

Sermon: The Meaning of the Last Supper.
Series: Luke: The Gospel for Everyone.

Scripture: Luke 22:1-23
Date: March 15, 2026

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about us?

- a) What do you suppose you'd be thinking if you were with Jesus at the Last Supper? Consider especially what Jesus says about the bread and the cup. What questions would it raise for you?
- b) How do you typically experience the Lord's Supper (Communion)? How do you think about it, experience it? Would you say it affects your heart?

2. What does this passage teach us about God?

- a) At the Last Supper, Jesus taught us the meaning of the Exodus and the Passover – they are previews of his cross and resurrection. Read 1 Peter 1:18-20. How does Peter make this point? What does it tell us about God that Jesus was the Passover Lamb even before time began?

3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

- a) Jesus interprets the bread and the cup as his body and blood. Read Hebrews 9:11-14 and 24-28. What is the significance of Christ's body and blood in our salvation? What implications does this have for our forgiveness (v.12 & 26) and our sin (v.28).
- b) Read v. 20 again. Jesus is inaugurating a New Covenant at the Last Supper. Read Hebrews 8, especially v.10-12. What are the promises of the New Covenant? Which one of these promises gives you the most peace and joy today?
- c) Why is Christ alone able to be the mediator of the New Covenant? Consider both his humanity and his divinity.

APPLICATION

- a) Think about your answer to #1b above. Now read 1 Cor. 10:16. What do you think it means to let communion be a "participation" with Christ and his death? What is the role of faith in this participation or "communion?" What is the role of self-evaluation?
- b) The symbolism of communion as a meal is clear – we ingest food into our bodies just as we take God's grace into our hearts. How can you let every meal you eat be symbolic of this taking into the self of the love and grace of God in Christ?

PRAYER

- Praise God for a plan of salvation that was written before time began.
- Confess ways that you have allowed the grace of the Lord's Supper to become rote, or a mere formality.
- Thank Jesus for the sacrificing of his body and blood for you on the cross.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to help you to participate with Christ during communion but also as you eat every meal.