

Start with this...

When did you first really appreciate what partaking in the Lord's Supper really means?

This Week's Main Thing

A study of the Lord's Supper is a soul-stirring experience because of the depth of meaning it contains. It was during the age-old celebration of the Passover on the eve of His death that Jesus instituted a significant new fellowship meal that we observe to this day.

It causes us to remember our Lord's death and resurrection and to look for His glorious return in the future.

Questions & Facts For Discussion

SOMEONE READ...

The Passover was the most sacred feast of the Jewish religious year. It commemorated the final plague on Egypt when the firstborn of the Egyptians died and the Israelites were spared because of the blood of a lamb that was sprinkled on their doorposts. The lamb was then roasted and eaten with unleavened bread. God's command was that throughout the generations to come the feast would be celebrated. The story is recorded in [Exodus 12](#).

During the "Last Supper" - a Passover celebration - Jesus took a loaf of bread and gave thanks to God. As He broke it and gave it to His disciples, He said, "'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'" ([Luke 22:19-21](#)).

WHO SHOULD PARTAKE? (Ask the group who they think)

We may ask what it means to partake of the bread and the cup "in an unworthy manner." It may mean to disregard the true meaning of the bread and cup and to forget the tremendous price our Savior paid for our salvation. Or it may mean to allow the ceremony to become a dead and formal ritual or to come to the Lord's Supper with unconfessed sin. In keeping with Paul's instruction, we should examine ourselves before eating the bread and drinking the cup.

This Meal Has an Expiration Date...

Another statement Paul made that is not included in the gospel accounts is "For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes" ([1 Corinthians 11:26](#)). This places a time limit on the ceremony—until our Lord's return. From these brief accounts we learn how Jesus used two of the frailest of elements as symbols of His body and blood and initiated them to be a monument to His death. It was not a monument of carved marble or molded brass, but of bread and wine.

He concluded the feast by singing a hymn ([Matthew 26:30](#)), and they went out into the night to the Mount of Olives. It was there that Jesus was betrayed, as predicted, by Judas. The following day He was crucified.

- Have someone google "*Your Blood Ran Down*" by Paul Baloche and play it!!!