

Luke 22:19-20 Maundy Thursday @ Immanuel, Mercedes April 2, 2026
Jesus' Personal Passion Prophecies Are To Be Remembered

INTRO: I have a peculiar memory. I can tell you the first and middle name of the man who discovered Pike's Peak. OTOH, in Bible class I can forget the first name of Linda Bless whom I have known for forty years! I need reminding; how about you?

I. REMEMBER THE LESSONS OF THE OLD COVENANT

A. The original covenant (testament) with Abraham

1. 'Seed' foretold in Eden, Genesis 3
2. Gen.12:3 & 22:18 ...in your seed...nations...be blessed
3. Seed's kingdom typified by Promised Land; great nation
4. promise is attached to sign of circumcision
5. continued until Jesus fulfilled it; He's the promised Seed

B. Institutionalized by God in Passover event and yearly observance

1. God wanted His Passover deliverance to be remembered
2. kill, roast, eat lamb; blood on doorposts; sacrifice typified
3. bitter herbs = sufferings in a sinful world (Israel's and ours)
4. unleavened bread = readiness for God's coming to save
5. Ex.12:26 - to be taught its meaning to children

C. A well established ritual by Jesus' time

1. family group of 10-20 people; **not** alone; low table w/cushions; head of family hosts; prayer of thanks; passed 1st cup; sang Ps.113-114; bitter herbs dip; 2nd cup, discussed meaning; ate main meal of lamb and unleavened bread; thanksgiving prayer; 3rd cup; sang Ps. 115-118; 4th cup
2. thus Jesus did with The Twelve in an upper room in Jerusalem
3. Judas probably left after dipping bitter herbs
4. probably instituted new covenant after main meal, after 3rd cup (Luke 22:17 "took a cup; v.19 "took bread"; v.20 "took the cup")
5. Matt.26:30 And when they had sung a hymn (Ps.115-118) they went out to the Mount of Olives

II. REMEMBER HIS PERSONAL PASSION PROPHECIES

A. This is **My** body...new covenant in **My** blood

1. This is Jesus speaking, Son of God and Son of Mary
2. the fulfillment of all Old Testament 'seed' prophecies
3. 4,000 years of prophecies now being fulfilled

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4. prophecies of His Virgin Birth; holy life; atoning death
 5. as well as more than our six midweek personal passion prophecies
- B. Which is being given...being shed (present active verb tenses)
1. Jesus is in the act of fulfilling the sacrifice for the sins of the world
 2. the betrayal is now in progress
 3. last meal before walking to Mt. of Olives, Gethsemane
 4. Sanhedrin had agreed; expedient that one Man should die for the people
- C. Why so many details; who cares?
1. Matt.26:28 ...for the remission of sins. This do...
 2. sin started in Eden, necessitating redemption promises
 3. rebellious, apostate Israel needed reminding to repent
 4. even these disciples professed fidelity, then fled
 5. our sins are real, serious, expensive; don't you forget it

III. REMEMBER HIS NEW TESTAMENT PRESENCE

- A. 'This is' (**touto estin**) not 'represents'; not a parable; a fact
1. 8 times in Greek text; Matt., Mark, Luke, 1 Corinthians 11
 2. v.19 do **this** in remembrance of Me
 3. a command, directive; an institution
 4. disciples are expected to do, and to remember (Him)
 5. remember, is **is**; Jesus' word and command make it so
 6. whether or not one believes Him (some doubted His prophecies but they came true)
 7. Jesus' words establish His presence in his new testament
 8. His very body and blood are here as we do according to His words
- B. "...given/shed **for you**..."
1. the purpose for Jesus' bleeding and dying
 2. the purpose for our eating and drinking
 3. for the remission of sins; remember this!
 4. this is what Jesus was doing in fulfilling God's will
 5. this forgiveness of sins is offered to you in this sacrament

CONCLUSION: I find it extremely difficult to say 'no' to Jesus' sacrament offered and administered according to His institution. When Jesus says "do this", I cannot say "no" to Him. And as I receive this sacrament, I remember all that which He has promised and prophesied. He is present here with His Body and Blood for the remission of our sins, and He wants us to remember that. Amen.