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The Lord's Supper!

Lesson Text: Luke 22:7-27

Focus Verse: Luke 22:19 - 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.

Truth About: Jesus called His church to remember His sacrifice until He returns.

Covenant Context: The week that began with so much pomp and praise for Jesus ended with so much vitriol and hatred against Him. But knowing all that would befall Him, Jesus humbled Himself and served His followers. And during the Passover meal, He announced the new covenant He was instituting: they would no longer need to sacrifice a lamb for their sins, for He would be the sacrificial Lamb for all sins for all humanity for all time.

Jesus had invited His disciples to eat the Passover meal with Him. Jesus had already told them He would not be with them much longer. He knew His hour had come when *"he should depart out of this world unto the Father"* (John 13:1). Jesus got up from the table, set His cloak aside, and wrapped a towel around His waist. He knelt down, poured water into a basin, and gently began to wash the disciples' feet. We derive two prominent aspects from the custom of foot washing: hygiene and humility. In today's society, much like we wash our hands before a meal, they practiced foot washing for hygiene as well.

Jesus washing the disciples' feet is one of true humility and love. Not only was He showing His disciples how much He loved them, but He was showing them how to love one another. **When we serve each other in humility, we will prefer our brother or sister over ourselves.** Learning to serve as Jesus did helps us to live in unity with each other. Through His actions at the Last Supper, Jesus showed us how to love someone who does evil against us. Jesus knelt down before Judas and lovingly washed his feet along with the others. Jesus told him to go quickly and do what he had to do. Judas was one whom the Savior loved to the end.

Jesus issued clear instructions: *"A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another"* (John 13:34-35). One of the most difficult things to do as human beings is to intentionally serve with humility. It doesn't come naturally to us because of pride, which is a poisoned fruit of sin. In fact, John declared it is one of the three worldly attributes that will separate us from God (1 John 2:16). Let us all pray for God to help us serve each other in humility, just as Jesus served His disciples.

Communion reminds us of the sacrifice Jesus made for us (Luke 22:19-20). We must remember Jesus' sacrifice, for without it, we would all be lost. We celebrate, we remember, and we look forward in faith to the day Jesus returns for His church. During that same night, Jesus also promised He would pour out His Holy Spirit (John 14; Luke 24:49). The new covenant was a gift wrapped in His death, burial, and resurrection and it's demonstrated through repentance, baptism, and the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Today we can look forward to the outpouring of the Holy Ghost. When the disciples received the Holy Ghost on the Day of Pentecost, the promise came alive as they spoke in tongues, experiencing the divine infilling of God's Holy Spirit. That same experience is our promise also. We have the same hope the disciples had that Jesus will dwell within us until He calls us home.

Jesus' sacrifice was the signature of His covenant with us. His work was completed. Through the gospel we have access to His presence in our lives. Looking forward to His coming is a benefit of living in covenant with Jesus. How wonderful it will be when we hear the trumpet sound and are caught up in the clouds to be with the Lord forever (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17).