

## The Last Supper

Matthew 26:17-30

- I. **THE CELEBRATION OF PASSOVER** (17-19; Ex 12)—**commemoration of the Exodus**
  - A. **The Bondage** (1 Jn 5:19; Jn 8:34)—**Egypt, the Oppression of Satan and Slavery of Sin**
  - B. **The Deliverer** (Heb 3:3-6, 8:6)—**Jesus, the Savior greater than Moses**
    1. **The Prophet of God** (Dt 18:15-19; Act 3:22-23)—spoke for God, performed miracles
    2. **The Mediator of the Covenant** (1 Tim 2:5; Heb 8:6, 9:15; 12:18-24)—received the Law and instituted God’s Covenant with the nation of Israel
    3. **An Intercessor for the People** (Ex 32:9-14; 30-32; Dt 9:25; Isa 53:12; Heb 7:25)—pleaded for God’s mercy when they broke covenant
  - C. **The Lamb** (Isa 53; 1 Cor 5:7)—**Jesus, the Perfect Sacrifice**
    1. **The Sacrifice of a Substitute** (Jn 1:29; 1 Jn 2:2; Heb 7:27)—without defect
    2. **The Sight of Blood** (Ex 12:13)—identifies and protects the redeemed
      - a. **The Cost of Redemption** (Gen 2:17; Rom 6:23; Heb 9:22; 1 Pet 1:18-19)
      - b. **The Covering of Sin** (Ex 12:23; Isa 40:1-5, 9)—paid in full
    3. **The Meal of Fellowship** (Ex 24:8-11; Rev 3:20)—fed, nourished and sustained
- II. **THE MAKING OF A COVENANT**—**agreement between God and His people**
  - A. **The Old Covenant** (Ex 24:3-11)—**Keep God’s Law and He will be your God**
    1. **Made with the Nation of Israel** (set apart from the world as holy, OT Church)
    2. **Mediated by Moses**
    3. **Instituted by the Sacrifice of Oxen** (Ex 24:3-8)—the blood of the covenant
    4. **Required obedience to the Law** (Ex 24:7)
      - a. Written on Stone (Ex 31:18)—the Ten Commandments
      - b. Broken by Israel (Ex 32:1-8 19)—Golden Calf, etc...
    5. **Resulted in Covenant Curses**

**B. The New Covenant** (Jeremiah 31:31-34)—**Come to God through Jesus**

1. **Made with the Church** (called out of the world from every nation)
2. **Mediated by Jesus** (Heb 9:15)
3. **Instituted by the Sacrifice of Jesus** (28)—“the new covenant in my blood”
4. **Fulfilled the requirements of the Law** ()—
  - a. Kept perfectly by Jesus
  - b. Written on our Hearts
5. **Resulted in Covenant Blessings:**
  - a. Our sin is counted as His; He takes our punishment.
  - b. His obedience is counted as ours; He gives us His blessing.

**III. THE INSTITUTION OF COMMUNION**

**A. The Elements** (26-27)—common, everyday, essential food items

1. **The (Unleavened) Bread**—the body of Jesus, broken for us
2. **The Cup (of Wine)**—the blood of Jesus, shed for the forgiveness of our sins

**B. The Mystery**—What happens when we take Communion?

1. **Literal Physical Presence, Sacrament**—transubstantiation, grace dispensed
2. **Actual Spiritual Presence, Sacrament**—grace received by faith
3. **Metaphorical, Symbolic Commemoration**—sacred memorial, object lesson

**C. The Meaning**

1. **The Sacrificial Atonement of Christ** (1 Cor 1:23-26)—Jesus died in my place.
2. **Our Unity with Christ**—His life is my life; He feeds, fills, satisfies me with Himself.
3. **Our Membership in the Church**—unity and fellowship in the family of God