Mark

The **Gospel** of the **Servant of God**

I. The ***Service*** of the **Servant** (1:1-10:52)

II. The ***Sacrifice*** of the **Servant** (11:1-16:20)

C. **His *Teachings*** in **Jerusalem** (11:20-14:52)

1. The ***Power*** of **Faith** (11:20-26)
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7. The ***Personal*** **Devotion** of **Mary of Bethany** (14:1-11)

8. The ***Passover*** **Feast** (14:12-25)

a. ***Preparing*** for the **Feast** (14:12-16)

[12] On the **first day** of **Unleavened Bread**,
when the **Passover** ***lamb*** was being **sacrificed**, **His disciples** said to **Him**,
"***Where*** do **You** want us to go and **prepare** for **You** to **eat** the **Passover**?"

[13] And **He** sent ***two*** of His disciples and said to them,
"Go into the **city,** and **a man** will **meet** you carrying a **pitcher** of **water**; **follow him**;

[14] and wherever he enters, say to the **owner** of the house,
'The **Teacher** says, "***Where*** is **My guest room**
in which I may **eat** the **Passover** with **My disciples**?"'

[15] And he himself will show you a **large upper room**
furnished *and* **ready**; **prepare** for **us** there."

[16] The disciples **went out** and came to the **city**,
and found *it* just as **He** had **told them;**
and they **prepared** the **Passover**.

b. ***Proclaiming*** a **Betrayer** is among **them** (14:17-21)

[17] When it was **evening He came** with the ***twelve***.

[18] As they were **reclining** *at the table* and **eating**, **Jesus** said,

"**Truly** I say to you that **one of you** will **betray Me**—
one who is **eating *with Me***."

19 They began to be **grieved** and to say to **Him** one by one, "Surely **not I**?"

20 And **He said** to them, "*It is* **one** of the **twelve**,
one who **dips** with **Me** in the **bowl.**

21 For the **Son of Man** *is to* **go** just as it is **written of Him**;
but **woe** to that man **by whom** the **Son of Man** is **betrayed**!

It would have been good for that man if he had **not been born**."

c. ***Presenting*** and **Establishing** the **Lord's Supper** (14:22-25)

22 While they were **eating**, **He** took *some* **bread**,
and after a **blessing He broke *it***, and **gave *it*** to them,
and said, "**Take *it*; this is My body**."

23 And when **He** had taken **a cup** *and* given **thanks,**
He gave *it* to **them,** and they all **drank** from it.
24 And **He said** to them,
"This is **My blood** of the **covenant**, which is **poured out** for **many**.

25 **Truly** I say to you, I will **never** again **drink** of the **fruit** of the **vine**
until **that day** when I **drink it new** in the **kingdom of God**."

Personal Application

The **"Feast"** of the **Lord's Supper**

A. The ***Context*** of the **Lord's Supper**—the **Passover Seder Meal**

1. The ***Purpose*** of the **Passover Seder**—To **remember** and **retell Israel's redemption** from **slavery** in the land of **Egypt** (Exodus 12:1-20)

2. The ***Provisions*** for the **Passover Seder**—the **Passover lamb**, **unleavened bread** (as it was also the **feast** of **unleavened bread**), **bitter herbs**, **charoseth**, four **cups** of **wine**

3. The ***Presentation*** of the **Lord's Supper**—Towards the **end** of the **Seder feast**, **Jesus** takes **two** key **provisions** of the **Seder**, a piece of **unleavened bread** and the **third cup** of **wine**, and declares ***another*** **redemption**—one that involves **His body** and **His blood,** and **reveals Him** as the ***eternal*** **Passover lamb.** The **Lamb** who would **take away** the **sins** of the **world,** and **free** all those who are in **bondage** to **sin** and **death.** (John 1:29) (Rom. 8:2)

B. The ***Commencement*** of the **Lord's Supper**—

During the **Seder feast**, **Jesus** takes a piece of **unleavened bread** and a **cup of wine**, and after a **blessing**, gives them to **His disciples** to **eat** and **drink**. As **He** does this, **Jesus declares** the **bread** to be **His "body,"** and the **cup** of **wine** to be **His "blood."**

Regarding this, I believe that just like in the **celebration** of the **Passover,** when the **provisions** of the **meal** ***represented*** the **events** of **Israel's redemption**, the **unleavened bread** and the **cup of wine** that **Jesus** presented to **His disciples** would ***represent*** **spiritual truths** related to **Messiah's eternal sacrifice** as the **Passover Lamb of God**. (I Cor. 5:7)

While they were **eating, Jesus** took *some* **bread,** and after a **blessing**,
He broke *it* and gave *it* to the **disciples**, and said, "Take, **eat**; this is **My body**."

And when **He** had taken **a cup** and **given thanks**, **He gave *it*** to them, saying,
"**Drink** from it, all of you; for this is **My blood** of the **covenant**,
which is **poured out** for ***many*** for **forgiveness of sins**. (Matthew 26:26-28)

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 22:19-20)

C. The ***Characteristics*** of the **Lord's Supper**—

1. Like ***Passover,*** the **Lord's Supper** is a **Redemption Story**—

A **redemption** provided by **Messiah our Passover** through the **sacrifice** of **His body**, and the **shedding** of **His blood**.

Clean out the **old leaven** so that you may be a **new lump**,
just as **you** are *in fact* **unleavened**.
For **Messiah our Passover** also has been **sacrificed**. (I Corinthians 5:7)

and **He (Messiah) Himself bore our sins** in **His body** on the **cross**,
so that we might ***die*** **to sin** and ***live*** **to righteousness**;
for by **His wounds** you were **healed**. (I Peter 2:24)
For what the **Law** could **not do**, ***weak*** as it was through **the flesh**,
God *did*: sending **His own Son** in the ***likeness*** of **sinful flesh** and *as an* ***offering*** for **sin**, **He condemned sin** in **the flesh**, (Romans 8:3)

knowing that **you** were **not redeemed** with perishable things like **silver** or **gold**
from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with **precious blood**,
as of a **lamb unblemished** and **spotless**, *the* ***blood*** **of Messiah**. (I Peter 1:18-19)

In Him (Jesus) we have **redemption** through **His blood**,

the **forgiveness** of our **trespasses**,
according to the **riches** of **His grace** (Ephesians 1:7)

2. Like ***Passover***, the **Lord's Supper** is a **Memorial Feast**—

For I received from **the Lord** that which I also delivered to you,
that the **Lord Jesus** in the night in which **He** was betrayed **took bread**;
and when **He** had **given thanks**, **He broke it** and said,
"This is **My body**, which is for **you;** do this in **remembrance** of **Me**."

In the same way *He took* the **cup** also after supper, saying,
"This **cup** is the **new covenant** in **My blood**;
do this, as often as you drink *it*, in **remembrance** of **Me**."

For as often as you **eat this bread** and **drink the cup**,
you ***proclaim*** the **Lord's death** until **He comes**. (I Corinthians 11:23-26)

3. The **Lord's Supper** is a **Spiritual Feast**—

Its a **feast** where we **dine *spiritually*** with **our Lord**, and **nourish** our **souls** with the **redemptive blessings** that the **sacrifice** of **His body** and the **shedding** of **His blood** have **provided** for **us**. It's a **feast** where we **remember** that we have been **set free** from the ***bondage*** of **sin** and **death** through the **sacrifice** of the **Messiah** (Romans 8:2) (Hebrews 2:14-15). And its and a **feast** where we **celebrate** the **blessings** of the **new covenant** in **His blood.** (Hebrews 8:8, 9:15)

Truly, truly, **I say** to you, he who **believes** has **eternal life**.
I am the **bread of life**. Your fathers ate the **manna** in the wilderness, and they **died.**..

I am the **living bread** that **came down** out of **heaven**;
if anyone **eats** of **this bread**, he will **live forever**;
and the **bread** also which **I will give** for the **life** of the **world** is **My flesh**."

Then the Jews *began* to argue with one another, saying,
"**How** can this man **give us *His* flesh** to **eat**?..."

For **My flesh** is ***true food***, and **My blood** is ***true drink***. (John 6:47-49, 51-52, 55)

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