

The Last Supper Of Jesus

John 13:21-32

INTRODUCTION: JESUS HAS THE LAST SUPPER WITH HIS DISCIPLES

In John Chapter 13 to John Chapter 17, it tells us what Jesus said to his disciples the night before his death. These words were all spoken by Jesus in one evening, with only the disciples as his audience. He gave final instructions to prepare them for his death and resurrection, therefore these events would change their lives forever.

Jesus also knew that he would be betrayed by one of his disciples, then denied by another, and finally deserted by all of them for a time. But still “he loved them unto the end”.

In Mark chapter 14 we can read a detailed account of the last Lords day about who Judas Iscariot was.

This current feast of the Passover would be the last Passover on earth that the Lord would hold with his disciples before his death.

We have to remember that the Passover meal that Jesus celebrated with his disciples was before his death and resurrection. It was a meal to commemorate what God had done for the believers in the OT; who had the faith in believing in God to deliver them from Pharaoh in Egypt. (Exodus 12).

But now this meal was not only to remind the disciples of what God had done for Israel in the OT, but what God was going to do for them in the NT through His Son.

The Passover meal was significant in several respects.

1. It was the commemoration of what God had done for Israel's believers.
2. It was what God was going to do for Israel (Jacob) believers.
3. It was a living picture of full redemption of sin; by knowing that it was going to be Gods Son who would accomplish that by Himself.
4. It was going to stand as both a witness and a memorial for all to see and believe in Jesus.
5. It was going to be a future picture of the coming days in which the believers in “Christ” Jesus would sit down again at His table with Him in His Fathers kingdom, judging all nations.

Matthew 29 But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

1. How was Jesus going to be betrayed?
2. Was it going to be an outsider or was it going to be someone from the inner circle who had been “saying the right words”?
3. We tend to think sometimes that Jesus is not aware of what we do?

John 13:21-22

21 When Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me.

1. What is most interesting about the last meal that Jesus had with his disciples, was that Judas who had betrayed Jesus was sitting at the same table with Jesus, and not only was he sitting there at the same table with Jesus, but he was actively dipping his hand and eating from the same dish as Jesus.
2. Judas Iscariot even referred to Jesus as Master, in his answer to Jesus in Matthew 26:25 if he was the one who would betray him. Of course Jesus knew Judas was the one. For he had already made a covenant with the enemy to sell out Jesus.
3. It was not until after that Jesus had made Judas's sin public amongst the other disciples that it brought an end to the communion and fellowship with Jesus.

Matthew 26:¹⁴ Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests,¹⁵ And said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver.¹⁶ And from that time he sought opportunity to betray him.

4. Judas knowingly had turned against Jesus; but still chose to sit at the same table with Jesus, and Jesus let him be there. – Jesus gave him a chance and an opportunity to repent.
5. This shows Jesus' compassion on all of us.
6. The Lord was not deceived, but knew what was to take place to fulfill the scripture in Psalm 49:1.
7. The scriptures tell us that Satan had entered Judas, after the devil had put into his heart to betray Jesus.

Luke 22:³ Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve.

John 13:² And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him;

- We read in Mark 14:22-28 of the Lord's final supper with his disciples.

Mark 14:22-28

22 And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said, Take, eat: this is my body.

23 And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them: and they all drank of it.

24 And he said unto them, This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many.

²⁵ Verily I say unto you, I will drink no more of the fruit of the vine, until that day that I drink it new in the kingdom of God.

²⁶ And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.

²⁷ And Jesus saith unto them, **All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered.**

- Whenever the scriptures says “it is written” then we must go and check what was written.
- In this case we turn to the book of Zechariah. A prophecy about Jesus.

Zechariah 13:6-8 King James Version ⁶ And one shall say unto him, **What are these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.**

⁷ Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man that is my fellow, saith the LORD of hosts: **smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered**: and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones.

- The Book of Luke gives us the same account with some more detail added.

Luke 22:1-8

¹ Now the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called the Passover.

² And the chief priests and scribes sought **how they might kill him**; for they feared the people.

³ Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve.

⁴ And he went his way, and communed with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray him unto them.

⁵ And they were glad, and covenanted to give him money.

⁶ And he promised, and sought opportunity to betray him unto them in the absence of the multitude.

⁷ Then came the day of unleavened bread, when the passover must be killed.

⁸ And he sent Peter and John, saying, Go and prepare us the passover, that we may eat.

¹⁴ And when the hour was come, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him.

¹⁵ And he said unto them, **With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer:**

¹⁶ For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

¹⁷ And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, **and divide it among yourselves**:

¹⁸ For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come.

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**.

²⁰ Likewise also the **cup** after supper, saying, **This cup** is the new testament in **my blood**, which is shed for you.

²¹ **But, behold, the hand of him that betrayeth me is with me on the table.**

²² And truly the Son of man goeth, as it was determined: but woe unto that man by whom he is betrayed!

²³ And they began to enquire among themselves, which of them it was that should do this thing.

²⁴ And there was **also a strife among them**, which of them should be accounted the greatest.

➤ **Did the future gospel writers not know?**

Matthew 26:21-30

²¹ And as they did eat, he said, Verily I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me.

²² And they were exceeding sorrowful, and began every one of them to say unto him, Lord, is it I?

²³ And he answered and said, **He that dippeth his hand with me in the dish**, the same shall betray me.

²⁴ The Son of man goeth as it is written of him: but woe unto that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! it had been good for that man if he had not been born.

²⁵ **Then Judas, which betrayed him, answered and said, Master, is it I? He said unto him, Thou hast said.**

²⁶ And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body.

²⁷ And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it;

28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

29 But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

30 And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.

John 13:22

22 Then the disciples looked one on another, doubting of whom he spake.

1. When a person is full of pride, he will never doubt himself.
2. The disciples were all in this same mind set.
3. They all thought that this sin was beyond them.
4. When you don't want to look guilty "then always look to others to be guilty and this excuses you". That was the attitude of the disciples.

23 Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved.

1. Familiarity can breed contempt as the saying goes.
2. Peter being close to the Lord, never doubted for a moment that he could be found guilty of offending the Lord. Yes Peter loved the Lord, and we do also but this won't stop us sinning against the Lord because of our flesh.
3. Yes Peter was very close to the Lord, and for that reason Jesus even reminded Peter of that close love for him was to be tested.
4. Jesus said this to Peter in another scripture. This was after Peter had denied the Lord here in John 13:38 in the garden of Gethsemane.

John 21:16-17¹⁶ He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, **lovest thou me?** He saith unto him, **Yea, Lord;** thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep.¹⁷ He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, **lovest thou me?** Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, **Lovest thou me?** And he said unto him, **Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee.** Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

- It's easy to say that you love the Lord, but it is another thing altogether to serve him.
- By feeding the sheep of Jesus, what the Lord was telling Peter is that if he really loved him then Peter would spread the Word of the Lord Jesus, a message of salvation to all people.

5. Jesus' love is not like our love. Our love is shallow and comes with preconditions.
6. Jesus' love for his own is not conditional.

John 13:1 Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, **having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.**

7. This scene or picture, still takes place at the table of the Passover meal. The disciples and Jesus were nearing the conclusion of the Passover meal.
8. The discussion had now turned to a more serious note on who would deny Jesus.

24 Simon Peter therefore beckoned to him, that he should ask who it should be of whom he spake.

1. Peter in asking John to ask Jesus, in a sense was saying it was not him.
2. Peter asked John to ask the Lord to reveal to them who it was.

25 He then lying on Jesus' breast saith unto him, Lord, who is it?

1. Peter turned to John who was closer to Jesus, and beckoned John to ask the same question of the Lord as to who it was?

26 Jesus answered, He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it. And when he had dipped the sop, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon.

1. At the conclusion of the meal in which they shared, a very sad event takes place.
2. Greed and pride has reared its ugly head.
3. The heart of a man that loves mammon more than God, is revealed. Mammon is loving the world and its things it has to offer and is not compatible with loving God.

Luke 16:13 No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and **mammon**.

4. The identity of the disciple would be shown by the Lord.
5. (a disciple is one who is supposed to love God and follow him)
6. The Lord would call out Judas' sin, and make it known to all the others.
 - But blinded by their own sin, they still did not fully understand the denial of Judas or its meaning.
 - Listen to what they said in the following verses.

27 And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly.

1. After Judas was identified as the one who would betray Jesus, the disciples still did not know what this betrayal was all about.
2. As Jesus handed the Sop (bread dipped in gravy or olive oil), and gave it to Judas it was the sign of the OT being fulfilled. (Psalm 49:1).
3. If you had noticed before all the disciples dipped with their own hands into the dish. But it was only when Jesus dipped and gave to Judas did the separation now begin of betrayal and it was to be made fully known publicly.
4. The part about **That thou doest, do quickly.** Was not understood by the rest of the disciples.

28 Now no man at the table knew for what intent he spake this unto him.

1. From this verse we can see that they were all still at the table.
2. They had remained at the table all this time sharing in the meal.
3. Being at the table they all heard and saw what Jesus did. But they did not understand.

29 For some of them thought, because Judas had the bag, that Jesus had said unto him, Buy those things that we have need of against the feast; or, that he should give something to the poor.

1. Some thought because Judas had the bag, that Jesus had said unto him, Buy those things that we have need of against the feast:
2. Yet others thought, that he should give something to the poor.
3. But that's not what he was referring to.
4. People like to think what they want. But it's not of the Lord.
5. **A money preacher is all about money, and that's what Judas was.**

30 He then having received the sop went immediately out: and it was night.

1. When righteousness is challenged evil cannot be present.
2. The scripture says **He then having received the sop went immediately out: and it was night.**
3. Judas knew that Jesus had exposed his evil and wicked deeds.
4. If Judas had known or at least been a believer of God of the OT which is also the God of the NT by the way. But if he had been a believer he would have known that Gods requirement were for them to stay in doors on the night of the Passover as he would "Passover" them to keep them safe.
5. But what did Judas do? He went out from them. Because the bible says they were not of us. – He went out into the dark night.

Exodus 12:13

And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and [when I see the blood, I will pass over you](#), and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.

Exodus 12:23

For the Lord will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when [he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the Lord will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you.](#)

➤ Outside of the "house of God" you stand a good chance of being destroyed.

6. Satan is a picture of the night. He prefers darkness. Judas went out into the "night". A picture of what Satan represents. Evil.

31 Therefore, when he was gone out, Jesus said, Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in him.

1. In verse 20 we saw the words of the great commission.

2. But in verse 21 we see that Jesus was troubled because he knew that there was one who would not be part of that great commission, but one who would betray him instead.
3. So now with only the true disciples. The Apostles as Luke 22:14.

Luke 22:¹⁴ And when the hour was come, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him.

At this point of true believers only being present at His table, Jesus turned to his disciples at His table and said, **Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in him.**

4. Now is the time God is praised, now is the time Jesus is extolled. And even God the Father is worshiped in Him. (Jesus).

³² If God be glorified in him, God shall also glorify him in himself, and shall straightway glorify him.

1. What this verse 32 means is this.
2. If God the Father be worshipped in Him (Jesus), God the Father shall also praise in himself, and also raise His Son Jesus to be worshipped.

The Apostle Paul also illustrates the Lords Supper in 1 Corinthians 11:27-34.

If you would like to read more about the Lords supper.


But.....

Whilst on the Lords day, as we come together, it reminds me of Exodus 12:13 where the Lord instructs those that believe in him to stay indoors.

- In a sense it sounds like what we had in the “lock down” we experienced.
- However, it does not mean that if we cannot physically come together that we can’t present ourselves before the Lord and call for His mercy.

The OT saints were instructed to stay safe in their houses but yet the Lord still visited them even though they could not go out, as the bible says he passed over them.

- We should be very thankful for the Lord and what His blood has already accomplished for us.
- His blood was and has already been shed for us; and is upon the pillars and foundation of our faith.

 We are to remember what the Lord has done for us, even though we cannot at times leave our houses to fellowship and worship the Lord Jesus together, but yet we can still worship him from our homes.

1. Let us thank the Lord Jesus, and continue to ask Him to protect His own who trust and believe in Him.

2. Let us also call for the mercy and protection of our family and also for other fellow believers whether in or out of our own households.
3. Let us all use this opportunity to share the blessed glorious gospel of Jesus Christ our LORD to those who are despairing and who find no hope in these last perilous days.

- My prayer for all of us today is taken from the Proverbs 3:5

Proverbs 3:5-6 King James Version (KJV)

⁵ Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

⁶ In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Stay safe everyone,

Stay in the arms of Jesus.

PRAYER.....CLOSE