

## LESSON 18

## THE LORD'S SUPPER.

## I.

**N**OW the first day of the feast of unleavened bread, the disciples came to Jesus, saying unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the passover? And he said, Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him, The Master saith, My time is at hand; I will keep the passover at thy house with my disciples. And the disciples did as Jesus had appointed them, and they made ready the passover. Now when the even was come, he sat down with the twelve. And as they did eat he said, Verily I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me. And they were exceeding sorrowful, and began every one of them to say unto him, Lord is it I? And he answered and said, He that dippeth his hand with me in the dish, the same shall betray me. The Son of man goeth as it is written of him: but wo unto that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! It had been good for that man if he had not been born. Then Judas, which betrayed him, answered and

said, Master, is it I ? He said unto him, Thou hast said.

And as they were eating, Jesus took bread and blessed *it*, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; for this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom. And when they had sung a hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.—*Matt.* xxvi. 17–30.

## II.

And the first day of unleavened bread, when they killed the passover, his disciples said unto him, Where wilt thou that we go and prepare that thou mayest eat the passover ? And he sendeth forth two of his disciples, and saith unto them, Go ye into the city, and there shall meet you a man bearing a pitcher of water: follow him. And wheresoever he shall go in, say ye to the good man of the house, The Master saith, Where is the guest-chamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples ? And he will show you a large upper room furnished and prepared: there make ready for us. And

his disciples went forth and came into the city, and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready the passover. And in the evening he cometh with the twelve. And as they sat and did eat, Jesus said, Verily I say unto you, one of you which eateth with me shall betray me. And they began to be sorrowful, and to say unto him one by one, Is it I? and another said, Is it I? And he answered and said unto them, It is one of the twelve, that dippeth with me in the dish. The Son of man indeed goeth, as it is written of him; but wo to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! good were it for that man if he had never been born.

And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them: and they all drank of it. And he said unto them, This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many. Verily I say unto you, I will drink no more of the fruit of the vine, until that day that I drink it new in the kingdom of God. And when they had sung a hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.—*Mark xiv. 12-26.*

### III.

Then came the day of unleavened bread, when

the passover must be killed. And he sent Peter and John, saying, Go and prepare us the passover, that we may eat. And they said unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare? And he said unto them, Behold, when ye are entered into the city, there shall a man meet you, bearing a pitcher of water; follow him into the house where he entereth in. And ye shall say unto the good man of the house, The Master saith unto thee, Where is the guest-chamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples? And he shall shew you a large upper room furnished; there make ready. And they went, and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready the passover. And when the hour was come, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him. And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer: for I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves: for I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come.

And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. Likewise also the cup after

supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you. But behold, the hand of him that betrayeth me is with me on the table. And truly the Son of man goeth, as it was determined: but wo unto that man by whom he is betrayed!—*Luke xxii. 7-22.*

## IV.

For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread: and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner, also, he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come.

Wherefore, whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.—*1 Cor. xi. 23-30.*

## The mechanics of the observance of the Lord's Supper:

**I. Have the unleavened bread and the non-alcoholic wine ready ahead of time.** (Generally this is small broken pieces of the bread on a plate and individual cups of the drink.)

**II. Read or briefly preach on some or all of the Scriptures concerning the Lord's Supper.** (Mt ch. 26; Lk ch. 22; Mk ch. 14)

Instruct any visitors that they are more than welcome to observe but, since only members of the Church that Christ started were in the upper room when He instituted the ordinance, then we ask that, **“Please, only the members of this Local Church should partake.”**

**III. Last of all Read: I Cor 11:23-32**

A. Give the attendees a short time for self-examination.

B. Give an invitation for any who want to confess sins to come to the altar and silently pray.

**IV. Ask the Blessing and Serve the Bread.**

A. Instruct those partaking to hold the bread until all can eat it at the same time.

B. Have those assisting serve the unleavened bread to all of those partaking, including yourself.

C. Lastly, you take the plate from their hands and you serve them the bread.

**D. Read: I Cor 11:23-24**

**“For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.”**

E. Pray and ask God to bless the bread. (Alternatively you can ask one of the assistants to pray.)

F. Instruct everyone to eat the bread at this time.

**V. Ask the Blessing and Serve the Non-alcoholic Wine.**

A. Instruct those partaking to hold the drink until the blessing so that all can partake at the same time.

B. Have those assisting serve the small cups to all of those partaking, including yourself.

C. Lastly, you take the holder from their hands and you serve them their individual cups.

**D. Read: I Cor 11:25**

**“After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.”**

E. Pray and ask God to bless the cup. (Alternatively you can ask one of the assistants to pray.)

F. Instruct everyone to drink the cup at this time.

**VI. READ: Mat 26:30**

**“And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.”**

A. Sing a hymn. (Amazing Grace or some other song.)

B. Close the service in prayer and all leave as Christ did to go to the Mount of Olives, which was His usual place of prayer. The partaker's usual place of prayer should be their homes.



## **The ordinance of The Lord's Supper** (Otherwise known as Communion.)

Using proper outline format, outline the observance of the ordinance of the Lord's Supper as it was given in the Scriptures. Include Scripture references.

Include:

1. Who was at the first observance and apply that to today.
2. The purpose of the ordinance.
3. The elements to be used.
4. Include the Scriptures given in point IV. of the textbook concerning self-examination by each of the members before they partake of the elements.
5. The physical procedure to be followed in the actual carrying out of the observance. Include who you have chosen to distribute the elements to the members. (Usually the deacons or, if there are none, then other spiritually mature members of the Church.)

Submit the outline for approval.

Find several volunteers to help in 2 practice sessions following your outline after you have received approval from the school for that outline.

You are required to carry out at least 2 complete practice sessions using your outline.

The practice sessions must be completed before you finish this course.

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