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7 Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. **8** Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover.” **9** “Where do you want us to prepare for it?” they asked.

10 He replied, “As you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him to the house that he enters, **11** and say to the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ **12** He will show you a large room upstairs, all furnished. Make preparations there.” **13** They left and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

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Luke 22:14-20

14 When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. **15** And he said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. **16** For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God.” **17** After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, “Take this and divide it among you.

18 For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” **19** And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.” **20** In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.

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“The Passover commemorated Israel’s escape from Egypt when the blood of a lamb painted on their doorframes had saved their firstborn from death. As the spotless Lamb of God, His blood would be spilled in order to save His people from the penalty of death brought by sin.”

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There main interpretations of the meaning of the commemoration of the

Lord's Supper:

- The bread and wine actually become Christ's body and blood**
- The bread and wine remain unchanged, yet Christ is present by faith in and through them**
- The and and wine, which remain unchanged, are lasting memorials of Christ's sacrifice**

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1 Corinthians 11:23-26

23 For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, **24** 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.”

25 In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.” **26** For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

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“Just as the Passover was a constant reminder and proclamation of God’s redemption of Israel from bondage in Egypt, so the keeping of Christ’s command would be a remembering and proclamation of the deliverance of believers from the bondage of sin through Christ’s atoning work on the cross.”

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Romans 3:25-26

25 God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— **26** he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

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2 Corinthians 5:21

21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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Luke 22:21-23

21 But the hand of him who is going to betray me is with mine on the table. **22** The Son of Man will go as it has been decreed. But woe to that man who betrays him!” **23** They began to question among themselves which of them it might be who would do this.

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“Sharing a meal indicated a relationship of friendship and trust, so the note of betrayal is shocking.”

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Background Commentary**

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Luke 22:24-30

24 Also a dispute arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest. **25** Jesus said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. **26** But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves.

27 For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. **28** You are those who have stood by me in my trials. **29** And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me, **30** so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

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“The world’s system of leadership is very different from leadership in God’s Kingdom. Worldly leaders are often selfish and arrogant as they claw their way to the top. But among Christians, the leader is to be the one who serves best... every Christian leader needs a servant’s heart.”

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Luke 22:31-34

31 “Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. **32** But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.” **33** But he replied, “Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death.” **34** Jesus answered, “I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me.”

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“Jesus singles out Peter for special attention, because Satan has zeroed in on this central disciple, asking to take him through the sieve. Like wheat separated from chaff, Satan wishes to check out what Peter is really made of.”

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Luke 22:35-38

35 Then Jesus asked them, “When I sent you without purse, bag or sandals, did you lack anything?” “Nothing,” they answered. **36** He said to them, “But now if you have a purse, take it, and also a bag; and if you don’t have a sword, sell your cloak and buy one.

37 It is written: ‘And he was numbered with the transgressors’; and I tell you that this must be fulfilled in me. Yes, what is written about me is reaching its fulfillment.” **38** The disciples said, “See, Lord, here are two swords.” “That’s enough!” he replied.

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“Until now they had been dependent on generous hospitality, but future opposition would require them to pay their own way...[buying a sword would] warn them of the perilous times about to come They would need defense and protection...”

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Isaiah 53:12

12 Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Applications

- Remember that God is sovereign over everything
- Remember there is a future Kingdom that awaits those who are in Christ
- Remember that the Christian life will be and is hard

Final Thoughts

“The ultimate commemoration of the Lord’s Supper is a righteous life. If new life comes through His death, new life is what should be manifested in response.”

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Final Thoughts

2 Corinthians 5:17

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; The old has gone, the new is come!