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Oaks Early Risers Bible Class

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:
Whenever we take communion, we honor His great, unflinching love for us, remembering the cost of our rescue and celebrating the gift of life His sacrifice produced

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:
Father, when I come to the memorial table, help me to remember why my forgiveness was so costly, and help me to celebrate Your great, awesome love

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK:
And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me."
(Luke 22:19 NKJV)
rom "Our Daily Bread", Aug 19, 2021)

Series: God Frees and Redeems

UNIT 2: Liberating Gospels

NEXT WEEK

Resurrection of the King
(Matt 28:1-10)

Passover with the King **Matt 26:17-30**

Lesson Background and Introduction

The Passover meal commemorates the struggles that began in Egypt. When eating it together Jesus and his disciples not only remembered what had happened to their people but also anticipated what was to come. Our lesson takes us about midway into the week of Passover, after Jesus and many others had arrived in Jerusalem for the feast. Jesus knew that his whole life pointed to a final Passover that would be an act of ultimate obedience. He would be preparing himself to fulfill his mission as the perfect Passover Lamb (see John 1:29; 1 Corinthians 5:7; Revelation 5:12; 13:8). His life was given in sacrifice for the sins of humanity, washing us clean in his blood so that our sins are forgiven, never to be brought against us. One last Passover with his closest friends would mark the beginning of a new Lord's Supper that galvanizes Christian worship to this day. Themes of remembrance and thanksgiving have united Christians worldwide for nearly 2,000 years in a practice that honors our crucified Lord. All Christians are given opportunity to remember God's miraculous salvation, with a new ceremonial meal shared by a new family. We participate together, knowing that we are part of a body in a new covenant with God, forgiven of sins through the body and blood of Jesus. What the prophets dreamed of is the life that we today have been given in Christ. At the same time, we long for the ultimate coming of the Father's kingdom when we will sit at the table with Jesus himself. We live in anticipation of this joy. Every bite of bread or sip of the fruit of the vine connects us to the past, present, and future of God's story.

(Adapted from the NIV Standard Lesson Commentary)

Passover Commemorated - This occasion marks the time when the Hebrew children prepared to leave Egypt. Each family placed lamb's blood over their doorpost to signal the death angel to "pass over" their home. God instructed His children to remember this great deliverance each year with a feast, a time of praise to the Lord and a meal of bread, wine, bitter herbs, and lamb to symbolize what they had gone through in their bondage.

The Betrayer - As Jesus and His disciples ate their Passover meal together, He revealed some shocking news: one of them was a traitor. Only Jesus knew about Judas and his evil intentions. Several began to ask, "Is it me?" Judas sat on the left side of the Lord in the place of honor at the feast. It was also an honor to be given a piece of bread by your host, a special act of hospitality. Judas received the bread as Jesus handed it over—this seemingly insignificant act fulfilled prophecy (Ps. 41:9). With Satan guiding his steps, Judas left to tell the religious leaders where to find Jesus.

The Lord's Supper - After Judas departed, Jesus took some of the unleavened bread and a cup of wine and explained that the broken bread now represented His soon to be broken body, given for the world's sins. The wine represented His blood, about to be spilled for those same sins. Through Jesus, God was making a new covenant with people. Jesus' death and resurrection opened the door to humanity's forgiveness and cleansing from sin. No more barriers between God and man.

Time to Remember - Each time Christians receive Communion, it's a time to ask the Lord to look deeply into our hearts. It's a time to remember Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross, to remind us of our commitment to Him and His kingdom as we serve Him here on earth.

(Adapted from the Echoes Commentary)

NOTES AND CROSS-REFERENCES

Preparations for the Passover (Matt 26:17-19)

Prepare the place (17)

- Prepare the place by being obedient (Acts 8:26-29)
- Prepare the place by Divine guidance (Acts 16:6-10)
- Prepare the place to accomplish a specific purpose (Est 4:12-14)
- Prepare the place by God's arrangement (1 Cor 12:18)

Prepare the time (18)

- Prepare the time because God's time is vastly different from man's (2 Peter 3:8-9)
- Prepare the time because God's time is Divine (Isa 55:8)
- Prepare the time to use it wisely (Eph 5:15-16)
- Prepare the time because the end is near (1 Cor 7:29-31)

Prepare through obedience (19)

- Obedience to show faith (Gen 22:9-12)
- Obedience to witness (Acts 8:26-31)
- Obedience to follow Jesus (Matt 9:9)
- Obedience because it leads to righteousness (Rom 6:16)

Betrayer Identified at the Passover (Matt 26:20-25)

Accusation of the betrayer (20-21)

- Accusation that causes a longing to clear one's self (2 Cor 7:10-11)
- Accusation that causes remorse at the knowledge of weaknesses (Matt 26:75)
- Accusation that leaves one unworthy and seeking mercy (Luke 18:13)
- Accusation that causes accountability and responsibility (Matt 27:3-5)

Suspicion of the betrayer (22)

- Suspicion that causes questioning of guilt (Luke 22:23)
- Suspicion that causes the seeking of the guilty (John 13:22-24)
- Suspicion that causes hurtful feelings (John 21:17)
- Suspicion that could lead to repentance (2 Cor 7:8-9)

Actions of the betrayer (23-24)

- Actions of one who was thought of as a friend (Ps 41:9)
- Actions that were prophesied (John 13:18)
- Actions that dishonors (Mic 7:6)
- Actions that were prompted by Satan (Luke 22:3)

Confession of the betrayer (25)

- Confession that is revealed by God (Matt 16:15-17)
- Confession prompted by the truth from the Holy Spirit (John 15:26)
- Confession that acknowledges Jesus is God (1 John 4:2)
- Confession to the glory of God (Phil 2:10-11)

Remembering Jesus' Sacrifice at the Passover (Matt 26:26-30)

Remembering the Bread and Body (26)

- Bread that represents Jesus' body (1 Cor 11:23-25)
- Bread from heaven that provides eternal life (John 6:50-51)
- Bread that is good for the soul (Isa 55:2)

Remembering the Cup and Blood (27-29)

- The cup Jesus had to undergo (Luke 12:50)
- Blood that is of the covenant (Matt 26:28)
- Blood that brings redemption (Eph 1:7)
- Blood that cleanses the conscience from dead works (Heb 9:14)

Remembering the fellowship (30)

- A fellowship that is based on love and obedience (John 14:23)
- A fellowship that makes one complete (2 Cor 13:11)
- A fellowship that calls for living righteously (1 John 1:6-7)
- A fellowship that makes one sanctified (2 Cor 6:16-17)