

Gospel of Matthew 26 “Last and First Supper”
Matthew 26:17-29
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17 Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?” 18 He said, “Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’” 19 And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

20 When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. 21 And as they were eating, he said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me.” 22 And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, “Is it I, Lord?” 23 He answered, “He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. 24 The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.” 25 Judas, who would betray him, answered, “Is it I, Rabbi?” He said to him, “You have said so.”

26 Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” 27 And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, 28 for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. 29 I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

Passover and betrayal.

The supper is received, reflected upon and it renews.

The heart of the gospel is that we are receivers.

Matthew 26:22-23

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The issues at this meal are our issues.

Romans 3:10-12

10 as it is written: “There is no one righteous, not even one; 11 there is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God. 12 All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one.”

Romans 3:23-24

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

To reflect is to also count grace.

Vow renewal.

Matthew 26:29

29 I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.”

The meal says what Jesus most wants to say to his followers and to deeply explain what Jesus is about to do.

Life Group Discussion Questions

- What did God say to you through His Word during our Sunday gathering?
- How did you come to faith? Who passed the gospel along to you?
- Discuss the idea that the heart of the gospel is that we are receivers?
- The Lord's supper creates community. Discuss the importance of sharing life together as a church. When has gospel community been sweet and when has it been difficult?
- In what ways does the Lord's supper remind us of the importance of one another?
- What common signs of love and affection? How do you often express your love to those around you?
- If the Lord's Supper is an expression of Jesus love then what is it conveying to you/
- How might the encouragement to observe the supper "often" (1 Corinthians 11:26) reveal something about God's love?
- How can your Life Group help you apply this passage to your life this week?