

COMMUNION WITH JESUS

31 DAY CONTEMPLATION OF THE LORDS' SUPPER

Revelation 3:20-22 (GW) Look, I'm standing at the door and knocking. If anyone listens to my voice and opens the door, I'll come in and we'll eat together. (21) I will allow everyone who wins the victory to sit with me on my throne, as I have won the victory and have sat down with my Father on his throne. (22) Let the person who has ears listen to what the Spirit says to the churches."

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PREFACE

This booklet was assembled as a month-long period of consecration for our congregation during the COVID-19 pandemic. During that time, I noticed the separation from our church services and Christian community created isolation and distance between us and in some cases with our LORD Jesus.

There was an essential need being ignored during a season of social distance and health concerns, spiritual intimacy. After months of closed churches, ZOOM ministry and Facebook live services, personal interaction among the Christian community almost died out. This was also reflected in the individual spiritual fellowship each of us experienced with our Savior.

In answer to this dilemma I sensed a desire to reach out to my LORD and the church membership. I believe this is the reason we embarked upon a 31-day partaking of the LORD'S Supper. We experienced wonderful fellowship with the great Redeemer and our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Our spirits were stirred, mind stimulated, and we had blessed fellowship. The relationships increased our love and concern for each other, and joy intensified. We did this on the ZOOM platform, and it was a great benefit. Each home provided the bread and cup for the sessions and these teachings are a result of the effort.

This booklet is offered as a guide to any one that desires to enhance their understanding of the Holy Communion and follow the instructions of Paul when He said: **1 Corinthians 11:26 (KJV)** "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come."

Each of us can partake of the LORD'S Supper as often as desired, not just once a month and in the church.

Some may wonder why Revelation 3:20-22 is on the front cover of this booklet, I will tell you.

The last meal shared, while in His human body, with the disciples on the night He was arrested included the instructions for commemorating His sacrifice and remembering Him. This was an event to bond believers together overcoming ethnic, racial, geographical, social, gender and time differences. In addition, the atmosphere of the setting in the church would invite the presence of the LORD into the gathering of the Saints confirming our fellowship with each other and Jesus.

In Revelation 3, we see the last church the LORD is speaking to and the separation from Jesus. He is outside the church, knocking on the door seeking to get them to open the door for Him to enter in and have supper with them.

Supper is a time of fellowship, love, intimacy and strengthening of relationship. It is absent in the church of Laodicea. We should ponder this situation to identify our connection with Jesus. Is He outside knocking on our door soliciting an invite to come in to sup with us?

The LORD'S Supper is a wonderful opportunity to respond to the knock on the door of our heart and invite the LORD to enter in and have supper with us. The question is: do we have ears to hear what the Spirit is saying?

DAY 1

THE LORD'S SUPPER

1 Corinthians 10:16-17 (KJV) The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? **17** For we *being* many are one bread, *and* one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread.

1 Corinthians 10:21 (KJV) Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils.

INTRODUCTION:

The Lord's Supper, also called communion or the eucharist (meaning "thanksgiving" in Greek), holds deep significance for a believer and should not be underestimated. More than just a memorial to remember Jesus' death and resurrection, the Lord's Supper is also a declaration of one's continual dependence upon Christ's life and a regular reminder of His soon return.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:

Observance of the Lord's supper began when Jesus initiated it at His last supper meal before His death with his disciples. The apostle Paul wrote about this event in

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (KJV) For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the *same* night in which he was betrayed took bread: **24** And when he had given thanks, he brake *it*, and said, **Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you:**

this do in remembrance of me. 25 After the same manner also *he took* the cup, when he had supped, saying, *This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.* 26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

Thus, the Lord's Supper involves partaking of two elements, bread, and grape juice(wine) and is preceded by a blessing or prayer of thanksgiving.

THE TWO ELEMENTS:

The bible reveals some deep truths about the two elements of communion.

1. **The Bread**, representing the Body of Jesus

By partaking of the bread in communion, we acknowledge that Jesus is our source of life. Indeed, he is the Bread of Life whereby we may satisfy our spiritual hunger. He said, **John 6:51 (KJV)** *I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.*

Bread signifies life, so when Jesus broke the unleaven bread and gave it to His disciples, he illustrated that His body (life) would be broken in order that they might have life.

But there's more; the broken body of Jesus ushered in the new covenant, signified by the temple veil tearing in two. The writer of Hebrews said,

Hebrews 10:19-20 (KJV) Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, **20** By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;.

This “new and living way” is by His spirit, allowing us to approach GOD with a heart made pure by the blood of Jesus. Furthermore, the resurrected body of Jesus validates the new covenant, because the same Holy Spirit that raised up Jesus from the dead is the same Spirit dwelling in the children of GOD

Romans 8:11 (KJV) But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.,

who will raise them, too, at the last day!

Finally, the breaking of bread with other believers signifies fellowship within the Body of Christ and unity by the Holy Spirit

Acts 2:42 (KJV) And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

The Body of Christ is strengthened, and Jesus is glorified when the Body serves one another in humility and shares blessings in selfless love.

1 Corinthians 10:17 (KJV) For we *being* many are one bread, *and* one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread.

LET US NOW CELEBRATE OUR LORDS' SACRIFICE: DAY 1**Get your bread and cup-**

Matthew 26:26-28 (KJV) And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed *it*, and brake *it*, and gave *it* to the disciples, and said, **Take, eat; this is my body.** **27** And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, **Drink ye all of it; 28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.**

DAY 2

2. **The cup**, representing the Blood of Jesus

Matthew 26:26-29 (KJV) And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed *it*, and brake *it*, and gave *it* to the disciples, and said, **Take, eat; this is my body.** **27** And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, **Drink ye all of it; 28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. 29 But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.**

The symbol of a cup represents a measure or portion, and blood signifies suffering and death. Blood is the life of the body, but when it is poured out, death occurs

Leviticus 17:11 (KJV) For the life of the flesh *is* in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it *is* the blood *that* maketh an atonement for the soul.

The Father gave Jesus a cup of suffering to drink, requiring Him to be the sacrificial Lamb of atonement for sin and to pour out his sinless blood through a torturous death; for only the shed blood of Jesus can cleanse and make permanent atonement for all sin.

1 John 1:7 (KJV) But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

Jesus cried out in gethsemane,

Mark 14:36 (KJV) And he said, *Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt.*

Jesus submitted Himself to His Father's will and drank the dark and terrible cup of wrath for our sin.

2 Corinthians 5:21 (KJV) For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

By partaking of the communion cup, we commit to follow Jesus no matter the cost. Jesus drank the cup of GOD's wrath for our sin, but we are to partake in His sufferings for righteousness' sake. Jesus said,

John 15:20 (KJV) *Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.*

Paul knew from experience that all who accept Jesus must accept suffering

2 Timothy 3:12 (KJV) Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

And Peter encouraged believers to respond to suffering even as Christ did:

1 Peter 2:21-23 (KJV) For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: **22** Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: **23** Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed *himself* to him that judgeth righteously:

The Lord's Supper gives believers the opportunity to identify themselves with Jesus, Mediator of the new covenant, and show that they are willing to experience both His life (power) and death (suffering) in their daily walk. The apostle Paul said it best:

Philippians 3:10-11 (KJV) That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; **11** If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.

Just as the Passover was a symbol of the old covenant, so the Lord's Supper is a symbol of the new. Christians remember the sacrificial death of the Lamb of GOD for their sin (bondage) while anticipating the consummation of their salvation in the Kingdom of heaven (Promised Land). King David knew only the old covenant, yet by faith he declared,

Psalms 116:13 (KJV) I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD.

LET US NOW CELEBRATE OUR LORDS' SACRIFICE: DAY 2**Get your bread and cup-**

Mark 14:22-24 (KJV) 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.**

DAY 3

BIBLICAL WARNINGS:

Everyone should examine his own heart prior to partaking the Lord's Supper to be certain of a pure conscience toward GOD.

1 Corinthians 11:27-29 (KJV) Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink *this* cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. **28** But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of *that* bread, and drink of *that* cup. **29** For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

The word “discern” in this context means to make a distinction or set apart the holy from that which is common; it means to not regard

Hebrews 10:29 (KJV) Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?.

Although you should certainly rejoice and celebrate the finished work of Christ's death and resurrection, be sure you also live a holy life.

1 Thessalonians 2:12 (KJV) That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.

Eating and drinking unworthily has to do with trying to identify with Christ but elsewhere living like the world. We are warned to turn from sin before identifying with Christ so as not to come under judgment. Paul said,

1 Corinthians 5:8 (KJV) Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened *bread* of sincerity and truth.

Paul gave some additional warnings about the right approach to the table of the LORD. The Corinthian church had divisions over their communion meal because some people were selfish and overindulgent while others left hungry. Paul corrected them sternly, saying that this was not the Lord's Supper at all. He said,

1 Corinthians 11:17-22 (KJV) Now in this that I declare *unto you* I praise *you* not, that ye come together not for the better, but for the worse. **18** For first of all, when ye come together in the church, I hear that there be divisions among you; and I partly believe it. **19** For there must be also heresies among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you. **20** When ye come together therefore into one place, *this* is not to eat the Lord's supper. **21** For in eating every one taketh before *other* his own supper: and one is hungry, and another is drunken. **22** What? have ye not houses to eat and to drink in? or despise ye the church of God, and shame them that have not? What shall I say to you? shall I praise you in this? I praise *you* not.

1 Corinthians 11:33-34 (KJV) Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together to eat, tarry one for another. **34** And if any man

hunger, let him eat at home; that ye come not together unto condemnation. And the rest will I set in order when I come.

Paul understood that the purpose of the Lord's Supper was to remember Christ and His example of love and servanthood, not to feast and indulge. One interpretation of Paul's correction here is that whenever the Body of Christ comes together, there should be unity in eating, and drinking; if everyone is not eating, then no one should eat. If anyone is hungry, Paul said, let him eat at home – instead of eating, for example, while the rest of the Body is worshipping the LORD.

LET US NOW CELEBRATE OUR LORDS' SACRIFICE: DAY 3

Get your bread and cup-

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (KJV) For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the *same* night in which he was betrayed took bread: **24** And when he had given thanks, he brake *it*, and said, **Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.** **25** After the same manner also *he* took the cup, when he had supped, saying, **This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.** **26** For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

DAY 4

BOND OF FELLOWSHIP:

The terms "communion" and "fellowship" They designate acts of fellowship observed among the early Christians or express the unique sense of unity and fellowship of which these acts were the outward expression.

From the very beginning the early Christians experienced a peculiar sense of unity. Christ is at once the center of this unity and the origin of every expression of fellowship. Sometimes the fellowship is essentially an experience. It may rather be regarded as a mystical union in Christ. In other instances the fellowship is represented as a participation or partnership. The terms occur most frequently in the writings of Paul with whom the idea of Christian unity was a controlling principle.

Communion illustrates fellowship with the LORD and with his body, the church.

Our fellowship is with the Father and His Son Jesus

As a communion between the Son and the Father. The gospel record represents Jesus as enjoying a unique sense of communion and intimacy with the Father.

1 Corinthians 1:9 (KJV) *God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.*

1 John 1:3 (KJV) *That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.*

Our fellowship is through the holy Ghost

2 Corinthians 13:14 (KJV) *The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.*

Philippians 2:1 (KJV) *If **there be** therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies,*

Believers fellowship in the Gospel. We all are partakers in the saving power and message of the good news

1 Corinthians 9:23 (KJV) *And this I do for the gospel's sake, that I might be partaker thereof with **you**.*

Philippians 1:5 (KJV) *For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now;*

Those who walk in the light have fellowship with each other

1 John 1:7 (KJV) *But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.*

Some may break fellowship with the Body, as one who betrays a brother

Leviticus 6:2 (KJV) *If a soul sin, and commit a trespass against the LORD, and lie unto his neighbour in that which was delivered him to keep, or in fellowship, or in a thing taken away by violence, or hath deceived his neighbour;*

John 21:20 (KJV) *Then Peter, turning about, seeth the disciple whom Jesus loved following; which also leaned on his breast at supper, and said, Lord, which is he that betrayeth thee?*

If we say we have fellowship with Jesus Christ, but walk in darkness, we lie

1 John 1:6 (KJV) If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

Righteousness and unrighteousness cannot walk in fellowship together

Psalms 94:20 (KJV) Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee, which frameth mischief by a law?

1 Corinthians 10:20 (KJV) But *I say*, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils.

Ephesians 5:11 (KJV) And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove *them*.

So precious is the bond of fellowship portrayed in communion that it cannot be shared with other “gods.” Paul said,

1 Corinthians 10:21 (KJV) Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils.

No one can serve two masters

Luke 16:13 (KJV) *No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.*

neither can a person keep idols in his or her heart while fellowshiping with the LORD. Some may pretend to do so, but the scripture says,

James 4:4 (KJV) Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

LET US NOW CELEBRATE OUR LORDS' SACRIFICE: DAY 4**Get your bread and cup-**

Matthew 26:26-29 (KJV) And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed *it*, and brake *it*, and gave *it* to the disciples, and said, **Take, eat; this is my body.** **27** And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, **Drink ye all of it;** **28** For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. **29** But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

DAY 5

LOOKING AHEAD:

Last but not least, the LORD's Supper is a time to anticipate the day when we will see our LORD and King face to face. He will drink of the fruit of the vine for the first time since his death, just as He said:

Matthew 26:29 (KJV) But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

There will be a great marriage supper of the Lamb and judgment on the wicked

Revelation 19:7-18 (KJV) Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. **8** And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. **9** And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed *are* they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God. **10** And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See *thou do it* not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy. **11** And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him *was* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. **12** His eyes *were* as a flame of fire, and on his head *were* many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. **13** And he *was* clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. **14** And the armies *which were* in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. **15** And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress

of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. **16** And he hath on *his* vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS. **17** And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; **18** That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all *men, both* free and bond, both small and great.

In that day, those who do not share in the cup of the LORD will have their own cup to drink:

Psalms 75:8 (KJV) For in the hand of the LORD *there is* a cup, and the wine is red; it is full of mixture; and he poureth out of the same: but the dregs thereof, all the wicked of the earth shall wring *them* out, *and* drink *them*.

Revelation 14:9-10 (KJV) And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive *his* mark in his forehead, or in his hand, **10** The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

The Lord's Supper is a symbol of the new covenant we have with GOD by Christ Jesus. This covenant is the "new and living way" whereby we follow GOD's law written on our hearts by the power of His Spirit. The next time you participate in the Lord's Supper, remember not only Jesus' death and resurrection, but also reflect on the deeper meaning that He is your continual source of spiritual life.

LET US NOW CELEBRATE OUR LORDS' SACRIFICE: DAY 5**Get your bread and cup-**

Matthew 26:26-29 (KJV) And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed *it*, and brake *it*, and gave *it* to the disciples, and said, **Take, eat; this is my body.** **27** And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, **Drink ye all of it; 28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. 29 But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.**

DAY 6

THEME 1: REMEMBRANCE

Psalm 77:11-12 (KJV) I will remember the works of the LORD: surely I will remember thy wonders of old. **12** I will meditate also of all thy work, and talk of thy doings.

Luke 22:19 (KJV) 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.**

The theme of remembrance is one of the most familiar, yet powerful motifs inherent in the Lord's Supper. One would hardly think that those who have been redeemed would need to be reminded of God's grace shown in Jesus Christ. But we do.

So almost every time we meet at the Lord's table we are reminded of his command to remember: "Do this in remembrance of Me." Though familiar to us, these words deserve special emphasis—perhaps on Maundy Thursday.

The message may include the following ideas:

1. Retrace the final events of Jesus' life leading up to Calvary, reminding the congregation of his suffering and death on our behalf.
2. Note that remembrance is commanded. We have authority for doing this—ordained by Christ himself.
3. Note that remembrance is visible in the bread and cup—"This is my body" and "This is my blood."
4. Note that remembrance strengthens us. Our faith is strengthened and built up through eating, drinking, and remembering. Zwingli said, "Eating is believing and believing is eating."
5. Note, finally, that while this remembrance is historical, it is also personal. Jesus doesn't ask us to remember the date, place, etc. We are never told to "Do this in remembrance of my death." The

command is "Do this in remembrance of me." Our relationship with Christ is a personal one: "Come unto me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

RESPONSE OF REMEMBRANCE

Remember, O Lord, Your great mercy
and love, for they are from of old (Ps. 25:6).

Remember not the sins of my youth
and my rebellious ways; according to your
love remember me, for you are
good, O Lord (Ps. 25:7).

"The time is coming," declares the
Lord, "when I will make a new
covenant with the house of Israel...
For I will forgive their wickedness and
will remember their sins no more (Jer. 31:31,34).

Psalms 111:4-5 (KJV) He hath made his wonderful works to be
remembered: the LORD *is* gracious and full of compassion. **5** He hath
given meat unto them that fear him: he will ever be mindful of his
covenant.

Remember the gracious love of our
Father in heaven who made us children of his own possession.

Remember Jesus Christ, sent by the
Father to share our human nature, to
live and to die as one of us, and so to
move us from the alienation of sin and death, to reconcile us to God
our Father by his perfect sacrifice, and through his suffering, death, and
resurrection to save all who put their trust in him.

Remember the Holy Spirit, who teaches us these things and makes
the effects of Christ's salvation real in our lives.

LET US NOW CELEBRATE OUR LORDS' SACRIFICE: DAY 6**Get your bread and cup-**

Luke 22:14-20 (KJV) 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. **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. **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.*

DAY 7

BETRAYAL

Mark 14:10-11 (KJV) And Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went unto the chief priests, to betray him unto them. **11** And when they heard *it*, they were glad, and promised to give him money. And he sought how he might conveniently betray him.

Mark 14:17-21 (KJV) And in the evening he cometh with the twelve. **18** And as they sat and did eat, Jesus said, *Verily I say unto you, One of you which eateth with me shall betray me.* **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.

John 13:1-3 (KJV) Now 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;

John 13:21-30 (KJV) When Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, *Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me.* **22** Then the disciples looked one on another, doubting of whom he spake. **23** Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved. **24** Simon Peter therefore beckoned to him, that he should ask who it should be of whom he spake. **25** He then lying on Jesus' breast saith unto him, Lord, who is it? **26** Jesus answered, *He it*

is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped *it*. And when he had dipped the sop, he gave *it* to Judas Iscariot, *the son* of Simon. **27** And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him, **That thou doest, do quickly.** **28** Now no man at the table knew for what intent he spake this unto him. **29** For some *of them* thought, because Judas had the bag, that Jesus had said unto him, Buy *those things* that we have need of against the feast; or, that he should give something to the poor. **30** He then having received the sop went immediately out: and it was night.

Betrayal: to turn over to the enemy, to work against

Discussion points:

- Judas' betrayal
 - Judas planned the betrayal ahead of time
 - Judas' greed was stronger than his loyalty to Jesus
 - Greed this destructive starts out small, but when fed, overtakes all we are
 - Jesus knew he was to be betrayed, warned his disciples about it, and gave Judas every chance not to do it.

- Judas looked Jesus in the eye and said, "Surely not I, Rabbi?"

LET US NOW CELEBRATE OUR LORDS' SACRIFICE: DAY 7**Get your bread and cup-**

Mark 14:22-25 (KJV) 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.

DAY 8

PASSOVER

Exodus 12:21-31 (KJV) Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said unto them, Draw out and take you a lamb according to your families, and kill the passover. **22** And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip *it* in the blood that *is* in the bason, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that *is* in the bason; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning. **23** For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the LORD will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite *you*. **24** And ye shall observe this thing for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons for ever. **25** And it shall come to pass, when ye be come to the land which the LORD will give you, according as he hath promised, that ye shall keep this service. **26** And it shall come to pass, when your children shall say unto you, What mean ye by this service? **27** That ye shall say, *It is* the sacrifice of the LORD'S passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses. And the people bowed the head and worshipped. **28** And the children of Israel went away, and did as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they. **29** And it came to pass, that at midnight the LORD smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sat on his throne unto the firstborn of the captive that *was* in the dungeon; and all the firstborn of cattle. **30** And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he, and all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt; for *there was* not a house where *there was* not one dead. **31** And he called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, Rise up, *and* get you forth

from among my people, both ye and the children of Israel; and go, serve the LORD, as ye have said.

Mark 14:12-16 (KJV) 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? **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 whosoever 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.

Passover feast

- Jesus obeyed the Jewish law and took the Passover feast
- Jesus and the Disciples had no home, but even when every devout Jew in the world was crowded into Jerusalem, a place for them to take the Passover was provided for them
- Jesus provided his own memorial from the elements of the Passover feast – a feast that commemorated an

event which was designed to foreshadow Christ's own death.

Tenth Plague

Firstborn of all men and animals killed

Only the blood of the lamb saved Israelites

This plague freed the Israelites from slavery to Egypt

Commemorated by all Israelites in a feast

Christ's Sacrifice

Firstborn of God killed

Only the blood of Christ saves us

This sacrifice frees us from sin

Commemorated by Christians in Lord's Supper

LET US NOW CELEBRATE OUR LORDS' SACRIFICE: DAY 8**Get your bread and cup-**

Mark 14:22-25 (KJV) 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.

DAY 9

THEME 2: PROCLAMATION

John 6:25-40; 1 Corinthians 11:26

John 6:24-40 (KJV) When the people therefore saw that Jesus was not there, neither his disciples, they also took shipping, and came to Capernaum, seeking for Jesus. **25** And when they had found him on the other side of the sea, they said unto him, Rabbi, when camest thou hither? **26** Jesus answered them and said, *Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled.* **27** Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed. **28** Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? **29** Jesus answered and said unto them, *This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.* **30** They said therefore unto him, What sign shewest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee? what dost thou work? **31** Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat. **32** Then Jesus said unto them, *Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven.* **33** For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. **34** Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread. **35** And Jesus said unto them, *I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.* **36** But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not. **37** All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. **38** For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. **39** And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. **40** And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one

which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life:
and I will raise him up at the last day.

1 Corinthians 11:26 (KJV) For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

Proclaiming the Lord's death, as Paul puts it in 1 Corinthians, includes heralding Christ's atoning sacrifice and its benefits for us, all incorporated in the good news of eternal life. As heirs of eternal life and possessors of all things in Christ, we preach a sermon without words as we eat and drink at the Lord's table.

John 6, in which Jesus declares himself to be the bread of life, highlights Jesus' affirmation of his person and work. He proclaims that he is life, to be believed and embraced by us all.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Posterity will serve him; future generations
will be told about the Lord. They
will proclaim his righteousness to a
people yet unborn—for he has done it
(Ps. 22:30-31).

**Listen, O heavens, and I will speak;
hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.
I will proclaim the name of the Lord.**

O praise the greatness of our God!

LET US NOW CELEBRATE OUR LORDS' SACRIFICE: DAY 9**Get your bread and cup-**

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (KJV) For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the *same* night in which he was betrayed took bread: **24** And when he had given thanks, he brake *it*, and said, **Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.** **25** After the same manner also *he* took the cup, when he had supped, saying, **This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink *it*, in remembrance of me.** **26** For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

DAY 10

THEME 5: THANKSGIVING

1 Corinthians 11:24 (KJV) And when he had given thanks, he brake *it*, and said, *Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.*

Luke 17:11-19 (KJV) And it came to pass, as he went to Jerusalem, that he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. **12** And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off: **13** And they lifted up *their* voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. **14** And when he saw *them*, he said unto them, *Go shew yourselves unto the priests.* And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed. **15** And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, **16** And fell down on *his* face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. **17** And Jesus answering said, *Were there not ten cleansed? but where *are* the nine?* **18** *There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger.* **19** And he said unto him, *Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.*

It is significant that Jesus gave thanks when he took the bread and the cup. History has captured this important emphasis in referring to the Lord's Supper as the Eucharist, a term based on the Greek word for "giving thanks."

Our thanks, however, are based upon the completed work of Jesus Christ for us. We have been made whole and therefore are grateful. The Lord's Supper speaks graphically of the good news of salvation, the forgiveness from sin, for which we give thanks.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, proclaim his greatness; tell the nations what he has done.

We will sing praises to God and tell of the wonderful things he has done.

The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.

Be glad that we belong to him; let all who worship him rejoice.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen!

LET US NOW CELEBRATE OUR LORDS' SACRIFICE: DAY 10

Get your bread and cup-

Matthew 26:26-29 (KJV) And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed *it*, and brake *it*, and gave *it* to the disciples, and said, **Take, eat; this is my body.** **27** And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, **Drink ye all of it;** **28** **For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.** **29** **But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.**

DAY 11

COMMUNION

1 Corinthians 10:15-17 (KJV) I speak as to wise men; judge ye what I say. **16** The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? **17** For we *being* many are one bread, *and* one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread.

Luke 24:13-15 (KJV) And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem *about* threescore furlongs. **14** And they talked together of all these things which had happened. **15** And it came to pass, that, while they communed *together* and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them.

Luke 24:29-32 (KJV) But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them. **30** And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed *it*, and brake, and gave to them. **31** And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight. **32** And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?

Communion:

1. the sharing or exchanging of intimate thoughts and feelings, especially when the exchange is on a mental or spiritual level
2. the service of Christian worship at which bread and wine are consecrated and shared.

On resurrection morning the disciples of Jesus were in a state of shock. The message had been circulating the LORD's body was missing. They knew the words of Jesus saying He would rise on the third day and they

heard the story of some of the women reciting the angels at the tomb that said: "He is arisen like He said." This was too much to grasp in the mind. So, as they walked and talked about the One they thought was the Messiah, they were communing with one another trying to make sense of the events of this strange Passover weekend. All their hopes and dreams was in disarray not knowing how to understand the situation. During the time they are wrestling with the things concerning Jesus, the risen Son of GOD shows up to commune with them. As He fellowshiped with them, He explained the scriptures to open up their hearts and minds. The wonder and beauty of communion with Christ is to experience a personal divine impartation to calm your heart and lift your spirit. Don't bear your burden alone, invite the LORD in to for sweet fellowship that will bless your heart and soul. It is time with our redeemer that will drive away fears, terror and frustrations. While others are dreading the events confronting them each day, walking with Jesus gives peace and joy.

Look at the hunger and sincere desire these men had to spend time with the risen Jesus. The conversation was so rich with insight and wisdom they begged Him to stay with them. It was during this period of intimacy their eyes were opened and they received a revelation of the Messiah. What if, they became tired of His talk or were anxious to separate from Him, oh how much they would have missed. How desperate are we to fellowship with Jesus? Is there a deep thirst to drink from His fountain of wisdom and insight? Do we truly yearn to taste of the delights prepared for those that eat at His table? There are some treasures and delicacies reserved only for the beloved ones that plead with the LORD to stay with them for one more hour. Yes it is possible to pray for 5, 10 or 15 minutes and be blessed by the LORD. But you only get to scratch the surface of the life giving flow that ushers from His cup of blessings. Let us cry out unto the LORD to abide with us.

Pursue a deep passionate time of communion with the Savior that died for our sins and rose for our eternal life. Clear the calendar, shutoff the television, refuse to answer the phone and ignore social media, go into the secret closet and invite the LORD to ignite our hearts.

LET US NOW CELEBRATE OUR LORDS' SACRIFICE: DAY 11**Get your bread and cup-**

Mark 14:22-25 (KJV) 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.

DAY 12

THE BREAD OF GOD

Exodus 16:2-4 (KJV) And the whole congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness: **3** And the children of Israel said unto them, Would to God we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh pots, *and* when we did eat bread to the full; for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger. **4** Then said the LORD unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or no.

John 6:30-34 (KJV) They said therefore unto him, What sign shewest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee? what dost thou work? **31** Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat. **32** Then Jesus said unto them, *Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. 34* Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread.

Where the manna of old was made or came from is GOD's secret. All the Israelites knew was that it was divinely provided and eaten, and satisfied their hunger. But with GOD the Son it was different. Seven times over in this sixth chapter of John, He speaks of coming down from heaven, which proved He lived before He was born to Mary. In regeneration, we become the recipients of a divine nature which can only be fed and nourished by divine food, "The Bread of GOD."

We can put this definition another way, “The Bread of GOD” is “The Bread which is GOD,” He claimed Deity, and was therefore able to satisfy the cravings of human souls – a feat impossible for ordinary bread to accomplish. When He used the term “I AM” of Himself, He knew it contained the great, name Jehovah to which no other creature could lay claim. He used such a divine title because He had been conscious that He was the Eternal Son of the Eternal Father. The Living Bread is the Living GOD, and those who appropriate such Bread, live forevermore.

LET US NOW CELEBRATE OUR LORDS’ SACRIFICE: DAY 12

Get your bread and cup-

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (KJV) For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the *same* night in which he was betrayed took bread: **24** And when he had given thanks, he brake *it*, and said, **Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.** **25** After the same manner also *he* took the cup, when he had supped, saying, **This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink *it*, in remembrance of me.** **26** For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

DAY 13

THE LAMB OF GOD

Exodus 12:1-14 (KJV) And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, **2** This month *shall be* unto you the beginning of months: it *shall be* the first month of the year to you. **3** Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth *day* of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of *their* fathers, a lamb for an house: **4** And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his house take *it* according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb. **5** Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take *it* out from the sheep, or from the goats: **6** And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening. **7** And they shall take of the blood, and strike *it* on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it. **8** And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; *and* with bitter *herbs* they shall eat it. **9** Eat not of it raw, nor sodden at all with water, but roast *with* fire; his head with his legs, and with the purtenance thereof. **10** And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire. **11** And thus shall ye eat it; *with* your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it *is* the LORD'S passover. **12** For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I *am* the LORD. **13** And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye *are*: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy *you*,

when I smite the land of Egypt. **14** And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the LORD throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever.

Isaiah 53:4-12 (KJV) Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. **5** But he *was* wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. **6** All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. **7** He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. **8** He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. **9** And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither *was any* deceit in his mouth. **10** Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put *him* to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see *his* seed, he shall prolong *his* days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. **11** He shall see of the travail of his soul, *and* shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. **12** Therefore will I divide him *a portion* with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

John 1:29 (KJV) The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

LET US NOW CELEBRATE OUR LORDS' SACRIFICE: DAY 13**Get your bread and cup-**

Matthew 26:17-29 (KJV) 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? **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. **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.* **26** And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed *it*, and brake *it*, and gave *it* to the disciples, and said, *Take, eat; this is my body.* **27** And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, *Drink ye all of it;* **28** *For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.* **29** *But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.*

DAY 14

THE NEW COVENANT

1 Corinthians 11:25 (KJV) After the same manner also *he took* the cup, when he had supped, saying, **This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.**

Jeremiah 31:31-34 (KJV) Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: **32** Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day *that* I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD: **33** But this *shall be* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. **34** And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

Hebrews 9:11-28 (KJV) But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; **12** Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption *for us*. **13** For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: **14** How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? **15** And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament,

that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions *that were* under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance. **16** For where a testament *is*, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. **17** For a testament *is* of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth. **18** Whereupon neither the first *testament* was dedicated without blood. **19** For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people, **20** Saying, This *is* the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you. **21** Moreover he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry. **22** And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission. **23** *It was* therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. **24** For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, *which are* the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us: **25** Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; **26** For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. **27** And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: **28** So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

The new testament, in proper translation, is the new covenant it is established because the old covenant was inadequate to redeem man back to GOD. The old covenant was built on the law given to Moses and the people disobeyed. The old covenant required sacrifices and gifts that could not make the offeror perfect and cleanse the conscience. The old covenant commanded the blood of animals offered for sin must be

killed every year. The old covenant had a man to be a priest and a high priest that ministered on behalf of the people. The old covenant, the offering of blood was made in a tabernacle made with the hands of man upon furniture made in the image of things in heaven. The old covenant offering of animal's blood did not pay the debt for sin. The old covenant was an agreement between GOD and the nation of Israel. The old covenant required circumcision of the flesh.

Here are the benefits of the new covenant established by Jesus. The new covenant is signed, ratified, and activated with the blood of Jesus. The new covenant purifies our hearts and consciences through the blood of Jesus. The new covenant is based on a better sacrifice, which is the life of Jesus. The new covenant redeems us from the power of sin. The new covenant provides much better promises than the old covenant. The new covenant guarantees us an eternal inheritance. Jesus the author of the new covenant is our high priest before the throne of GOD forever. The new covenant is not written on stone tablets but in the hearts of men. The new covenant can only be entered in by revelation. The new covenant is not based on the law of Moses, but on grace. The new covenant promises the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of believers in Jesus Christ. The new covenant brings about circumcision of the heart.

LET US NOW CELEBRATE OUR LORDS' SACRIFICE: DAY 14

Get your bread and cup-

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (KJV) For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the *same* night in which he was betrayed took bread: **24** And when he had given thanks, he brake *it*, and said, **Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.** **25** After the same manner also *he* took the cup, when he had supped, saying, **This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink *it*, in remembrance of me.** **26** For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

DAY 15

BREAKING OF BREAD

Matthew 26:26 (KJV) And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed *it*, and brake *it*, and gave *it* to the disciples, and said, **Take, eat; this is my body.**

Acts 2:41-44 (KJV) "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. 42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. 43 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. 44 And all that believed were together, and had all things common;"

Breaking of bread with the LORD includes breaking of bread with His people. Let us always remember our Father in heaven has a family, we the sons and daughters that have been born again. We have been birthed into the royal family of the King of creation. The confirmation of our relationship is provided in Romans 8:15-16 (KJV) 'For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. 16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:' No one can deny our right to breaking of bread with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Personal flaws, foolish behavior and insecurity issues are not sufficient reasons for breaking the relationship our Father wants us to enjoy with other believers. It is an evil scheme of the Devil to isolate and abandon hearty engagement with spiritual and committed family members. It is in settings of united affection that the Spirit of GOD showers His favor and grace upon us. These occasions cultivate genuine love amongst believers and opens our hearts for fellowship with the

LORD as one. There may be seasons when it is difficult to stay connected with other Saints, it is those times we pray unto our Father to renew and build our fellowship. There are mutual benefits for companionship with sisters and brothers that honor the LORD our loving Father. In verse 43 it says: 'many wonders and signs were done,' it could be the LORD has determined to bless us especially when we are breaking of bread with other believers.

LET US NOW CELEBRATE OUR LORDS' SACRIFICE: DAY 15

Get your bread and cup-

Matthew 26:26-29 (KJV) And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed *it*, and brake *it*, and gave *it* to the disciples, and said, **Take, eat; this is my body.** **27** And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, **Drink ye all of it; 28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. 29 But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.**

DAY 16

THE CUP OF BLESSING

Mark 14:23-24 (KJV) 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.**

1 Corinthians 10:16-17 (KJV) "The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? **17** For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread."

Participating in the communion of the LORD Jesus is of great incalculable value. Consider the great sacrifice He was about to offer to deliver us from the power of sin. On the night He was arrested, Jesus took time to spend with his disciples and share the cup of blessing. The pattern for all communion meals throughout church history. Our LORD was offering Himself to pay our debt for sin. This was a very intimate event to be shared with multiple millions of believers until the end of time. **1 Corinthians 11:25 (KJV)** 'After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.' When we celebrate the LORD's supper, we are drinking the cup of blessing with Jesus and all Saints that have like faith in the Savior. Time, geographical boundaries, ethnicity, race, social status, financial position, and educational accomplishments all are abolished as the cup of blessing bind us together in the love of Christ. He gave His blood to share in fellowship with us forever and ever.

The cup of blessing for us was the cup of suffering for Jesus:

LET US NOW CELEBRATE OUR LORDS' SACRIFICE: DAY 16**Get your bread and cup-**

Mark 14:22-25 (KJV) 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.

DAY 17

Belonging to the LORD

1 Corinthians 10:21 (KJV) Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils.

Luke 22:1-6 (KJV) Now the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called the Passover. **2** And the chief priests and scribes sought how they might kill him; for they feared the people. **3** Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve. **4** And he went his way, and communed with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray him unto them. **5** And they were glad, and covenanted to give him money. **6** And he promised, and sought opportunity to betray him unto them in the absence of the multitude.

Luke 22:21-23 (KJV) *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 inquire among themselves, which of them it was that should do this thing.

Partake: to share or participate; belong to

Joshua gave his closing sermon to the Israelites before his death in

Joshua 24:14-15 (KJV) Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD. **15** And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that

were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

When we partake of the LORD's SUPPER, there is a declaration of our commitment unto Jesus. We are testifying to the world; we no longer participate in the things that conflict with our relationship with Jesus. To partake of the Last Supper is to confirm a complete surrender to loyalty to the LORD. Jesus establishes the terms of relationship with Him,

Matthew 6:24 (KJV) No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other...

It is quite clear the expectations of the LORD's disciples:

Luke 14:25-27 (KJV) And there went great multitudes with him: and he turned, and said unto them, **26** If any *man* come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. **27** And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.

Jesus was not afraid to allow people to walk away from Him. He wanted those that would partake of His life and belong to Him. He forces everyone to make a choice, there is no straddling the fence.

LET US NOW CELEBRATE OUR LORDS' SACRIFICE: DAY 17**Get your bread and cup-**

Luke 22:14-20 (KJV) 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. **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. **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.*

DAY 18

THE LIVING BREAD

John 6:51-58 (KJV) I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. **52** The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us *his* flesh to eat? **53** Then Jesus said unto them, *Verily, verily, I say* unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. **54** Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. **55** For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. **56** He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him. **57** As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me. **58** This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever.

1 Corinthians 11:23-24 (KJV) For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the *same* night in which he was betrayed took bread: **24** And when he had given thanks, he brake *it*, and said, *Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.*

There are three reasons the body of Jesus is living bread:

First, He came down from heaven, His life did not begin on earth. He is the origin and essence of life. Jesus possess all the attributes, qualities, and characteristics of GOD. The LORD is GOD in flesh. He lived before natural life existed and He was sent by the living Father.

Second, the body of Jesus is living bread because it is the source for believers to experience the zoe life. This is life that flows within those born again into the family of GOD. It is identified as being born of the Spirit. Life that is filled with the fruit of the Spirit, giving peace, joy, love, faith, temperance, patience and so much more. We have the kingdom of GOD in our heart. The power of life to generate healing, deliverance, salvation, and the miraculous power to overcome sin.

Finally, the living bread gives us the promise of resurrection of our bodies. We will enjoy the glories of the new heavens and the new earth. Sin will no longer afflict our bodies with sickness, disease, and death. We will be raised to receive the crown of life and eternal bliss. Our resurrected bodies will not have the restrictions our physical bodies have, fatigue, handicaps, and aging. When we eat the living bread, we participate in a process that will transform us into our glorified body.

This is the power of the living bread, we tap into eternal life while living in a dying world.

LET US NOW CELEBRATE OUR LORDS' SACRIFICE: DAY 18

Get your bread and cup-

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (KJV) For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the *same* night in which he was betrayed took bread: **24** And when he had given thanks, he brake *it*, and said, **Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.** **25** After the same manner also *he* took the cup, when he had supped, saying, **This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.** **26** For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

DAY 19

THE SHED BLOOD – 19

Matthew 26:27-28 (KJV) And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, **Drink ye all of it; 28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.**

Hebrews 9:22 (KJV) And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

Shed: to pour forth; gush (pour) out, spill.

The blood had to be shed to for us to experience the benefits. While the blood was in the body of Jesus it was sinless, it sustained His life on earth, and it kept Him healthy. While His blood was in Him, He was able to heal the sick, deliver those possessed by demons, perform miracles, teach about the kingdom of GOD, walk on water, and raise the dead. There were many mighty works He done to confirm He was the Son of GOD. The blood flowing through His veins made it possible for Jesus to have the experiences of humans and live in obedience unto His Father in heaven. During Jesus' life He was prophet, teacher, Son of David, and the Word in flesh. When the Word lived as a man, many touched His clothes and were healed, ate bread that was blessed by Him, drank water turned into wine, and some became disciples. Yes, He showed the compassion of the LORD to prostitutes, tax collectors, lepers, and to Gentiles that cried out for His help.

As He walked on this earth, Jesus did many things to fulfill the prophecies spoken about the Messiah. But He could not be the Christ until His blood was shed. It was impossible for Man to be redeemed until the Lamb of GODs' blood was shed. As we take a trip back to Egypt, on the night of the Passover, we remember the lamb had to be slain, the blood had to be shed and placed on the door posts and lintel. Having a lamb in the house was insufficient, placing a lamb outside the

door could not stop the death angel, the shed blood of the lamb was the requirement for deliverance. This is why Jesus said His blood was shed for the remission of our sins. He sacrificed His life so we can receive His life. It is His shed blood that cleansings us of sin. His shed blood pays the debt for the sins of the world. The shedding of innocent blood was the requirement demanded to make possible peace between GOD and Man.

LET US NOW CELEBRATE OUR LORDS' SACRIFICE: DAY 19

Get your bread and cup-

Matthew 26:26-29 (KJV) And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed *it*, and brake *it*, and gave *it* to the disciples, and said, **Take, eat; this is my body.** **27** And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, **Drink ye all of it; 28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. 29 But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.**

DAY 20

HIS BODY BROKEN FOR US

Hebrews 10:19-20 (KJV) Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, **20** By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;

Jesus offered His body for most cruel of punishment and abuse for us. The things He suffered in His body was an indication of His love for us. He allowed His creation to mistreat the Creator. They spat on Him, slapped Him, hit Him, and kicked Him, but He did not retaliate because He was thinking about us. Jesus was the Chosen One of GOD rejected by the chosen people of GOD. The people the Christ came to deliver gave Jesus into the hands of those they wanted to be delivered from. Our Savior gave His body to be broken for us. He was betrayed by a kiss and arrested; He did not resist. From Caiaphas, the high priest to Pontius Pilot, the Roman governor, to Herod and back to Pontius Pilot, the Lamb of GOD never spoke to defend Himself. An opportunity to deliver the Messiah was rejected, the Jewish leaders chose Barabbas, a man guilty of sedition and murder. The body of the Blessed One was scourged by Pilot. He was placed in the charge of the Roman soldiers and they placed a crown of thorns that pierced His head and blood flowed. Remember, his body was broken for us.

Isaiah 53:4-5 (KJV) Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. **5** But he *was* wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

The LORD was forced through the streets on the way to Golgotha, the place He would be crucified. Spikes were pounded into His hands and

feet. And finally, a soldier's spear was thrust into the side of our Savior. He gave His body to be broken for us.

Some may wonder why such vicious treatment was afflicted upon Our LORD and was it necessary. But it was all apart of GOD's plan to complete the plan of salvation. Jesus body was broken not because of any sin He had done, but because of the sins we have committed.

Acts 4:27-28 (KJV) For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, **28** For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done.

So every time we receive the bread we must remember His body broken for us.

LET US NOW CELEBRATE OUR LORDS' SACRIFICE: DAY 20

Get your bread and cup-

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (KJV) For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the *same* night in which he was betrayed took bread: **24** And when he had given thanks, he brake *it*, and said, **Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.** **25** After the same manner also *he* took the cup, when he had supped, saying, **This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.** **26** For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

DAY 21

THE REMISSION OF SIN

Romans 5:8-12 (KJV) But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. **9** Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. **10** For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. **11** And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement. **12** Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

Jesus came to earth to die for our sins. Because of sin, Man's relationship with GOD was terminated. Sin robbed us of the rich full life GOD prepared for His children to enjoy. Sin gave birth to sickness, evil, corruption, lies, hardships, pain, greed, lust, wickedness, disobedience and death. Sin is the reason marriages fail, children are estranged from parents, violence is rampant in society and people are filled with fear. Our lives are miserable because of sin, and many are exasperated by hopelessness because of sin. The greatest of damage caused by sin is death. Death of dreams, death of relationships, and death of human life. When our father, Adam disobeyed the command of GOD, he opened the door for the ever-growing penetration of sin in this world and our lives. Sin corrupts our societies and each of our personal lives. We are guilty and worthy of death because of our sin. Sin is a curse that denies us access to GOD. We cannot receive GOD's blessings and benefits due to sin.

But thanks be to GOD there is a remedy for sin, the blood of Jesus.

Matthew 26:28 (KJV) For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Remission: pardon, deliverance, forgiveness, liberty

The blood of Jesus has paid our debt due to sins we have committed. Our lives have been cleansed and we are free from the guilt, bondage, and penalty of sin. Our heavenly Father has forgiven us of any offense, and He remembers our sins no more, they are forever forgotten. We now have full access to the blessings and favor of the bounty available through Christ. All the negative influences of sin have lost the power to control us. We are now members of the family of GOD and elevated to be kings and priests in His kingdom. The extent of the liberation we experience is immeasurable because the vitality of the blood of Jesus is beyond calculations. We are new creations in Christ Jesus since the contamination of sin has been erased from our lives. Our lives are new, our future is filled wonder and our destiny is beyond this world. The remission of sin is a great gift because now we enjoy peace with our heavenly Father. Our relationship is restored and we become inheritors of His great estate.

Romans 3:23-26 (KJV) For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; **24** Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: **25** Whom God hath set forth *to be* a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; **26** To declare, *I say*, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

LET US NOW CELEBRATE OUR LORDS' SACRIFICE: DAY 21**Get your bread and cup-**

Matthew 26:26-28 (KJV) And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed *it*, and brake *it*, and gave *it* to the disciples, and said, **Take, eat; this is my body.** **27** And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, **Drink ye all of it; 28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.**

DAY 22

EATING THE BODY AND DRINKING THE BLOOD

John 6:48-58 (KJV) I am that bread of life. **49** Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. **50** This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. **51** I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. **52** The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us *his* flesh to eat? **53** Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. **54** Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. **55** For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. **56** He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him. **57** As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me. **58** This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever.

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EATING THE BODY AND DRINKING THE BLOOD of Jesus means fully believing and obeying Him. The LORD wanted those that would become active participants in the work of the Kingdom. They must partake of all that Jesus required. He wouldn't accept any that only want to give partial service. The price for discipleship is steep, all or nothing.

DISCIPLE: a learner; In all cases it implies that the person not only accepts the views of the teacher, but that he is also in practice an adherent. It refers to those who accept the teachings of anyone, not only in belief but in life.

A disciple of Christ is one who (1) believes his doctrine, (2) rests on his sacrifice, (3) imbibes his spirit, and (4) imitates his example.

Matthew 10:24 (KJV) The disciple is not above *his* master, nor the servant above his lord.

Matthew 16:24-25 (KJV) Then said Jesus unto his disciples, *If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. 25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.*

Luke 14:26-27 (KJV) *If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. 27 And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.*

Luke 14:33 (KJV) So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.

John 21:17-22 (KJV) He saith unto him the third time, *Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me?* Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, *Feed my sheep. 18 Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdedst thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not. 19* This spake he, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, *Follow me. 20* Then Peter, turning about, seeth the disciple whom Jesus loved following; which also leaned on his

breast at supper, and said, Lord, which is he that betrayeth thee? **21** Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and what *shall* this man *do*? **22** Jesus saith unto him, *If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? Follow thou me.*

EATING THE BODY AND DRINKING THE BLOOD of Jesus means fully believing He was the Son of GOD.

Disciples are those who confess Him as the Messiah. They must believe Jesus was the Messiah, the Christ, the anointed One.

Who do men say that I am?

Matthew 16:13-17 (KJV) When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, *Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?* **14** And they said, Some *say that thou art* John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. **15** He saith unto them, *But whom say ye that I am?* **16** And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. **17** And Jesus answered and said unto him, *Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.*

John 6:61-69 (KJV) When Jesus knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said unto them, *Doth this offend you?* **62** *What* and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before? **63** *It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.* **64** *But there are some of you that believe not.* For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him. **65** And he said, *Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.* **66** From that *time* many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. **67** Then said Jesus

unto the twelve, **Will ye also go away? 68** Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life. **69** And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.

LET US NOW CELEBRATE OUR LORDS' SACRIFICE: DAY 22

Get your bread and cup-

Matthew 26:26-28 (KJV) And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed *it*, and brake *it*, and gave *it* to the disciples, and said, **Take, eat; this is my body. 27** And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, **Drink ye all of it; 28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.**

DAY 23

IDENTIFYING WITH THE SUFFERING OF JESUS –

Luke 22:14-18 (KJV) 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. **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.

Luke 22:28-30 (KJV) Ye are they which have continued with me in my temptations. **29** And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me; **30** That ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

The night of Jesus betrayal and arrest He held a very intimate gathering with the disciples. These are the men that spent the last 3 years traveling from city to city and town to town with Jesus as He proclaimed the kingdom of GOD. They witnessed the wonderful teachings, the mighty works of miracles and the burdensome task of ministering to people in need of a savior. They saw the Christ, cast out demons, give sight to the blind, heal the lame, and raise the dead. They went to have dinner with the rich and they helped as Jesus served thousands with 2 fish and 5 pieces of bread. These 12 disciples were on a boat in the midst of the sea during a violent storm and the LORD slept, but then to calm their fear He spoke to the wind and waves commanding them to be at peace. Yes, they have testimonies of some amazing events.

These were the chosen to observe the masterful manner he resisted the arguments and attacks of the religious leaders. They also were there when He forgave a woman caught in adultery, defended a prostitute for

anointing His feet with expensive oil and healing a lame man on the sabbath. Jesus helped Jews and Gentiles, religious and non-religious and the rich and the poor.

The disciples ate with the LORD, slept with Him and lived with Him. Their expectation was this the Son of GOD would deliver them. But they also experienced the anger and threats of those that hated Jesus, they had seen the attacks of the religious rulers and the rage of people that cried for His death. On this night Jesus was to share the last supper He would have on earth; these are the ones He chose to be with. The 12 disciples were with the LORD when others plotted to kill Him. These are the disciples that stayed close to Him when other disciples left and walked away.

And today as we celebrate the Last Supper we identify with His suffering as the first disciples. Also, our LORD left a message to inspire us when we are treated cruelly because of our identifying with Jesus.

Hebrews 12:2-4 (KJV) Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. **3** For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. **4** Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.

Matthew 5:11-12 (KJV) Blessed are ye, when *men* shall revile you, and persecute *you*, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. **12** Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great *is* your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

Luke 22:19-20 (KJV) 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.*

Acts 5:40-42 (KJV) And to him they agreed: and when they had called the apostles, and beaten *them*, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. **41** And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name. **42** And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.

Romans 8:16-18 (KJV) The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: **17** And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with *him*, that we may be also glorified together. **18** For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time *are* not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Acts 2:36-39 (KJV) Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. **37** Now when they heard *this*, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men *and* brethren, what shall we do? **38** Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. **39** For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, *even* as many as the Lord our God shall call.

Acts 10:38-43 (KJV) How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him. **39** And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree: **40** Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly; **41** Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, *even* to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead. **42** And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God *to be* the Judge of quick and dead. **43** To him give all the

prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

Hebrews 10:16-18 (KJV) *This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; 17 And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. 18 Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.*

LET US NOW CELEBRATE OUR LORDS' SACRIFICE: DAY 23

Get your bread and cup-

Mark 14:22-24 (KJV) 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.*

DAY 24

SERVING OTHERS IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST

Luke 22:21-27 (KJV) 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 inquire among themselves, which of them it was that should do this thing. **24** And there was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest. **25** And he said unto them, The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and they that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors. **26** But ye *shall* not *be* so: but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve. **27** For whether *is* greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? *is* not he that sitteth at meat? but I am among you as he that serveth.

The hour of suffering has arrived for Jesus. The most critical time of His stay on earth was approaching. This was the eve of His arrest, prosecution, and judgement. The fate of man was resting on the shoulders of Jesus. All Satan's assembly were focused on assuring the death of the LORD. He knew death was imminent and His assignment on earth was complete. At a time when He wanted to share one of the most sacred holy events in the history of Israel, the Passover, Jesus was with the 12 apostles. On this night, the LORD would change the manner these followers would commemorate the work of Jesus. The time remaining with the 12 apostles would be short and so much had to be done. It should have been expected the apostles would understand and give careful attention and support to the LORD, but their issues could not be ignored. First, there is a turncoat, Judas, among them and

exposed his plot. Then He had to deal with conflict between the other apostles about which were the greatest. When the Redeemer is wrestling with the powers of hell, the chosen men are jostling for positions of prominence.

However, everything would change when he gives them a lesson and an illustration of the spirit of a servant. The Last Supper was the greatest demonstration of being a servant. Every time we share with our brothers and sisters, the body and blood of the LORD, it is a reminder of how the King of creation served His apostles. Though he was the leader, the Son of GOD, and the LORD of Glory, Jesus took time to break bread with His chosen followers. He set aside all the pending problems to allow them to witness the heart of a true servant. This is the spirit we are to ingest when we share the Last Supper. We are to remember our Savior as the pattern we are to follow as His servants. We are to serve each other regardless of the circumstances that press upon our lives because the Spirit of Christ in us makes all things possible.

LET US NOW CELEBRATE OUR LORDS' SACRIFICE: DAY 24

Get your bread and cup-

Luke 22:19-20 (KJV) 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.**

DAY 25

PROCLAIMING THE LORD'S DEATH

1 Corinthians 15:24-32 (KJV) Then *cometh* the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. **25** For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. **26** The last enemy *that* shall be destroyed *is* death. **27** For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith, all things are put under *him*, *it is* manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him. **28** And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all. **29** Else what shall they do which are baptized for the dead, if the dead rise not at all? why are they then baptized for the dead? **30** And why stand we in jeopardy every hour? **31** I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily. **32** If after the manner of men I have fought with beasts at Ephesus, what advantageth it me, if the dead rise not? let us eat and drink; for to morrow we die.

1 Corinthians 11:26 (KJV) For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

Ye do shew: declare, preach, speak of, teach

Our partaking of the LORD's Supper is a witness of the death of Jesus. It is the retelling of the most important event in the lives of all believers. When we eat the bread and drink the cup, we are obeying a command to do this in remembrance of our Redeemer. There are no restrictions as to the frequency of taking part in the meal, but the purpose is to never be forgotten, proclaiming the LORD's death. When Jesus was crucified there was a change in the hope for the reconciliation of GOD

with His creation. The life of Jesus was important, but his death is more important.

It is the death of Jesus that makes possible our life with GOD. The door of opportunity to experience peace, joy and love is now available to those born again. We have been adopted into the family of God due to the death of the LORD.

It is the death of Jesus that broke the power of darkness and defeated Satan.

When we break bread and proclaim the LORD's death, we are reminding ourselves of the love of our Savior and His sacrifice. Eating the LORD's supper reminds us we are delivered from sin because Jesus gave His life. We remember we have an inheritance that is eternal with the Son of GOD. Proclaiming the LORD's death helps us recall our hope of salvation.

Every time we share the LORD's supper, Satan is reminded of his defeat. Jesus surrendering of His life shined light to penetrate the darkness of the evil one. When we share the bread and cup we are testifying how the Devil lost the battle for our lives, because Jesus died for us.

Each opportunity we break bread we proclaim the victory our Savior won over death. Death is reminded it couldn't hold the LORD of glory. The bars and shackles of the grave was broken and

1 Corinthians 15:51-57 (KJV) Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, **52** In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. **53** For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality. **54** So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. **55** O

death, where *is* thy sting? O grave, where *is* thy victory? **56** The sting of death *is* sin; and the strength of sin *is* the law. **57** But thanks *be* to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

LET US NOW CELEBRATE OUR LORDS' SACRIFICE: DAY 25

Get your bread and cup-

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (KJV) For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the *same* night in which he was betrayed took bread: **24** And when he had given thanks, he brake *it*, and said, **Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.** **25** After the same manner also *he* took the cup, when he had supped, saying, **This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink *it*, in remembrance of me.** **26** For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

DAY 26

MANY BECOMING ONE IN THE BODY OF CHRIST

1 Corinthians 10:16-17 (KJV) The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? **17** For we *being* many are one bread, *and* one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread.

Romans 12:4-5 (KJV) For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: **5** So we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

Galatians 3:26-28 (KJV) For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. **27** For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. **28** There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

The Church is the most unique institution in the world. It is not only physical, but it is spiritual as well. The church is also known as the body of Christ. There is a local church and a universal church. There is a visible church and an invisible church. Jesus Christ continues His work in the world by His spirit through the body of Christ. The true church is not a social club, entertainment venue or welfare agency. The church is the representative for the LORD on the earth. The membership is sustained by the various demographics that make up the communities in a geographical region.

The physical churches, in most cases, reflect Christians of remarkably similar characteristics. They are formed when groups of the same ethnicity, race, culture, language, education, economic and theological background assemble together for worship of the LORD. Each church

attracts people that identify with the membership. This was not the intention of the LORD to create churches segregated by the physical features and dogmatic views that has divided communities.

But on the other hand, is the spiritual church, which is the sanctified body of Christ. When Paul said: 'For we *being* many are one bread, *and* one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread.' He was addressing those that belong to the called-out body of Christ. There are no separation, distinctions, and differences, we are all one. The walls of division are torn down because Christ has given His body and blood for one new man in Him.

As we share the LORD's Supper, we must be mindful of the type of body that genuinely represents the body of Christ. Let's make every effort to embrace the diversity of the people called by the LORD to be a part of His family. The sacrifice of Jesus should not be robbed of its potency because of our fears, ignorance, prejudices, jealousies, and envy. Our LORD stated, a house divided against itself cannot stand.

When we partake of the communion of the body and the communion of the blood may our hearts fully embrace many becoming one in the body of Christ.

Ephesians 2:14-18 (KJV) For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition *between us*; **15** Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, *even* the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, *so* making peace; **16** And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: **17** And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. **18** For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

LET US NOW CELEBRATE OUR LORDS' SACRIFICE: DAY 26

Get your bread and cup-

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (KJV) For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the *same* night in which he was betrayed took bread: **24** And when he had given thanks, he brake *it*, and said, **Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.** **25** After the same manner also *he* took the cup, when he had supped, saying, **This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink *it*, in remembrance of me.** **26** For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

DAY 27

DON'T JUDGE OTHERS

1 Corinthians 11:27-28 (KJV) Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink *this* cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. **28** But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of *that* bread, and drink of *that* cup.

Matthew 7:1-5 (KJV) Judge not, that ye be not judged. **2** For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. **3** And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? **4** Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam *is* in thine own eye? **5** Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

Romans 2:1-2 (KJV) Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things. **2** But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things.

Romans 14:4 (KJV) Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand.

Romans 14:13 (KJV) Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in *his* brother's way.

There are a number of good reasons we are not to judge our brothers and sisters in the body of Christ. First of all, we are commanded by the LORD not to judge. When Jesus established the manner in which His people were to honor Him the instructions were to share a meal together. The eating of the bread and drinking of the cup binds us in relationship with our Savior and the church membership. Jesus is the head of the church, He determines our behavior, directions, and standards of community. It is the LORD's command unto us, not to judge one another.

Second, the instruction is for everyone to examine themselves. The LORD wants us to govern our own lives and not someone else's. When we partake of the LORD's Supper, we are contemplating our personal relationship with Jesus and strengthening the bonds of fellowship with others in the church. It is important that every member is welcomed and treated fairly.

Third, we are to share the love of Jesus among the body. When we judge others, we are not demonstrating the love of Christ. Paul said in

1 Corinthians 13:1 (KJV) Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become *as* sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

When we are judging our fellow members during the breaking of bread and drinking of the cup, what should be a joyful commemoration becomes an empty traditional ceremony. Though Judas was a traitor, Jesus still loved him, Peter would deny Jesus, but the LORD still loved him, and the other disciples would abandon Jesus, but He still loved them. On the night of His arrest, the LORD served them without judging them.

Finally, we are not to judge when we share the LORD's Supper because it is impossible to minister healing and promote love to those that are hurting. The communion is the place we gather for Christian unity and support. We are to exhibit the character of Christ helping the weak, troubled, and hurting. No one should experience rejection when we are together remembering the sacrifice of our LORD and Savior.

Let us consider all the issues that were addressed by Apostle Paul to the Corinthian church in this first letter.

Immaturity, disunity, sexual sins, a member having a relationship with his step mother, doctrinal issues and others.....

When we judge others, we are taking the place of GOD as their judge, and that should not be.

LET US NOW CELEBRATE OUR LORDS' SACRIFICE: DAY 27

Get your bread and cup-

1 Corinthians 11:23-28 (KJV) For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the *same* night in which he was betrayed took bread: **24** And when he had given thanks, he brake *it*, and said, **Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.** **25** After the same manner also *he* took the cup, when he had supped, saying, **This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.** **26** For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come. **27** Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink *this* cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. **28** But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of *that* bread, and drink of *that* cup.

DAY 28

THE PROPIATORY SACRIFICE OF JESUS

Matthew 26:28 (KJV) 28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Romans 3:23-26 (KJV) For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; **24** Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: **25** Whom God hath set forth *to be* a **propitiation through faith in his blood**, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; **26** To declare, *I say*, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

1 John 2:1-2 (KJV) My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: **2** And he is the **propitiation for our sins**: and not for ours only, but also for *the sins of* the whole world.

1 John 4:9-10 (KJV) In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. **10** Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son *to be* the **propitiation for our sins**.

Propitiation:

1. The offering which appeases the wrath of one against whom an offence has been committed. Christ is "the propitiation for our sins", inasmuch as his sacrifice alone removes the obstacles which prevented the mercy of God from saving sinners.

2. Christ is "the propitiation," because by his becoming our substitute and assuming our obligations he expiated our guilt, make amends for, covered it, by the vicarious punishment which he endured.

The holy communion reveals the far-reaching impact of the blood of Jesus on the lives of all mankind. On the night of the Last Supper the disciples thought it was a service just for them and the LORD. They were following a tradition required by the law to remember the deliverance from Egypt. However, the great Redeemer was thinking of the deliverance of all those under the curse of sin. Adam's disobedience provided the opening for sin to enter this world and pass through the generations causing death to all his descendants.

When Jesus gave His blood, He was purchasing all those that would belong to the church. Yes, He gave his life to release from bondage all that would have trust in Him. Just as the blood of the lamb was the demand of GOD for the protection from the death angel in Egypt, the blood of Jesus is the price necessary for the salvation of man.

Jesus expanded the limits of His sacrifice to include all the world. His sinless blood would be the propitiation for everyone. Every offense against the justice of God would be satisfied through the shedding of the LORD's righteous blood. Our redemption is guaranteed by the surrendering of His life. Every sin that prevented GOD from showing us mercy and forgiving us was paid for because Jesus took our place and suffered the wrath of GOD for us. He became our substitute taking on our obligations and paying our debt.

We need not tolerate any effort of Satan to torment us with memories of our former lifestyle and sins. All is forgiven because of the vicarious suffering of our LORD and Savior. We are liberated from the influence and control of sin and now have a blessed relationship with our Father in heaven.

His single life made possible the reconciliation of the world with GOD. What Adam had done was now undone by the Last Adam.

LET US NOW CELEBRATE OUR LORDS' SACRIFICE: DAY 28

Get your bread and cup-

Matthew 26:26-28 (KJV) And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed *it*, and brake *it*, and gave *it* to the disciples, and said, **Take, eat; this is my body.** **27** And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, **Drink ye all of it; 28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.**

DAY 29

JESUS OUR MEDIATOR

Hebrews 12:24 (KJV) And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than *that of* Abel.

1 Timothy 2:5-6 (KJV) For *there is* one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; **6** Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

Hebrews 8:6 (KJV) But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.

Mediator – go between

The similarities between the Passover and the LORD's Supper are striking. Let us take a look and compare the persons that instituted them. Moses was prophesied to come as a deliverer in Egypt, Jesus was prophesied as the coming Messiah. Pharaoh tried to kill Moses; Herod tried to kill Jesus. Moses was born in Egypt; Joseph was told by GOD to take Mary and Jesus and flee to Egypt. Moses left the palace in Egypt to suffer with the Hebrew slaves; Jesus left His throne in glory to suffer as a man. Moses fled Egypt because he was rejected by the Hebrews; Jesus was sent to the cross because He was rejected by the Jews. Moses was called by the great 'I AM' to go deliver the Israelites; Jesus, the great 'I AM' came to deliver the world. Moses instituted the first Passover; Jesus instituted the first LORD's Supper.

Moses was the mediator of the old covenant; Jesus is mediator of the new covenant. Moses went before GOD to represent the Israelites while in the desert; Jesus sits at the right hand of the Father in heaven representing those that believe in His blood sacrifice. Moses went up

the mountain to receive the word of GOD; Jesus came down from heaven as the Word of GOD in flesh. While Moses was in the wilderness with the Hebrews, they received manna each morning; because Jesus is yet with us, we receive the true manna forever. Moses prophesied of the coming mediator; Jesus is the prophesied mediator.

Here are the differences between Moses and Jesus. Moses as mediator was temporary; Jesus as mediator is eternal. Moses was a man born in sin; Jesus is the Son of GOD. Moses failed to take the Israelites into the promised land of rest; Jesus is the promised land of rest. Moses could only mediate while here on earth; Jesus is our everlasting mediator.

As we celebrate the LORD's Supper, Jesus said as often as you do this remember Me, let us remember the redeemer as our Mediator, our go between with GOD.

LET US NOW CELEBRATE OUR LORDS' SACRIFICE: DAY 29

Get your bread and cup-

Luke 22:19-20 (KJV) 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.**

DAY 30

JESUS OUR SACRIFICE

John 1:29 (KJV) The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

1 Corinthians 5:7 (KJV) Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:

Hebrews 9:22-26 (KJV) And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission. **23** *It was* therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. **24** For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, *which are* the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us: **25** Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; **26** For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by **the sacrifice of himself**.

1 Peter 1:18-21 (KJV) Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, *as* silver and gold, from your vain conversation *received* by tradition from your fathers; **19** But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: **20** Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, **21** Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.

On the night Jesus was arrested He and the disciples had come together to celebrate the Passover. This was a yearly remembrance of the deliverance of the children of Israel out of bondage in Egypt. It was required of them to sacrifice a lamb, to eat unleaven bread and drink wine. As the Passover lamb Jesus protects us from death. As the blood of the lamb on the door posts and lintel prevented the death angel from entering the homes in Egypt, the blood of Jesus shields us from death today. This is the first view we have of Jesus as our sacrifice.

The lamb had to be killed to get the blood, not just any lamb, a spotless lamb, and a year-old lamb. There could be no compromise on the quality and standard demanded by GOD. Also, this lamb was to be roasted whole and it was to be eaten by all in the home. Passover is a sacred ceremony remembering the great deliverance.

But there is also another sacrifice that Jesus is drawing attention to when giving His life. The day of atonement. This sacrifice offered for the purpose of taking away and paying the debt for sin. Sin is an offense and an obstacle to GOD; it prevents us from having a real relationship with our heavenly Father. The atoning sacrifice brings us into reconciliation with GOD. All our sins were laid upon Jesus and when He gave His life, He took away our sins. Also, Jesus endured the wrath of GOD because of the penalty that is incurred due to the transgression of the law of GOD. He not only entered into the fellowship of our sufferings but took upon Himself the sufferings which we had to bear in order to take them away.

We needed both a Passover lamb and an atoning lamb was necessary to restore us into the position Adam had lost. We can now be fully included in the inheritance available to those that are members of the family of GOD, the Father.

The Passover lamb brings us out of bondage, the Atoning lamb brings us into relationship. We need both sacrifices to experience the fullness of

GOD's love and to participate in the inheritance of the Saints. Jesus our sacrifice brought us out to bring us in.

LET US NOW CELEBRATE OUR LORDS' SACRIFICE: DAY 30

Get your bread and cup-

Luke 22:19-20 (KJV) 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.**

DAY 31

JESUS OUR HIGH PRIEST

John 10:15-18 (KJV) As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. **16** And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, *and* one shepherd. **17** Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. **18** No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.

Hebrews 5:1-10 (KJV) For every high priest taken from among men is ordained for men in things *pertaining* to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins: **2** Who can have compassion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way; for that he himself also is compassed with infirmity. **3** And by reason hereof he ought, as for the people, so also for himself, to offer for sins. **4** And no man taketh this honour unto himself, but he that is called of God, as *was* Aaron. **5** So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee. **6** As he saith also in another *place*, Thou *art* a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec. **7** Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared; **8** Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; **9** And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him; **10** Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec.

Hebrews 5:1-10 (ESV) For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. **2** He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward,

since he himself is beset with weakness. 3 Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. 4 And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. 5 So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; 6 as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.” 7 In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. 8 Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. 9 And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, 10 being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

Hebrews 7:25-28 ESV Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. 26 For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. 27 He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself. 28 For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

Hebrews 8:1-3 ESV Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, 2 a minister in the holy places, in the true tent that the Lord set up, not man. 3 For every high priest is appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices; thus it is necessary for this priest also to have something to offer.

Jesus is both our eternal sacrifice and our eternal High Priest. Aaron was designated to be the first High Priest of Israel. He received a special anointing that consecrated him for offering sacrifices for the Jews. He "is ordained *for* men in things pertaining to God" that he might offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins.

On the day of atonement the High Priest must purify himself and offer a sacrifice for his own sins before he can enter the holy of holies to take the blood of the sacrificed lamb to sprinkle it on the mercy seat for the sins of the people. This was a requirement every year to deal with the sins of the people from the past year. When Jesus died on the cross this system was no longer accepted by GOD.

The people no longer needed a human priest to intercede for them. The curtain in the temple that separated the holy of holies was torn from top to bottom signifying we all have access to heaven through a new way.

As our eternal sacrifice, Jesus is the lamb sacrificed, as our eternal High Priest, He is the One sacrificing the lamb. The LORD's Supper is not only focusing on Jesus, the sacrifice, there is clear attention given to Jesus, the High Priest. The message conveyed is the debt for the sins of man requires a sinless lamb and a sinless High Priest.

The obligation for our sins was paid once and forever through the sacrifice of Jesus. But the mediation will continue forever through the ministry of Jesus. As High Priest, Jesus has ascended to heaven and is at the throne of GOD as our representative.

Every time we partake of the LORD's Supper, we are to remember the work of Jesus as our High Priest before the GOD of glory ever making intercession for us.

LET US NOW CELEBRATE OUR LORDS' SACRIFICE: DAY 31**Get your bread and cup-**

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (KJV) For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the *same* night in which he was betrayed took bread: **24** And when he had given thanks, he brake *it*, and said, **Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.** **25** After the same manner also *he* took the cup, when he had supped, saying, **This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink *it*, in remembrance of me.** **26** For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.