



DEVOTIONAL FOR MATTHEW 26; MARK 14; LUKE 22; JOHN 13

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If you could have dinner with any historical figure, from any time period, who would it be and why? It's a question you've probably heard before. Maybe you'd pick Albert Einstein, Winston Churchill, your favorite athlete, or perhaps one last meal with a loved one who has passed. Or maybe you'd give the most common answer: Jesus Christ. For the disciples, though, this question was their reality — they shared countless meals with Him. But at one particular gathering, they didn't realize it would be their last meal with Him before the Crucifixion.

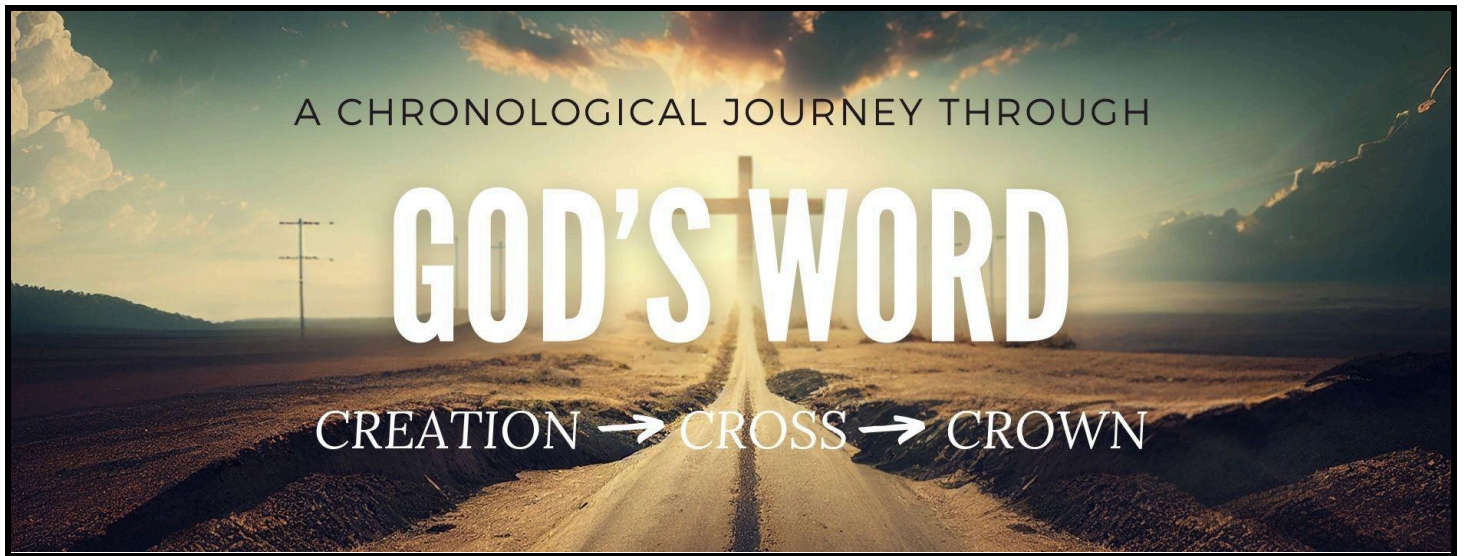
When Jesus gathered His disciples for the Last Supper, He took ordinary elements — bread and wine — and transformed them into a profound reminder of His love and sacrifice. Holding the bread, He said, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me" (Luke 22:19). With the cup, He established a "new covenant in my blood" (Luke 22:20), showing that His coming sacrifice would be the foundation of our faith.

For us today, the Lord's Supper is a powerful practice of remembrance and unity. When we come to the table, we remember Christ's body broken and His blood shed for our sins. We acknowledge that our hope and salvation are grounded in His work, not ours. This act of remembrance centers us in Christ, anchoring us in the truth of His grace. Taking the Lord's Supper isn't just a ritual; it's a profound reminder that, no matter what's happening around us, we belong to a kingdom that cannot be shaken (Hebrews 12:28).

As the U.S. election season concludes, it's easy to become preoccupied with questions of leadership and the direction of our nation. However, the Lord's Supper reminds us of the sovereignty of Christ — the true King, who rules with justice, mercy, and love. It calls us to place our hope not in any earthly leader but in the One who laid down His life for all.

Each time we partake, we're also drawn closer together as one body in Christ. Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 10:16-17 that the bread we break is a participation in the body of Christ. This sacrament calls us not only to remember Jesus but also to reflect on our unity as His people. It reminds us to pray, to forgive, and to encourage one another, living out our faith as the Church.

As we move forward from this meal and into the uncertainties of life, we carry with us the truth of the Lord's Supper: that Christ has overcome, that His love binds us together, and that His kingdom is our ultimate home.



Questions:

1. When you think about Jesus' sacrifice, what does it mean for your daily life? How can you carry the remembrance of His love and grace with you?
2. In what areas are you placing your hope or trust in earthly things rather than in Christ's unshakable kingdom?
3. How can you reflect the unity and love of the body of Christ in your interactions with others, especially when differences arise?