

Greetings Welcome to Mercy and Truth Church today is March 26 2023

So today we are going pick up where we left off, Last week we defined Gods definition of a Day, understanding that it begins in the evening, we looked into the prophetic book of Daniel and saw that Messiah was to be cut off in the middle of the week. We understood the Passover was a specific time of the year that the Jews Slaughtered a Lamb at twilight and we also understood that the Passover could be referring to the entire week of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, a kind of short hand nickname if you will. We read the Gospel accounts and understood the true definition of the Unpardonable Sin, which was plotting to carry out the execution of the Messiah. We continued reading up until the point we saw the Devil enter Judas, and remember that means Judas had to allow himself to be a willing recipient of that spirit.

So let us pick up and continue on with the 4 eye witness accounts of those days and let us not forget that scripture says in the Old Testament as is repeated in the New Testament, in

Matthew 18:16

¹⁶ But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, **that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.**

Deuteronomy 19:15

¹⁵ **One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth: at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established.**

So we know there are 4 Gospel accounts, that is Good News accounts of what went transpired during the ministry of the Messiah. So in Honors kindergarten we learned that 4 is greater than 2 yeah even that 3....so the events of Christs Ministry are established as True, because we have four testimonies of 4 eyewitnesses to the events that transpired.

So we pick up the Story here still on the Second Day where while Jesus and the Disciples are the house of Simon the Leper, Judas is covenanting with the High priest to sell out Jesus.

Matthew 26:14-15

¹⁴ Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests, ¹⁵ and said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver.

So how much was this exactly, well a lot of historians disagree anywhere from one month to three months of wages....So Judas sold out the Redeemer of all Israel for 3 months wages.....oh that's a fair trade for an eternity in hell don't you think?

Now remember Jesus came to fulfill the Law and the Prophets, so turn to the Minor Prophet Zechariah

Zechariah 11:10-12

¹⁰ And I took my staff, even Beauty, and cut it asunder, that I might break my covenant which I had made with all the people. ¹¹ And it was broken in that day: and so the poor of the flock that waited upon me knew that it was the word of the Lord. ¹² And I said unto them, If ye think good, give me my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver.

Notice that Zechariah Cuts his staff asunder...to break his covenant with the people.....Remember two weeks ago I told you that in the book of Daniel 9:26-27 the Messiah was cut off from his people.....do you now see the relevance, the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets.....Jesus was fulfilling what was said by two or more prophets he was being cut off, that is his covenant with the Jew was going to be severed by his death burial and resurrection. Upon His resurrection, all people were now entitled to what the Jew was originally promised. Don't let this be lost on you, don't believe it...turn back to Mathew 15....

Matthew 15:21-26

²¹ Then Jesus went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon. ²² And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil. ²³ But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us. ²⁴ **But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.** ²⁵ Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me. ²⁶ But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs.

You see Jesus first had to preach the Kingdom of Heaven to the Jewish Nation as he promised his friend Abraham...but the Jews as we are going to see rejected him and betrayed him to the cross.....we know the end of the end of that story, her child was saved by her faith.

So reiterating, Jesus being cut off at the crucifixion is a covenant change, that is the engrafting of Gentiles into the house of Israel.

Romans 11:16-18

¹⁶ For if the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so are the branches. ¹⁷ And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, **being a wild olive tree**, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the **root and fatness of the olive tree**; ¹⁸ boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee.

The Firstfruit is Jesus he is the root, the olive tree is Israel, the branches of the wild olive tree are the gentiles.....do you see the New covenant is all about grafting in the Gentiles into Israel, the Olive tree whose root is Jesus, the Messiah, the Christ.

So moving On, we jump forward in time a day from the 2nd day of week to the 3rd, now this gets a bit confusing so hold on.....

Matthew 26:17

¹⁷ Now the first *day* of the *feast of unleavened bread* the disciples came to Jesus, saying unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the passover?

So we need to understand two things are going on here, as the second day ends, the sun is going down the Disciples of Christ pose this question to him.....their intent was that the next evening would be the passover lamb sacrifice and meal...but as we will see Jesus is eating his passover meal this evening very evening referred in modern times as the Last supper. If we are very careful we understand the Passover lamb is slaughtered at twilight then eaten when dark as the evening meal. In hind sight we know that Jesus is that Passover Lamb, so as we read we see that His Last Supper, His Passover is actually 24 hours

before the slaughter of the traditional lambs. And it is technically the Passover Day since the day begins at even and the lamb slaughter at the going down of the sun....typically.

All of this symbolism is difficult to follow if you are not scrupulous in your understanding of the original Jewish feasts.....The Day before the High holy day of Unleavened bread is called the preparation day, as is the day before the Sabbath. So on this special Passover week there are two preparation days and two Sabbaths, a High Sabbath and a Regular Sabbath.

Let us continue with the account in Mathew...

Matthew 26:18-25

¹⁸ And he said, Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him, The Master saith, **My time is at hand**; I will keep the passover at thy house with my disciples. ¹⁹ And the disciples did as Jesus had appointed them; and they made ready the passover.

- So we have here a very unordinary but supernatural occurrence an unknown Jew had prepared a place for Jesus's Last Supper a Day before the Regular Jewish Passover...god ordained for sure.

²⁰ **Now when the even was come**, he sat down with the twelve. ²¹ And as they did eat, he said, Verily I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me. ²² And they were exceeding sorrowful, and began every one of them to say unto him, Lord, is it I? ²³ And he answered and said, **He that dippeth his hand with me in the dish, the same shall betray me.** ²⁴ The Son of man goeth as it is written of him: but woe unto that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! **it had been good for that man if he had not been born.** ²⁵ Then Judas, which betrayed him, answered and said, Master, is it I? He said unto him, **Thou hast said.**

- So Jesus Let's Judas know he knows.....it had to be someone, Jesus needed to be betrayed in order for his purpose to be fulfilled, but we all have freewill, Judas after 3 ½ years with Jesus didn't have to betray Jesus but he made a willful choice, 30 pieces of silver...a 3 months wage for the Salvation of Mankind.....the Unpardonable Sin...let your mind wrap itself around that...

Mark 14:12

¹² And the first day of unleavened bread, **when they killed the passover**, his disciples said unto him, Where wilt thou that we go and prepare that thou mayest eat the passover?

- So here Mark Clarifies the day a bit better than Mathew...it was the day they killed the passover (lamb) when does the Day start? In the evening.....so the sun is set and the question is asked...

Mark 14:13-16

¹³ And he sendeth forth two of his disciples, and saith unto them, Go ye into the city, and there shall meet you a man bearing a pitcher of water: follow him. ¹⁴ And wheresoever he shall go in, say ye to the goodman of the house, The Master saith, Where is the guestchamber, **where I shall eat the passover with my disciples?** ¹⁵ And he will shew you a large upper room furnished and prepared: there make ready for us. ¹⁶ And his disciples went forth, and came into the city, and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready the passover.

- So words matter, close attention must be paid to the words, a miracle happens here..., **where I shall eat the passover with my disciples.....The Lords passover with his disciples is held before the death of the Lamb, before the crucifixion.....the Goodman prepared in advance for Jesus.**

- **It is Key to understand this, and you would have not understood this if you don't understand that Gods definition of a Day begins in the Evening, and that Jesus in order to fulfill the Law and the Prophets must be that sacrificial Passover Lamb.**

Mark 14:17

¹⁷ And in the evening he cometh with the twelve.

- The Evening is the Beginning of the Day...the day the passover lamb is killed, literally killed during the Daylight hours about 18 hours hence at the time of the afternoon sacrifice.

Mark 14:19-21

¹⁹ And they began to be sorrowful, and to say unto him one by one, Is it I? and another said, Is it I? ²⁰ And he answered and said unto them, It is one of the twelve, that dippeth with me in the dish. ²¹ The Son of man indeed goeth, as it is written of him: **but woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed!** good were it for that man if he had never been born.

- Notice How all the Apostles questioned whether it was one of them that would betray Jesus...by this point they knew that there own though life wasn't pure being with the perfect messiah for 3 ½ years now. They understood that anyone of the could have been it....
- That's a concept for all of us to grasp.....

Luke 22:7-16

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 us the passover, that we may eat. ⁹ And they said unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare?

- Now we being to see the rest of the Story Jesus Directed Peter and John, to prepare the passover, again basically a day early, they must have been thinking this is Odd.....

¹⁰ And he said unto them, Behold, when ye are entered into the city, there shall a man meet you, bearing a pitcher of water; follow him into the house where he entereth in. ¹¹ And ye shall say unto the goodman of the house, The Master saith unto thee, Where is the guestchamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples? ¹² And he shall shew you a large upper room furnished: there make ready. ¹³ And they went, and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready the passover.

- So now Peter and John found it as Jesus said, you see this is one of the most overlooked passages in scripture, the miracle of a some unnamed Jew having a room ready for Jesus's last meal with his disciples.....

¹⁴ And when the hour was come, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him. ¹⁵ And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer: ¹⁶ for I say unto you, **I will not any more eat thereof**, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

- So Jesus makes a vow here, he is not going eat of physical food ...Until it be fulfilled in the Kingdom of God.....what's the it? What needs to be fulfilled in the Kingdom of God, the spiritual Kingdom?....Think on that a while.....
- Let's go to John Chapter 13....lucky 13.....

John 13:1-3

¹Now **before the feast of the passover**, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end. ² And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him; ³ Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God;

- So the Last witness of these events states;**Now before the feast of the passover.... States that the Last Supper was before the feast of the Passover....!**
- Ok so when we merge all three of these accounts we get the whole picture, the Last Supper occurs the evening before the Jewish Passover Meal.
- Now why is this important, because Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets, Jesus Christ in order to meet the requirements of the prophetic book of Daniel being cut down in the midst of the week must have been crucified on the 4th day of the week and it must have been the Passover the day in which the Lambs are slaughtered in order to make a completion of the prophetic timetable.
- Without understanding God's Law and Statues you could never have come to this conclusion, you could have never have laid the foundation for understanding that God fulfills the written word and that all historical records only prove the words of the biblical account.

So Let us move forward to the actual Last Supper. Since we are in John we will start here and work backwards.....

John 13:4-6

⁴ he riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. ⁵ After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded. ⁶ Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet?

- Peter is really puzzled by this the Messiah is humbling himself to do a servants Job.....how degrading.....listen to Peters next words...

John 13:7-8

⁷ Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter. ⁸ Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.

- Jesus recognizes Peters confusion, and gently tells him yeah you don't get it know but you will in the future...
- Peter Still aghast at this degrading practice tells Jesus, Thou shalt never wash my feet...
- Jesus responds forcefully.... If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.
- I this Point if you were to look at Peter you could see the Little Gears turning in his head...and you have to laugh at what Peter Says next...it's what I call if a little is Good More is better...

John 13:9

⁹Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head.

- After being upbraided by Jesus Peter is now all in, ok well then let's do all of me.....lol

John 13:10

¹⁰ Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all.

- So let's think about this in a physical and a spiritual sense....
 - Physically the Jews wash before dinner, good hygienic practice right, but you can't help but to walk around on the ground...so your feet still are dirty...physically
 - Now Spiritually, these disciples are with Jesus they have repented of their sins and allowed themselves to be led by the Spirit of God, the Messiah himself....
 - So Your feet contacting the ground is synonymous with your spiritual body in contact with the world.....you get dirty by being in the world, and are in need of being washed.
- I hope you see that...this act of contrition by Christ is a symbolic gesture a final cleansing of their sins in order to purify them and make them clean for the Father...a future event....
- Jesus the God of the Universe Humbles himself to clean UP his creature, that he may be presentable to his father, cleaning what we cannot clean by means of our contact with the world!.
- But Notice...not all are clean.....Judas, Judas has Satan in his Heart, Rebellion.

John 13:11

¹¹ For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean.

John 13:12-16

¹² So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you? ¹³ Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. ¹⁴ If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶ Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him.

- The servant is not greater than his lord;.....We must be as humble as Christ, we must do as the Lord has commanded, we must emulate him, to be like him. We are not greater than he and he washed the feet of 12 men to prove his humility be for all mankind...

Luke 22:17-18

¹⁷ And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves: ¹⁸ for I say unto you, I will not drink of the **fruit of the vine**, until the kingdom of God shall come.

- Jesus tells them he is not going to drink of the vine, until the Kingdom of God Comes, now this is exceedingly important Statement, because when he is on the cross he refuses wine mixed with myrrh ...wine is the fruit of the vine, it is not that Jesus never drank wine, it is because of this vow.....ahhhh

Luke 22:19-23

¹⁹ And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. ²⁰ Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you. ²¹ But, behold, the hand of him that betrayeth me is with me on the table. ²² And truly the Son of man goeth, as it was determined: but woe unto that man by whom he is betrayed! ²³ And they began to enquire among themselves, which of them it was that should do this thing.

- Is it I? is It I?

Mark 14:22-25

²² And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said, Take, eat: this is my body. ²³ And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them: and they all drank of it. ²⁴ And he said unto them, **This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many.** ²⁵ Verily I say unto you, I will drink no more of the fruit of the vine, until that day that I drink it new in the kingdom of God.

- So we see now the Lords Supper, the symbology, the wine for his blood the unleavened bread for his body.
- Remember in the Book of Daniel 9:27.....all the theologians and Baptist Scholars who missed the very words of Christ and the Truth of there means....

Daniel 9:27

²⁷ And he shall **confirm the covenant with many for one week**: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

- Confirming the Covenant, the New Testament for the many, for one week.....the 3 ½ years of his walk amongst men showing them the way, and the 3 ½ years of the Great Tribulation of punishment for their failure to believe on him, to bring them back to the Cross and back to him the Truth.....

We are Going to stop here today and pick it up next week....I hope you see words are important....

- Covenant/Testament
- Many
- Midst of the week
- Sacrifice and Oblation
- I will drink no more of the fruit of the vine.....

The true is there in plain sight

