



The Lasting Message of the Last Supper

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Palm Sunday
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When we read the story of the Last Supper, we should consider the fact that this event was, in many ways, a collision of the past, present, and future.

Why did Jesus observe this meal, at this time, in this way?

1.) To Fulfill what Came in the Past. (Exodus 12, John 1:29, 1 Cor. 5:7b)

-Jesus was the perfect Lamb of God. His blood averts the wrath of God for those who place their faith in Him, offering salvation through substitution.

-The first Passover preceded God's redemption from slavery in Egypt; the "Last Supper" preceded the greater act of redemption from the slavery to sin, accomplished through Jesus' substitutionary death and glorious resurrection.

2.) To Minister to Those in the Present. (John 13:1-17)

-He cared for their physical and spiritual needs.

-He exemplified servant leadership.

3.) To Set the Stage for Future Joy...

-...The work accomplished through the cross (Luke 22:19-20, John 17:4-5, 24)

-...The heavenly banquet in the forever Kingdom (Luke 22:14-18, Rev. 19:6-9)

When we remember what Jesus has done, and prepare to participate in Communion, what should our response be?

1.) Recognize Him as the Conquering King.

-Give Him honor and glory for the work that He has done in the past, present, and future. (John 16:33, Heb. 13:8)

Consider:

-Take time to say, "Thank you, Jesus..." Think of what you know to be true about Him from God's Word, and how you have seen Him work in your life. Also, thank Him for the promises of future hope, healing and restoration that He has given to us.

2.) Receive His Ongoing Ministry.

-Ask Him to forgive you, heal you, restore you, strengthen you, encourage you. (John 14:27, 16:13).

Consider:

-Take time to say, "Help me, Jesus..." Confess your sins and be honest about your current struggles. Do you believe that He hears you, cares for you, and wants to speak to you?

3.) Respond in Obedience to His Commands.

-Serve as you have been served (John 13:12-17) and pursue unity with your brothers and sisters. (John 17:20-23)

Consider:

-Take time to say, "Send me, Jesus..." Even as we pass the elements today, think of this simple act as a way of showing kindness to those around you. As you think ahead to your upcoming week, what acts of service could you take on that might share the Gospel of Jesus with others?

THE PASSION WEEK

	MATTHEW	MARK	LUKE	JOHN	LOCATION
SUN					
TRIUMPHAL ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM	21:1-11	11:1-10	19:29-44		MOUNT OF OLIVES
JESUS LOOKS AROUND THE TEMPLE		11:11			JERUSALEM
JESUS RETURNS TO BETHANY		11:11			BETHANY
MON					
JESUS CURSES THE BARREN FIG TREE	21:18-19	11:12-14			MOUNT OF OLIVES
JESUS CLEANSSES THE TEMPLE	21:12-13	11:15-18	19:45-48		JERUSALEM
CERTAIN GREEKS ASK TO SEE JESUS				12:20-35	
JESUS REBUKES UNBELIEF				12:37-50	
JESUS RETURNS TO BETHANY		11:19			BETHANY
TUE					
DISCIPLES SEE THE FULLY WITHERED FIG TREE	21:19-22	11:20-26	21:37-38		MOUNT OF OLIVES
JESUS' AUTHORITY QUESTIONED BY LEADERS	21:23-27	11:27-33	20:1-8		JERUSALEM
PARABLE OF THE TWO SONS	21:28-32				
PARABLE OF THE VINEDRESSERS	21:33-46	12:1-12	20:9-19		
PARABLE OF THE WEDDING FEAST	22:1-14				
PHARISEES' QUESTION ABOUT PAYING TAXES	22:15-22	12:13-17	20:20-26		
PHARISEES' QUESTION ABOUT THE RESURRECTION	22:23-33	12:18-27	20:27-40		
SCRIBES' QUESTION ABOUT THE GREAT COMMANDMENT	22:35-40	12:28-34			
JESUS' QUESTION ABOUT DAVID'S LORD	22:41-46	12:35-37	20:41-44		
WOE TO THE SCRIBES AND PHARISEES	23:1-39	12:38-40	20:45-47		
POOR WIDOW'S MITE		12:41-44	21:1-4		
PROPHECY - DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM, LORD'S COMING	24:1-51	13:1-37	21:5-36		MOUNT OF OLIVES
PARABLES - TEN VIRGINS, TALENTS, SHEEP AND GOATS	25:1-46				
SANHEDRIN PLOT TO KILL JESUS	26:3-5	14:1-2	22:1-2		JERUSALEM
JUDAS AGREES TO BETRAY JESUS	26:14-16	14:10-11	22:3-6		
WED					
PREPARATION FOR THE PASSOVER	26:17-19	14:12-16	22:7-13		
6:00 PM THU					
JESUS & THE DISCIPLES ASSEMBLE FOR THE PASSOVER	26:20	14:17	22:14-16	13:1	
DISCIPLES ARGUE OVER WHO IS THE GREATEST			22:24-30		
JESUS WASHES THE DISCIPLES' FEET				13:2-17	
JESUS IDENTIFIES HIS BETRAYER	26:21-25	14:18-21	22:21-23	13:18-30	
JESUS INSTITUTES THE LORD'S SUPPER	26:26-29	14:22-25	22:15-20		
THE COMMANDMENT OF LOVE				13:31-35	
JESUS PREDICTS PETER'S DENIAL	26:31-35	14:27-31	22:31-38	13:36-38	
JESUS GIVES THE UPPER ROOM DISCOURSE				14:1-30	
JESUS AND THE DISCIPLES SING A HYMN & DEPART	26:30	14:26	14:31		
12:00 AM FRI					
JESUS' DISCOURSE ON THE WAY TO GETHSEMANE				15:1-16:33	
JESUS PRAYS FOR HIS DISCIPLES				17:1-26	
JESUS PRAYS IN GETHSEMANE	26:36-46	14:32-42	22:39-46	18:1	MOUNT OF OLIVES
JESUS IS BETRAYED AND ARRESTED	26:47-56	14:43-52	22:47-53	18:2-12	
3:00 AM					
JESUS IS BROUGHT BEFORE ANNAS				18:13-14	JERUSALEM
JESUS IS BROUGHT BEFORE CAIAPHAS				18:24	
JESUS IS CONDEMNED & MISTREATED THROUGH THE NIGHT	26:57-68	14:53-65	22:54-72		
PETER DENIES JESUS THREE TIMES	26:58-75	14:54-72	22:54-62	18:15-27	
SANHEDRIN FORMALLY CONDEMN JESUS	27:1	15:1	22:66-71		
JUDAS GOES OUT AND COMMITS SUICIDE	27:3-10				
6:00 AM					
JESUS APPEARS BEFORE PILATE	27:2-14	15:1-5	23:1-7	18:28-38	FIELD OF BLOOD
JESUS APPEARS BEFORE HEROD			23:8-12		JERUSALEM
JESUS APPEARS BEFORE PILATE AGAIN	27:15-23	15:6-14	23:13-22	18:39-40	
JESUS IS SCOURGED AND MOCKED BY THE ROMANS	27:27-31	15:16-19		19:1-3	
PILATE CONSENTS TO JESUS' DEATH	27:22-26	15:12-15	23:20-25	19:4-16	
9:00 AM					
JESUS IS LED AWAY TO BE CRUCIFIED	27:31-34	15:20-23	23:26-32	19:16-17	
12:00 PM					
JESUS ON THE CROSS FOR THE FIRST THREE HOURS	27:35-44	15:24-32	23:33-43	19:18-24	
3:00 PM					
JESUS ON THE CROSS FOR THE FINAL THREE HOURS	27:45-50	15:33-37	23:44-46	19:25-30	CALVARY
MIRACLES ACCOMPANYING THE CRUCIFIXION	27:51-56	15:38-41	23:45-49		
JOSEPH BURIES THE BODY OF JESUS	27:57-61	15:42-47	23:50-55		GARDEN TOMB
JEWISH LEADERS SECURE THE TOMB	27:62-66			19:31-42	
THE WOMEN OBSERVE THE SABBATH DAY			23:56		AT HOME
SAT					
SUN					
MARY MAGDALENE, JOANNA, & MARY THE MOTHER OF JAMES COME TO THE TOMB AND FIND JESUS RISEN	28:1-8	16:1-8	24:1-8	20:1	GARDEN TOMB