

Luke 22:14-23

## 3 Aspects Of Celebrating Communion That Help Us Remember Jesus



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# Background/Context

- Author: Luke (written 62-65 AD)
- Audience: Primarily Gentile readers
- Setting: Jewish celebration of Passover (deliverance from slavery in Egypt)
- “The Lord’s Supper is a symbolic act of worship whereby the born-again family of God (through wafer and juice) remember and honor the sacrificial death of Jesus in the past, take inventory of their relationship with Jesus in the present, and anticipate His return in the future.”

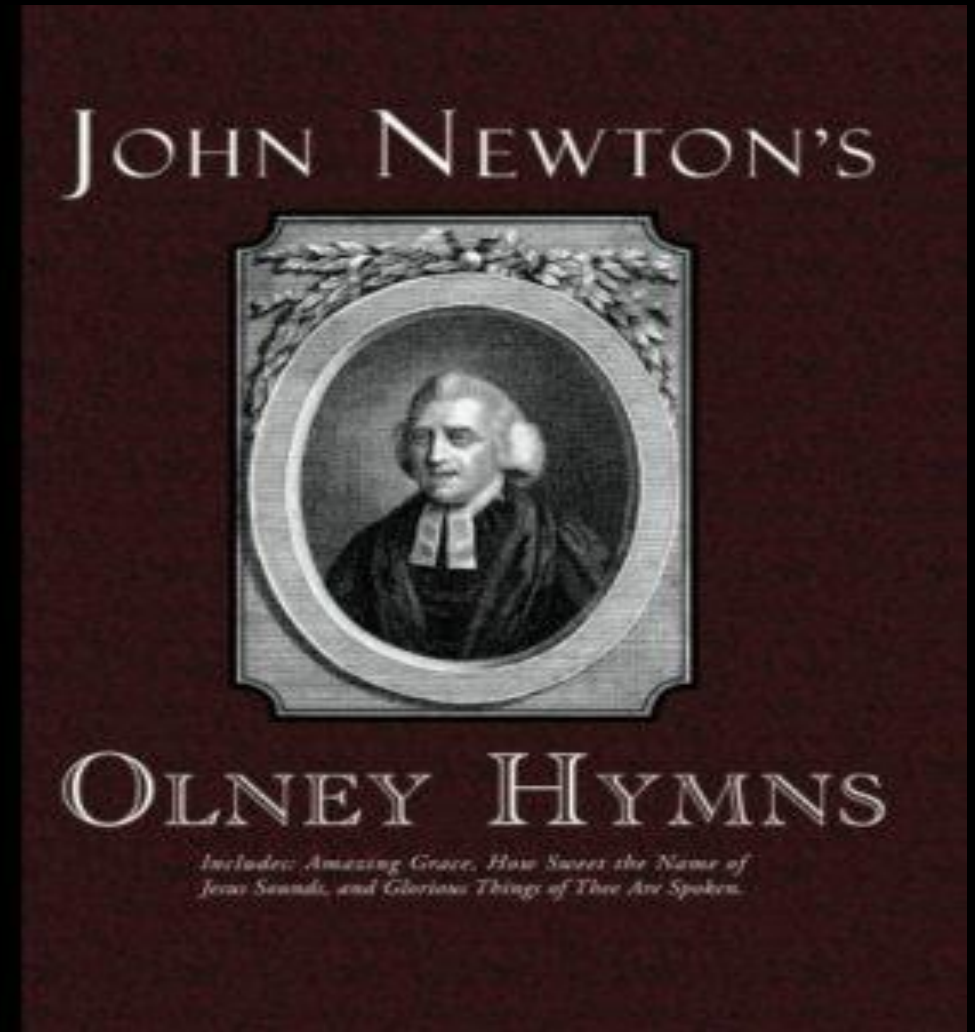
# Jesus' Sacrifice Was A Personal Sacrifice

- (vv. 14-15) Luke shows great compassion of Jesus
- Jesus came from heaven personally and invested His all to provide the way of salvation
- Not only did Jesus show His compassion and commitment to people, but He endured suffering to show His personal love for us
- John 15:13, "Greater love has no man than this, than to lay down one's life for His friends."

# Jesus' Sacrifice Was A Prophetic Sacrifice

- (vv. 16-20) With Lord's Supper, Jesus showed His sacrifice has impact on history and time
- What Jesus did in the past affects us today and give direction for the future
- With meal, Jesus emphasized His future return to earth and absolute fulfillment of Bible promises (v. 16 & v. 18)
- Meal is reminder Jesus is coming back and will restore all that is right and heal every hurt

- 2 Cors. 4:16-17, “Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.”



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# Jesus' Sacrifice Was A Cleansing Sacrifice

- (vv. 21-23) We discover from Luke, at first Communion there was evil imposter, Judas
- Jesus knew all hearts there and knew Judas wasn't sincere
- Jesus continued to reach out to him in love
- Lord's Supper is time of spiritual inventory and examination
- Not perfection! Time to check for habitual, willful rebellion of God's way and word

- I John 1:9, “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

