless he was part of the group.

- (1) Everything had been going so good
- (2) as the disciples followed Jesus, but
  - (a) then he revealed
    - (b) that one of them would take a terrible turn,
      - i) one which would change everything, and
      - ii) change the entire world for all time.

K. Jesus acknowledged

1. that the Son of Man was going as it had been determined, but
2. woe to the man who would do the betraying.
  - a) Jesus had to die.
  - b) There were prophecies that had to be fulfilled.
    - (1) However, how dreadful it would be
    - (2) for the one who made the fulfillment of those prophecies a reality.
      - (a) What is Judas experiencing right now?
      - (b) Is anything worth betraying Jesus over?

L. This shocking news made the disciples begin to question among themselves

1. as to which one would do such a thing.
2. Next Lord's Day, Lord willing,
  - a) we will see further how the disciples reacted to this prophecy and
  - b) how they sought to deny that it could apply to themselves.

**Exhortation:**

**I. The next time you eat the Lord's Supper,**

**II. keep in mind at least these things:**

- A. Jesus gave his body for you.
- B. Jesus gave his blood for you.
  1. His blood dedicated the New Covenant.

2. His blood brought forgiveness of your sins.
- C. He joins with you in the Supper.