

The Last Supper Luke 22:1-123

Getting Started

- ❖ Have you ever been betrayed? What was that like and how did you respond?
- ❖ Why is it important to remember the past?

Key Ideas for Discussion

1. The Last Plot (v.1-6)
2. The Last Passover (v.7-23)

Takeaway Truth: The Last Supper is the last Passover of the Old Covenant and the first Lord's Supper of the New.

Exploring the Text (Read the sermon text and answer the following)

- ❖ Brainstorm some ideas as to why Judas would betray Jesus. What answer does the Scripture give? What do you think that means and how should that answer impact us?
- ❖ How did greed play a part in Judas' actions? How can we guard against greed?
- ❖ What do you make of Jesus' detailed instructions to Peter and John?
- ❖ Read verses 7-23 carefully. How would you describe Jesus' mood and emotions, his spiritual and psychological state? What does this tell you about Jesus even as He knows the cross is coming?
- ❖ What is the significance of the Passover meal to the Jewish people?
- ❖ Why did Jesus eagerly desire to eat the Passover with the disciples?

Digging Deeper

- ❖ How did the Passover meal find its fulfillment in Jesus?
- ❖ What is the significance of Jesus adding to and changing the Passover meal at the end?
- ❖ Why do you think Jesus chose the elements of bread and wine to represent His body and the New Covenant?
- ❖ Why is the Lord's Supper a "sacrament" and a "sign and seal" of the New Covenant?
- ❖ Why is it important for us to observe the Lord's Supper? What happens in it that demonstrates it is so much more than a religious tradition?

Apply It

- ❖ What about this passage and message spoke to you?
- ❖ How will you prepare for Communion next time so that you will appreciate more the provision Jesus made for you?

Think About It

The Old Covenant was launched on a sea of blood for two reasons. First, to emphasize the seriousness of sin. Second, to teach that the payment for sin is death. The weakness of the Old Covenant was that it depended on man's keeping his pledge to obey the Law. The people promised, "Everything the LORD has said we will do," and again, "We will do everything the LORD has said; we will obey." But they couldn't—not even for a day! So we come to the glory of the New Covenant in Christ's blood—namely, the keeping of this promise, this covenant, is totally dependent on Christ. He does it all! Our salvation rests on the infinite ocean of his divine blood—"which is poured out for you." (R. Kent Hughes)