

The Last Week Of Jesus' Life

Do This In Remembrance Of Me

Sunday AM 09/15/19

Introduction:

Last week we had the yearly observance of 9/11. It was striking as I was watching the planes crash into the World Trade Towers, and the smoke rising from the buildings upward. To see the pictures of the Pentagon with the blurred image of the plane as it hit into the side of the building. I remember being at a gas station when word came that another plane had crashed and wondering if our military had shot it down. Perhaps you felt the anxiety, sorrow, and anger once again.

I asked our children to write their memories of that day. Each one spoke of being confused, not knowing what the World Trade Towers were or where they were. They knew the events of that day were important because of the teachers and how their mother acted as they entered the house. It is important to remember but to also teach.

I) The Passover

A) *Exodus 12*

1. *V. 2-3* the date of the Passover was the 1st month, starting on the 10th day.
2. A lamb was to without blemish and one year old, *v. 3*
3. 14th day the lamb was to be killed at twilight, *v. 6*
4. Its blood placed on the doorpost and lintel of the house, *v. 7*

5. When God saw the blood, He would pass over them.
6. Unleavened bread was to be used, *v. 8, 17*.
7. Bitter herbs was to be eaten, *v. 8*

B) The Passover

1. Was about deliverance from bondage and God's wrath.
2. Beginning of it a new relationship between Israel was being formed.
3. It was a meal of victory.

II) Jesus Institutes the Lord's Supper

A) *Matthew 26.26-29*

1. Its elements consist of the fruit of the vine (grape juice), as it represented His blood.
 - a. Blood that would be shed on the cross, *John 19.34*.
 - b. Blood that is connected to the remission of sin, *Ephesians 1.7*.
2. Unleavened bread which represented His body.
 - a. A Body that was nailed to the cross as a sacrifice for our sins, *Hebrews 2.17; 10.5*.
 - b. A body that was "broken for us" *1 Corinthians 11.24*.

3. Later on we read of its observance on the 1st day of the week, *Acts 20.7*.

B) In the Supper We Remember

1. It is a communion, *1 Corinthians 10.16-17*.
 - a. Sharing together with Jesus, *Matthew 26.29*
 - b. Sharing together with other Christians.
2. A memorial of His Sacrifice, *1 Corinthians 11.24*.
 - a. He laid down His life for us. Heard it said, "It was not the rusty nails that kept Jesus on the cross but His love for us."
 - b. Just as we remember the countless sacrifices on 9/11, the firefighters who entered those buildings to never come out, the citizens who stayed behind to help others, we remember His death on the cross.
3. Evidence of a New Covenant, *1 Corinthians 11.25*
 - a. New as in more recent but more importantly as in better.
 - b. Better sacrifice, better promises, required His blood, *Hebrews 9.22*.
4. We remember to proclaim His death, *1 Corinthians 11.26*.
 - a. We affirmed He died on that cross and was buried in a grave prepared by Joseph of Arimathea, *John 19.38, 41-42*.

5. We look forward to His return, *1 Corinthians 11.26*.
 - a. Other passages tells us of His return but I want to just mention *1 Thessalonians 4.16-17*.

C) We have

1. A wonderful Savior who was willing to die for us.
2. A Great God who loves us, *John 3.16*
3. A hope that will be realized when Jesus returns.

Conclusion:

The Lord's Supper is a solemn occasion but also one of joy for us. As said before "We are sorry such a sacrifice was necessary but we are glad it was made for us." Before we have the Lord's Supper, we are going to conclude this lesson with an invitation. An invitation offered by the Lord to come and follow Him. We follow Him by leaving behind the sins of this world and walking in newness of life, by being buried with Him in baptism. Can we help you this morning?