

## The Last Supper – Part Two – Apr. 6, 2022

**The Last Supper takes place at Passover. Festival of Unleavened Bread. Explain Passover. (Ex. 12) 10 plagues. Passover. Leave quickly Can't talk about this night w/o timing.**

- **1<sup>st</sup> day of Festival...** When chief priests don't want it.
  - **Matt. 26** - 2 days before Passover. Jesus in Bethany, tells His disciples, "You know that Passover comes in 2 days. That's when the Son of Man will be betrayed & handed over for crucifixion."
  - **3-5** - At that same time the leading priests and elders were meeting at the residence of Caiaphas, the high priest, plotting how to capture Jesus secretly and kill him. "But not during the Passover celebration," they agreed, "or the people may riot."
    - **Our time isn't God's time. Ordained times...** Purposeful.

- **2 days later, Jesus knew His time was near.** (Matt 26:18)

**Luke 22:7-13** – "Now the Festival of Unleavened Bread arrived, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed. Jesus sent Peter and John ahead and said, "Go and prepare the Passover meal, so we can eat it together." Where do you want us to prepare it?" they asked him. He replied, "As soon as you enter Jerusalem, a man carrying a pitcher of water will meet you. Follow him. At the house he enters, say to the owner, 'The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room where I can eat the Passover meal with my disciples?' He will take you upstairs to a large room that is already set up. That is where you should prepare our meal." They went off to the city and found everything just as Jesus had said, and they prepared the Passover meal there."

Passover begins with a foretelling. Prophecy. This will happen...

Moses prophesied about the 10<sup>th</sup> plague on the 1<sup>st</sup> born. It happened. There were 324 prophecies about the Messiah... Jesus fulfilled them. Jesus prophesied - He would be betrayed & crucified... it happened. Jesus prophesied - Peter would deny Him... it happened.

- God knows our future. No surprise. All our life is preparation. God is preparing us for greatness. To do great things.

- Jesus prophesied for us: we'd do Greater things than He did...

**John 14:12** – “Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. 13 And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.”

● Don't be discouraged. Be excited about the future. Prepared 4 great!

Last Supper is told 4x – Matt. Mark, Luke & 1 Co. 11.

Numbers w/in Last Supper – 3 + 4. Disciples: 4 sets of 3.

4 sets of tapestries on each wall, w/ 3 spaces between them.

Back wall has 3 open windows, framed by 4 structural supports.

3 rep divinity, completeness, perfection. 3 sides to make triangle  
3 in the trinity, and Jesus is w/in a triangle in painting.

At the last Supper, Jesus knows 3 things:

1 – **Time Has Come**. The cup will not pass. He was born for this.

He was quiet before His accusers. His only comment: a prophecy.

**Matt. 26:64** – “You have said it. And in the future you will see the Son of Man seated in the place of power at God's right hand and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

2 – Symbolism of this Night: He is the **Passover Lamb**.

**Ex. 12:5** – animal: 1-yr-old male, sheep or goat, w/no defects.

**Isa. 53:7** – “He was oppressed and afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth. He was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so He did not open His mouth.

3 – **New Covenant needed**... Even His disciples will fail Him.

**Luke 22:16** - Jesus said, “I have been very eager to eat this Passover meal with you before my suffering begins. For I tell you now that I won't eat this meal again until its meaning is fulfilled in the Kingdom of God.”

17 - He took a cup of wine - gave thanks to God for it - “Take this and share it among yourselves. 18 For I will not drink wine again until the Kingdom of God has come.”

19 - He took bread, gave thanks, broke it in pieces, gave it to disciples, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

20 After supper he took another cup of wine and said, “This cup is the **new covenant** between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood, which is poured out as a sacrifice for you.”

**Jesus is Passover Lamb**; the Lord’s Supper establishes **New Covenant**.

1- Old Covenant (Mosaic) – laws to govern behavior & blessings for obeying.

High priest offered sacrifices for the people. Over & over.

“For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins” (**Heb. 10:4**).

Wasn’t able to fully offer forgiveness. Jesus does.

2 - People struggled to live under Old Covenant. **613**. After Jesus, we have **Holy Spirit** – dwells in us, gives us power & strength – our hearts know....

**Jer. 31:33** - “This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the LORD. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.”

3 - We have **direct access** to God. Jesus is our **mediator**.

**Heb. 8:6** – “Jesus, our High Priest, has been given a ministry that is far superior to the old priesthood, for he is the one who mediates for us a far better covenant with God, based on better promises.”

**We have the promise of Heaven. An incredible supper awaits us.**

**Rev 19:9** - “Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!”

We can’t enter the wedding supper unless we have been washed by Jesus.

**John 14:6-9** – Jesus started to wash Peter’s feet. 8 “No,” said Peter, “you shall never wash my feet.” Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.” 9 “Then, Lord,” Simon Peter replied, “not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!”

Jesus washes us... cleanses us.

Song of the week: “**Remember Me**” – by Mark Schultz & Ginny Owens.

Stay positive. Test negative. Get vaccinated.

**Easter** – 11 days. April 17. 10:30 a.m.