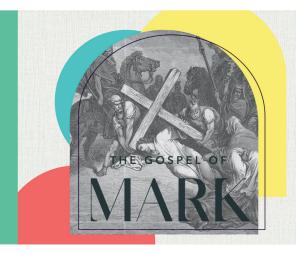
MAY 5, 2024

CHRIST IN THE PASSOVER

Pastor Roger Poupart // Mark 14:12-25



PREPARE YOUR HEART & MIND

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."







REFLECT/CONNECT

Use these questions for a time of individual reflection or to connect with others in meaningful conversation.

In what ways	were you	encouraged	by last	: week's study?

• What thoughts usually go through your mind when you think about the practice of taking Communion or the Lord's Supper?

These questions are designed as a guide for individual study and to foster spiritual conversation with a group of people.

GROW IN THE WORD

- **01.** Jesus instructed his disciples to prepare for the Passover meal, and they went into the city and found a room furnished for them just as Jesus had said. During the meal, Jesus revealed that one of the twelve would betray him, which caused the disciples to question who it might be (v. 12-21).
 - How do Jesus' words and actions in these verses demonstrate his control over the events that were about to follow?

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	do the events leading up to g Communion?	this passage deeper	n your understanding	of the practice of

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•	What did Jesus mean when he referred to the "blood of the covenant"? What covenant was
	he referring to and why does it matter to us? See Jeremiah 31:31-34; Exodus 24:8.

• In what ways can we approach Communion with greater reverence, gratitude, and a renewed commitment to live in accordance with the covenant established in Christ's sacrifice? What practical steps can you take to cultivate a deeper appreciation for this practice in your life?

UPCOMING EVENTS

STORY OF SCRIPTURE

May 17 - 18 | Worship Center | \$79 Per Person

At the Story of Scripture event you'll learn about the threads that weave all of scripture together, find renewed confidence that God knows what He's doing, and most of all, see how you can trust Him in the chaos of life. Learn more and register online or in our app!

ON MISSION

Saturday, May 11 | 9 am - 12 pm

Join us at our Wayside Campus as we help prepare materials and props needed for this summer's VBS! This is a great opportunity to be part of this vital event and all ages are invited to join us. Learn more and register online or in our mobile app.

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).



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.