

The Last Supper
Luke 22:7-20, January 7, 2018
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Jesus viewed the 'last supper' as an opportunity to _____ His followers so that they might never forget the power and magnitude of what He was about to accomplish on their behalf.

Jesus took a preexisting Jewish ritual and transformed it to represent the final sacrifice of the Spotless Lamb of God, Jesus Christ. In doing so, Jesus gave them what we have come to call 'communion', or 'the Lord's Table', a practice that will anchor their faith to His gift of the cross.

In order to understand the sacrament of communion, it helps to have a basic understanding of the Jewish Holiday called Passover.

In verses 7-13, why is Jesus so _____ about where they will be observing the Passover?

There are two elements of the Passover Seder that Jesus focuses on as He redefines the meaning of the sacrament:

The unleavened _____ will now represent the body of Jesus Christ, who lived for God and died for sinners.

Before: represented the _____ with which Israel had left Egypt when God provided them with a way to escape slavery.

Now: represents the _____ of the Spotless Lamb, Jesus Christ, who became a man so that He could free us from our sin.

The _____ will now represent the blood of Jesus Christ, which was spilled for sinners to wash away sin.

Before: represented the _____ that Israel felt as they celebrated their release from captivity in Egypt.

Now: represents the _____ we can have from sin, now that Jesus Christ has allowed His own blood to be shed in payment for the wrong things we have committed against God.

It is important that we understand that the elements to be taken are _____ in nature. We partake of them as a memorial of what Jesus did to transform us from sinners to forgiven sons and daughters of God.

Some teach that the bread and juice literally become the body and blood of Jesus. This idea is called _____. It isn't the right way to understand the elements because:

1. The _____ of Jesus was standing there in the room with them
2. Jesus likely _____ of the elements Himself
3. Jesus specifically tells them to 'do this in _____ of Me'

What practical benefits come from taking part in communion?

NOTE: No one should take of these elements in an _____ manner. (see 1 Corinthians 11:27-28). To practice communion, we must examine our heart and our intentions.