The Last Week of the Lord's Life

Class 4 – A Friend's Memorial

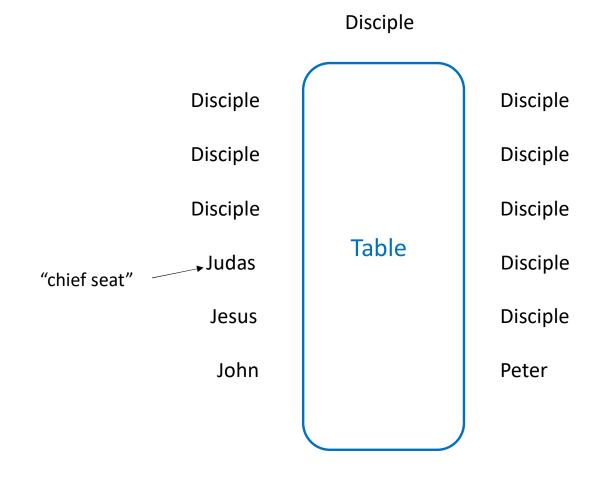


Last Week of the Lord's Life - Overview



- 1. The King's Entry
- 2. The Priest's Inspection
- The Watchman's Warning
- 4. A Friend's Memorial
- 5. The Lamb's Offering

Seating at the Last Supper



Source: The Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah, Edersheim

Bread and Wine

Bread



Bread set out as the basic type of *food*

- Gen 3:19 "sweat of face... eat bread..."
- Gen 28:20 "... give me bread to eat..."
- Psa 105:16 "...famine... brake the staff of bread..."







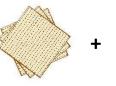




Wine set out as the basic type of *drink*

- Job 1:13-18 "was a day... eating and drinking wine"
- Jer 35:6 "we will drink no wine..."
- Dan 1:5 "... daily provision... meat... wine..."







Bread & Wine used together as the basic type of *meal*

- Judg 19:19

 "... straw/provender for our donkeys... bread/wine also for me."
- Eccl 9:7 "...eat bread with joy, and drink thy wine with a merry heart..."
- Gen 14:18 "Melchizedek... brought forth bread and wine"

The Memorial meeting is our basic spiritual diet – without it, we would die spiritually!

Bread



The symbol

Bread symbolizes the body of the Lord (Jn 6:32-40, 47-58; Mt 26:26; Mk 14:22; Lk 22:19; 1 Cor 11:23-24)

The meaning

- Bread is essential food for life (Mt 6:11; Gen 3:19)
- Unleavened (1 Cor 5:7-8)
 - Life was free of sin (i.e. malice & wickedness)
- Broken into pieces (1 Cor 10:16-17)
 - Body of Lord is comprised of many members

The application – consuming our Lord's body

- Receive his words into our lives (Psa 119:105; Jn 6:57-63)
- Present our bodies a living sacrifice (Rom 12:1; Jn 15:14)
- Fellowship w/ other members of his body (1 Cor 10:16-17)

Self-examination – questions at the memorial

Over the last week:

- How was my intake of God's word? (Jn 6:53-54)
- Which will is breaking flesh or spirit? (1 Cor 11:24; Mt 26:39)
- How am I influencing other members of his body?
 - "discerning the Lord's body" (1 Cor 11:29)

Bread is the body of our Lord - his word must be the energizing force in our lives!

Wine



The symbol

Wine symbolizes life blood of the Lord (Jn 6:53-56; Mt 26:28; Mk 14:23-24; Lk 22:20; 1 Cor 11:25)

The meaning

- Blood represents life and shedding of blood required for forgiveness (Lev 17:11; Heb 9:22)
- Redemption comes with forgiveness (Col 1:14)
- Jesus poured out his life each day until his death (Phil 2:8) – to God (Heb 9:14) for friends (Jn 15:13)

The application – consuming our Lord's blood

- Recognize we can't save ourselves God is right (Rom 3:23-26)
- Confess our sins and believe in God's forgiveness (1 Jn 1:9)
- Commit to pouring out our lives to God (Gal 2:20)

Self-examination – questions at the memorial

Over the last week:

- How well did I show Christ in my daily life? (Col 1:27; Mt 5:16)
- What are my faults requiring God's forgiveness? (1 Jn 1:8-9)
- One way I will do better this week in imitating his example...

Wine is the blood of our Lord – we must deny self, take up cross, follow him (Mt 16:24-25)

Lessons of The Last Supper

Servitude: Washing the feet of the disciples (Jn 13:3-17)

We look for opportunities to serve others and not for others to serve us

Remembrance: This do in remembrance of me (1 Cor 11:24, 25)

We commit to putting sin to death and proclaim our allegiance to Jesus

Self-examination: Lord, is it I? (Matt 26:21-22)

We reflect on where we have been guilty of denying our Lord that week

Choice: That thou doest, do quickly (Jn 13:27)

We choose to repent or we continue in darkness

Love: A new commandment... love one another as I have loved you (Jn 13:34)

We demonstrate our choice in sacrificing self for others