

“The Passover Passes Over!”

1. **Intro:**

- 1.1. The **last meal** is a traditional part of a condemned prisoner's last day. The **day before** the appointed time of execution, the prisoner will be given the meal.
 - 1.1.1. **Ted Bundy** was served: Steak (medium rare), eggs over easy, hash browns and coffee. (He refused it.)
 - 1.1.2. **Timothy McVeigh**: Two pints of Ben & Jerry's mint chocolate-chip.
 - 1.1.3. **Saddam Hussein**: who so bitterly opposed to American presence in the Middle East, spent his last days eating some of the foods most associated with the United States – **hamburger and fries**.
 - 1.1.4. **Joan of Arc**: Holy Communion.
 - 1.1.5. **Jesus' last meal?** – bread & wine. (Wasn't about **what** He ate, but **w/whom** He ate it with. And **what** it signified.)
- 1.2. Luke **shifts scenes** (from Temple/City); **& shifts content** (teachings of Jesus, stories of Jesus)
- 1.3. We now start into what is known as **Jesus' Passion** (L. *suffering*)
- 1.4. **3 parts:** **[1]** Plot to betray & kill Jesus; Last Supper; Last teachings of Jesus
[2] His arrest; trial; crucifixion; burial. **[3]** Res & ascension.

2. **THE PASSOVER PASSES OVER! (1-20)**

- 2.1. **PREPARATION FOR THE SLAUGHTER OF THE PASVER LAMB!** (1-6)
- 2.2. The religious leaders had **already plotted** to kill Jesus.
 - 2.2.1. The plot just becomes **easier when** the last puzzle piece falls into place, as 1 of His own decides to betray Him to them!
- 2.3. **Problem:** How could they arrest such a **popular rabbi** during the Passover, when the crowds might cause a **riot**?
 - 2.3.1. Judas solved their problem by **turning traitor** and promising to **deliver Jesus** to them **without creating a scene**.
 - 2.3.2. They needed to make the arrest **in secret!**
- 2.4. **(3) Dancing with the Devil!**
 - 2.4.1. Judas volunteers to betray Jesus for **2 reasons**:
 - 2.4.1.1. **The diabolical reason** (3) - Satan entered Judas (though invited).
 - 2.4.1.2. **The financial reason** (4-6) - The religious leaders promise \$.
 - 2.4.2. Hey, when you need help with **deception...who better to call than Satan himself!**
 - 2.4.3. But Satan deceived Judas as well. [You just can't trust him!]
 - 2.4.3.1. **Can a man take fire into his bosom, & his clothes be not burnt?**
2.4.3.1.1. *Context is "adultery" in Prov.6:27 but apropos here.*
 - 2.4.3.2. Satan deceived Judas into **committing suicide**.
 - 2.4.3.3. **It is dangerous to make deals with the devil!**

- 2.5. **Satan's taking part** in Jesus' death was actually **his own downfall**, for through dying Jesus conquered Satan and death.
- 2.6. (4) **Captains/officers of the Temple guard** - These were **not** military guards, but the **Levitical officers** who had charge of the temple watch.¹
- 2.7. **PREPARING FOR PASSOVER!** (7-13)
- 2.8. Jesus was an **obedient Jew**, who **kept the Law & celebrated Passover**.
- 2.8.1. Being aware of Judas' plan to betray Him, Jesus kept the place of the meal **secret**. Peter & John didn't even know where it was to be held, until they arrived.
- 2.8.2. Don't get upset at Jesus when He **doesn't let you in on things!**
2.8.2.1. He will, when the **time is right!** 😊
- 2.9. (10) A **man carrying a pitcher** – a very unusual site, **women's** work.
- 2.10. **EATING THE PASSOVER!** (14-16)
- 2.11. He has a **fervent desire** to eat it with all of you this morning also! [but is it for everyone?]
- 2.12. **FROM PASSOVER SUPPER TO LORD'S SUPPER!** (17-20)
- 2.13. The **Passover Passes-Over** from the **Passover Supper** to the **Lord's Supper!**
- 2.13.1. **A.K.A.** – The Breaking of Bread; Holy Communion; the Sacrament; the Eucharist.
- 2.13.2. **But what does it mean?**
- 2.14. (19) **Do this in remembrance of me** – **Remember what?**
- 2.15. Remember the **Lord Jesus** – that you might **follow Him**.
- 2.16. Remember **His death**, its **fact**, its **meaning** –so you don't forget Him **during His absence**.
- 2.17. Remember Him **in sickness** – that you might **have patience**.
- 2.18. Remember Him **in persecution** – that you might **have gentleness**.
- 2.19. Remember Him **in your service** – that you remember **His burning zeal** in His.
- 2.20. Remember Him **in times of solitude** – as you remember **His midnight prayers**.
- 2.21. Remember to **share your faith** – as He shared His **lion-like declarations** of the **gospel**.
- 2.22. Remember Him so He becomes **our pattern** – that we might be the **reproduction of Himself**, & thus become *the best memorial of Him!*²
- 2.23. The Passover feast **looked back** to Israel's deliverance from Egypt.
- 2.24. The Lord's Supper **looks back** to Christ's death on the cross.
- 2.25. The Lord's Supper **looks ahead** to His coming again, "until it is fulfilled in the **kingdom**" (16).

¹ Manners & customs of the Bible.

² Adapted from "The Best of Spurgeon"; Luke 22:19; pg.290.

- 2.25.1. Jesus saw a **future fulfillment** of the feast when His people would be gathered together in His glorious kingdom.
- 2.25.2. Jesus is the Passover Lamb who died, not only for the sins of a **nation** but for the sins of the world.
- 2.25.3. **Both the Passover and the Lord's Supper** were demonstrations of **His love for a lost world.**
- 2.26. **Bread!**
- 2.27. **Note:** He didn't take the Passover Lamb, but **bread & wine.**
- 2.27.1. Thus He was instituting a **feast**, not a **sacrifice.**
- 2.27.2. 1 Cor.5:7,8 "For indeed **Christ, our Passover**, was sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep **the feast**, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened *bread* of sincerity and truth."
- 2.28. **Remembrance** – Normally we celebrate someone's **Birthday** not their **Death-day!**
- 2.28.1. **Death-days** are often **difficult** days to remember. ☹️
- 2.28.2. **Remember what?** – That He truly was a **Good Man**; a **Great Savior**; a **Loving Friend**; a **Living Hope**; & a **Coming Lord.**
- 2.28.3. **How does the Lord's Supper help us to remember Him?**
- 2.28.3.1. It makes us come to a **restful halt** in our **pilgrimage**;
It gives us come a **graphic picture** of **salvation**;
It reminds us of the **reassuring promise** of **His Grace**;
It remains **clear prophecy** of the **future.**
- 2.29. **Sacrament** – *Sacramentum* (something sacred)
- 2.29.1. Originally *Sacramentum* was used for a Roman Soldiers **oath** of **faithfulness** on enlistment.
- 2.29.2. 1 Cor.11:27 "as often as you **eat** this bread & **drink** this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes".
- 2.29.2.1. By eating the bread & drinking the cup you are **proclaiming**, or **giving your oath** of faithfulness.
- 2.29.2.2. Therefore, **it is our confession of loyalty** to Him!
- 2.30. **Broke it, gave it to them** –
- 2.30.1. **Bread broken** – Christ for us;
Bread eaten – Christ in us;
Bread partaken together – Christ among us.
- 2.31. **Who should partake?**
- 2.31.1. Intended for **disciples only** – Only disciples can "**remember**"; for remembrance implies **knowledge**; & it is only disciples who "**know**" their Master.
- 2.31.1.1. Jn.17:3 "And this is eternal life, that they may **know You**, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent."

- 2.31.2. Yet, each person must **decide that for himself**. We will not be excluding anyone from the Lord's Table.
- 2.31.2.1. It's **not** the **Episcopal** Table, nor the **Baptist** Table; nor the **Calvary Chapel** Table, but **the Lord's Table!** 😊
- 2.32. **Invite up worship team!**
- 2.33. **Examine yourself** - This isn't proper English but... "Can you be *more-bad* than *God is good?*" *[I don't think so!]*
- 2.33.1. You can only **sin** as a man, but God can **forgive** as a God!
- 2.33.2. You sin as a **finite** creature but the Lord **forgives** as the **infinite Creator!**
- 2.33.3. **Confess your sin to Him!** - "For I will **forgive** their iniquity, & their sin I will remember no more." Jer.31:34
- 2.34. **Hold the bread** & we will partake(share/participate) together.
- 2.35. **The Cup!**
- 2.36. The Passover requires **4 cups** of wine (2 before the meal and 2 after)
- 2.36.1. The **cup of Sanctification**; The **cup of Instruction**;
The **cup of Redemption**; The **cup of Praise**. [Taken from Ex.6:6,7]
- 2.36.2. The cup of wine that would have been raised **during the meal** that is **now remembered** when one commemorates "**the Lord's Supper**" was **the cup of redemption**. This was when Jesus established the **New Covenant** in His own blood.
- 2.36.2.1. It's a **New Covenant**(20) – Sacred binding contract. (Jer.31:31-34)
- 2.37. **Gave thanks** (17) - **Thanksgiving** is the expression of **Joy God-ward!**
- 2.37.1. Believers are encouraged to **abound** in it!
- 2.37.2. Col.2:6,7 "As you have therefore **received** Christ Jesus the Lord, so **walk** in Him, **rooted** and **built up** in Him and **established** in the faith, as you have been taught, **abounding in it with thanksgiving**."
- 2.38. **In My blood** (20) - **Biblical covenants** were always ratified by **shed blood**.
- 2.39. **Hold the bread** & we will partake(share/participate) together.
- 2.40. After **the cup of redemption**, which commemorates God's redemption of His people, comes **the cup of praise**.
- 2.40.1. The cup of praise is the cup of wine that Jesus **refused to drink from** until the coming of His Father's Kingdom! (see vs.30)