

# The Lord's Supper

(I Corinthians 10:15-17, I Corinthians 11:17-34; Luke 22:1-20; John 13-17; Exodus 12:1 - 13:22; Numbers 9:1-14; II Chronicles 30:1-17)

Please read the following article by Zac Poonen: "[Breaking of Bread – A Covenant.](#)"

The following notes are taken from a detailed study at RLCF of the Lord's Supper in its context:

## The Passover

**1. Why was the first "Passover" instituted and what does it signify in the New Covenant? (Exodus 12:13)**

To mark when God punished the Egyptians, but passed over the Israelites.

To mark when God punished Jesus when He bore our sins, but passed over us.

**2. How often and for how long is it celebrated by the Jews? (Exodus 12:15-19)** From 14<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> of 1<sup>st</sup> month.

**3. What are the elements of the observance of the Passover and what is their significance? (Exodus 12)**

v5	a one-year-old unblemished lamb	the pure spotless Lamb of God
v7	the blood on the doorposts and the lintel	Christ's blood protecting us from God's judgment
v8	eating the killed lamb	personal identification with Christ's death that saves me
v8	unleavened bread	(I Cor. 5:6-8) no pride, malice, wickedness, hypocrisy
v8	the bitter herbs	remember slavery's bitterness (eaten sitting like slaves)
v11	loins girded, sandals on, staff in hand	being always ready for Christ's return

**4. What are 2 aspects about the Passover that God emphasized in the story in Numbers 9?**

(v6) no uncleanness

(v13) don't neglect observing it

**5. What lessons can we learn from the story in II Chronicles 30:1-27?**

The Passover was to be observed in purity; God overlooks times of ignorance (Acts 17:30); it is a joyous time.

**6. What are the elements of the Lord's Supper and what do they signify? (Luke 22)**

v14	with whom Jesus shared it initially	the 12 disciples
v19	the bread broken and shared	Christ's Body broken for us
v20	the cup shared	the New Covenant in Christ's blood

**7. What aspects of observing the Lord's Supper does Paul emphasize? (I Corinthians 11)**

v18	unity and the removal of divisions in the Body
v26	every time we observe it we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes
v27-30	those who observe it without judging themselves are guilty of the body and blood of the Lord
v31-32	those who judge themselves will be disciplined by the Lord but won't be condemned with the world

**Given what we have studied from Scripture, how should we celebrate the Lord's Supper?**

(i) that we remain united in spirit and remove any division in the Body (see also Matthew 5:23-24)

(ii) that we never take lightly the privilege to proclaim the Lord's death

(iii) that we always judge ourselves and never judge others

## **John 13: A Revelation of the Mind of Christ**

### **What did Jesus show us about Himself in the context of the Lord's Supper:**

His love (v1): He loved His own who were in the world, and loved them to the end

His authority (v3): the Father had given all things into His hands

His fellowship (v8): partaking in the Lord's Supper is about partnership with Christ

His service (vv12-17): partaking in the Lord's Supper is about service to our fellow disciples

His glorification (vv31-35): before the Father and before the world when disciples love each another

## **John 14: The Church, Jesus Disciples**

### **1. What does Jesus say about the power He gives to His disciples (the Church)?**

(v12) We, His disciples, would do greater works than He did because we have the Holy Spirit (as a result of Jesus' returning to the Father). So, we who are many can become one, in a Body.

(v13-14) **Christ's Marriage Vow:** We, His disciples can ask for anything in accordance with the life that Jesus lived, and He will do it. This is because that will result in the Father being glorified through the Son.

(v15) **Our Marriage Vow to Christ:** We prove our love for Him by keeping His commandments.

### **2. What does Jesus say are the specific functions of the Holy Spirit with regard to His disciples (the Church)?**

(v16) He helps us keep our marriage vow to Christ – to keep His commandments.

(v17a) He is the Spirit of truth

(v17b) He is hidden from the world, but abides in us, Jesus' disciples

(v18, Romans 8:14-16) He makes us children of God

(v26) He teaches us all things and brings to remembrance Jesus' words

### **3. What does Jesus say show as the distinction between the world and His disciples (the Church)?**

(v19) The world saw Jesus only while He was physically on this earth. His disciples continue to see Him, and have life because Jesus is alive from the dead.

(v21) The true disciples are ones who demonstrate their love for Jesus by keeping His commandments. And even the world recognizes this (v31)!

(v23-25) The world had Jesus abide with them only for 33 years. Jesus and the Father demonstrate their love for His disciples by abiding in them forever.

(v30) The world is governed by its ruler. The ruler of the world has nothing in Jesus or His disciples.

## John 14: The Judas Question

1. How does Jesus reveal Himself to you? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. When the Holy Spirit comes to a person, what are the first things He talks about? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. How does truth set us free from sin? \_\_\_\_\_
4. How does the truth that God loves you affect you? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What three fruits of the Spirit does Jesus speak about in this dialogue?
  - (i) \_\_\_\_\_
  - (ii) \_\_\_\_\_
  - (iii) \_\_\_\_\_
6. How do these three fruits set you apart from the world? \_\_\_\_\_
7. In what way does Jesus reveal Himself to you differently from those who are of this world? \_\_\_\_\_

## John 15: Bearing Fruit

1. What are the vinedresser, the vine, and the branches a picture of, and how? (v1-6) \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. How does Jesus describe the relationship of abiding? (v7-11) \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. What is the fruit that Jesus looks for? (v12-17) \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. What is the consequence of this bearing of fruit, and why? (v18-25) \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. What is the sign of the Holy Spirit having come into our lives? (v26-27) \_\_\_\_\_  
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## John 16: The Source of Our Joy

1. What is the difference between the 2 types of rejoicing? (v19-22) \_\_\_\_\_  
How is this a picture of the Church in the world today? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What is the difference between the 2 types of asking (v26)? \_\_\_\_\_  
How is this possible? (v27) \_\_\_\_\_

## John 17: Sent by Jesus, as the Father Sent Him

1. How did Jesus glorify the Father while on earth? (v4) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Whom does Jesus then ask the Father to glorify and why? (v1) \_\_\_\_\_

3. How is Jesus now glorified by the Father?

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