

Daybreak Gathering 12/14/23

## The Lord's Supper

Since we will have an abbreviated time together on Thursday, you won't likely have time to cover all the questions in your group setting, but they will be valuable to use as a time of personal reflection prior to our time of communion.

### The Feast

- 1) According to Matthew 26:17, what feast was being celebrated when Jesus held the first Lord's Supper with His disciples?
- 2) What plague on Egypt does this feast commemorate? (Exodus 12)
- 3) Is this feast still celebrated today? If so, who continues in the celebration?

If you're interested in deeper study, I recently watched a good sermon from Mark 14:1-25 where Pastor Brett Meador did a great job of explaining how Jesus is our Passover Lamb. [JESUS IS OUR PASSOVER](#)

### The Basics

The Lord's Supper, Communion, and The Lord's Table are all names used to describe this institution that Jesus commanded us as New Testament believers.

- 1) Who should take communion? Who should not?
- 2) Does your church/denomination have any special requirements for taking the Lord's Supper?
- 3) What are the two elements of communion? Do these elements themselves have the power to save?
- 4) How is taking communion a form of worship?

### The Singing

"After singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives." (Matthew 26:30)

Jesus is about to go to His death the following day, yet still He ended this time of communion in celebration, praising through song. Based on tradition, we can narrow down what Jesus likely sang.

"Hallel is a prayer of thanksgiving added to the morning service on festive Jewish holidays. The prayer, whose Hebrew name literally means "praise," is comprised of six psalms (113-118) that amount to an extended expression of praise and thanks to God for the many kindnesses bestowed

upon Israel. Hallel is recited on the first two days of Passover, Shavuot, Sukkot and Hanukkah.”  
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- 1) Communion is a solemn time of remembrance and careful reflection on what Christ has done for us, and rightly so. But do you ever consider also praising Him in song since it is also a joyous time of thanksgiving?
- 2) As you glance at Psalms 113-118 in your Bible, share with your group a verse of praise that you have underlined.

Pastor Brett in his sermon listed above suggests that Psalm 118 is the likely psalm used as Jesus' song.

### **The Sacrifice**

“And when He had taken some bread and given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, ‘This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.’ And in the same way He took the cup after they had eaten, saying, ‘This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood.’” (Luke 22:19-21)

“Our lives are so blessed and we’re so accustomed to grace, that in this age of Grace, it’s easy to remember that somebody paid the price. This is a time for an attitude of gratitude, remembering what Jesus did for us.” ~ Dr. Andy Woods

- 1) The first Lord’s Supper was on the eve of what world-changing event?
- 2) The Lord’s Supper causes us to remember our Lord’s death and resurrection and to look for His glorious return in the future. When is it that we will celebrate the Lord’s Supper with Jesus, our Passover Lamb? (Mark 14:25, Luke 22:18)
- 3) Does it appear that Jesus is longing for the day when He will partake of the bread and the wine with us?

### **The Gravity**

When writing of the Lord’s Supper, Paul includes a statement not found in the Gospel accounts:

“Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord. But a man must examine himself, and in so doing he is to eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not judge the body rightly.” (1 Corinthians 11:27-29)

- 1) What might it mean to partake of communion “in an unworthy manner”?
- 2) How do we go about examining ourselves?

- 3) Have you been in communion services where the pastor did not talk about the necessity of self-examination?