

“Empty Cup”

Empty – Part 2

Matthew 26:17-30

“On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, ‘Where do you want us to prepare the Passover meal for You?’ ‘As you go into the city,’ He told them, ‘you will see a certain man. Tell him, ‘The Teacher says: My time has come, and I will eat the Passover meal with my disciples at your house.’” So the disciples did as Jesus told them and prepared the Passover meal there. When it was evening, Jesus sat down at the table with the twelve disciples. While they were eating, He said, ‘tell you the truth, one of you will betray Me.’ Greatly distressed, each one asked in turn, ‘Am I the one, Lord?’ He replied, ‘One of you who has just eaten from this bowl with Me will betray Me. For the Son of Man must die, as the Scriptures declared long ago. But how terrible it will be for the one who betrays Him. It would be far better for that man if he had never been born!’ Judas, the one who would betray Him, also asked, ‘Rabbi, am I the one?’ And Jesus told him, ‘You have said it.’ As they were eating, Jesus took some bread and blessed it. Then He broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, ‘Take this and eat it, for this is My body.’ And He took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. He gave it to them and said, ‘Each of you drink from it, for this is My blood, which confirms the covenant between God and His people. It is poured out as a sacrifice to forgive the sins of many. Mark my words—I will not drink wine again until the day I drink it new with you in my Father’s Kingdom.’ Then they sang a hymn and went out to the Mount of Olives.” Matthew 26:17-30 (NLT)

THE PASSOVER FEAST Exodus 12-13

1. Opens with a blessing.

“Therefore, say to the people of Israel: ‘I am the Lord. I will free you from your oppression and I will rescue you from your slavery in Egypt. I will redeem you with a powerful arm and great acts of judgment. I will claim you as My own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God who has freed you from your oppression in Egypt.” Exodus 6:6-7 (NLT)

2. Washing of hands.

3. Dipping of vegetables.

4. Breaking of the matzah.

5. Telling of the Passover story.

6. Washing of hands. John 13

7. Blessing & Eating of the matzah.

8. Dipping of the bitter herbs. John 13

9. Eating of the sandwich & meal.

10. Institution of the Lord’s Supper.

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11. Singing of a hymn.

DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME ...

"For I pass on to you what I received from the Lord Himself. On the night when He was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread and gave thanks to God for it. Then He broke it in pieces and said, 'This is My body, which is given for you. Do this to remember Me.' In the same way, He took the cup of wine after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant between God and His people—an agreement confirmed with my blood. Do this to remember Me as often as you drink it.' For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are announcing the Lord's death until He comes again. So anyone who eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord unworthily is guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. That is why you should examine yourself before eating the bread and drinking the cup. For if you eat the bread or drink the cup without honoring the body of Christ, you are eating and drinking God's judgment upon yourself. That is why many of you are weak and sick and some have even died. But if we would examine ourselves, we would not be judged by God in this way. Yet when we are judged by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be condemned along with the world.
1 Corinthians 11:23-32 (NLT)

1. The Bread represents the life He Lived!

"This is My body, which is given for you. Do this to remember Me." 1 Corinthians 11:24 (NLT)

2. The Cup represents the life He Gave!

"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give His life as a ransom for many."
Mark 10:45 (NLT)

"Yet it was our weaknesses He carried; it was our sorrows that weighed Him down. And we thought His troubles were a punishment from God, a punishment for His own sins! But He was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed. All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the Lord laid on Him the sins of us all."
Isaiah 53:4-6 (NLT)

"This cup is the new covenant between God and His people—an agreement confirmed with my blood. Do this to remember Me as often as you drink it." 1 Corinthians 11:25 (NLT)

3. The Cross represents the life He Redeemed!

"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16 (NIV)

"So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. And because you belong to Him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death. The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. So God did what the law could not do. He sent His own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin's control over us by giving His Son as a sacrifice for our sins. He did this so that the just requirement of the law would be fully satisfied for us, who no longer follow our sinful nature but instead follow the Spirit." Romans 8:1-4 (NLT)