

MAY 5, 2024

CHRIST IN THE PASSOVER

Pastor Roger Poupart // Mark 14:12-25



PREPARE YOUR HEART & MIND

Begin this time in prayer, confessing any sins you can recall, thanking the Lord for the gift of His Word, and asking for His Spirit to guide you in your time.



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. 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." 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."



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GROW IN THE WORD

- What's the significance of Jesus revealing that he would be betrayed during the Passover meal? In other words, what was Jesus indicating about himself and the coming events? See Exodus 12:1-14; John 1:29; 1 Corinthians 5:7.

- How would you describe how Jesus' sacrifice impacts your daily life? Try to use words that would not be considered Christian jargon.

02. While they ate, Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to the disciples saying that it was his body given for them. Then, he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to the disciples to drink. He told them that the cup symbolized his blood shed on behalf of all (v. 22-25).

- How do the events leading up to this passage deepen your understanding of the practice of taking Communion?

GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Pray to begin your group time. Remind the group why you are meeting: to connect in meaningful relationships, to grow spiritually, and to engage in the life and work of the church together. Reflect on the values you want to share as a group (i.e. confidentiality, authenticity, grace).

CONNECT (30-40 MIN)

You can use these suggestions to foster connection and build community in your group. You can break your group into smaller parts if needed, pick a question to discuss, and let each member get to know one another.

- Spend a few minutes catching up with one another. Share highs and lows from the previous week.
- Pick one of the Reflect/Connect questions in the passage guide or an alternate icebreaker to begin your discussion.

GROW (30-40 MIN)

Gather back as a big group if you broke up earlier and have one person pray over your time discussing God's word. As you discuss, don't worry if there are questions left unanswered or unresolved. Reach out to ministry leaders or pastors for any needed clarification.

- Discuss questions in order. Take time to dig into question 3 of section 1. Feel free to spend time discussing ways to speak about this together limiting the use of Christian jargon.
- Read any cross-references together prior to discussing.

ENGAGE (30-40 MIN)

Reflect on the biblical truth God revealed to you this week and discuss a plan of action to apply what you have learned. Gather in smaller groups of 2-4 again. Discuss your plan of action and pray for one another.

- Spend time reflecting on how to apply this passage to your life. Discuss the last question of the passage guide. Pray together and seek God's guidance to lead you to apply His Word.
- Close the group time by sharing prayer requests and praying for one another. Take time to praise God for any ways you've seen Him work recently.