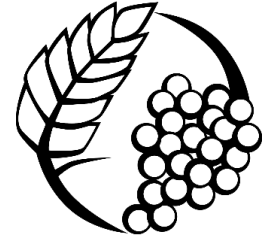


TAKE AND EAT



The Institution of the Lord's Supper

The Night the Lord's Supper Was Instituted

Mark 14:12,22-25

On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the Passover lamb, Jesus' disciples asked him, "Where do you want us to go and make preparations for you to eat the Passover?" . . . While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it. "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many," he said to them. "Truly I tell you, I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

1. What significance is there in the fact that Jesus instituted this Supper during Passover?
2. What significance is there in the fact that Jesus instituted this Supper on the night before he would die?

The Elements in the Lord's Supper

Matthew 26:26-29

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

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| 3. Evaluate: The earthly elements in Communion don't matter at all, and yet they matter a great deal. | |

The Single Sacramental Act of the Lord's Supper

Luke 22:19-20

And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."

THREE COMPONENT ACTS OF THE ONE SACRAMENTAL ACT IN THE LORD'S SUPPER:

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4. At what point can we be certain that Jesus' body and blood are truly present in the Lord's Supper?

Christ's Real Presence in the Lord's Supper

1 Corinthians 11:23-27

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord.

VARIOUS VIEWS OF THE PRESENCE OF THE HEAVENLY ELEMENTS IN THE LORD'S SUPPER:

Representation: _____

Transubstantiation: _____

Consubstantiation: _____

Real presence: _____

5. Where is Jesus when we celebrate the Lord's Supper? Explain all the possible options.
6. What would someone who's an unbeliever or doesn't accept the real presence receive in Communion?
7. In what ways do our blessings increase in Communion by having Jesus' body and blood truly present?