

**MEET YOUR KING**  
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**TEXT:** Matthew 26:1-4, 17-19

**CONSIDER THIS:** The few words used to describe the last supper Jesus had with His disciples is like trying to drink water from a high pressure fire hydrant with a Dixie cup. There is so much to see and know about this text. It is the whole story of the Bible compressed into a few verses, and it is glorious. Are you ready to **MEET YOUR KING?**

## **I THE KING AND THE PASSOVER**

- A) In the last days of His life, Jesus was focused on eating the Passover meal with His disciples (Matthew 26:1-2, 17-19). Everything happening in that final week was moving to this fateful event.
- B) Passover was the most important day of the year for Jews (along with Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement). Read Exodus 12:3-8, 12-14.
- C) The Passover lamb's blood:
  - 1. protected from God's judgment
  - 2. brought redemption from slavery. Ultimately it looks beyond physical slavery and points to deliverance from sin (John 1:29).

But there was something even **BIGGER** going on in this particular Passover meal. Jesus was about to announce something **NEW**.

## **II THE KING AND THE CUP**

*Then He took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them,  
saying "Drink from it, all of you.  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood  
which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."*

- A) Jesus was announcing the New Covenant.
1. It had been foretold in Jeremiah 31:31-33
  2. It replaces the “old covenant” made through Moses (see Hebrews 7:25-27; 9:6-9, 15; 10:10).

Someday, when Christ returns, the nation of Israel will experience the full blessings promised in the New Covenant. Today, as Christians (the church), we experience many of the spiritual blessings that reflect the New Covenant.

3. **Once for all!** (Hebrews 9:27)
  4. **It is finished! Paid in full!** (John 19:30)
- B) Covenants in the Bible were always ratified/solemnized with blood (see Hebrews 9:18-20).

### III THE KING AND HIS PROMISES TO YOU

- A) A covenant is a sacred promise. It shows to us God’s character as a **promise maker** and a **promise keeper**.
- B) A covenant such as the Old Covenant was conditional. In other words, Israel would only experience the fullness of God’s generous promises if they obeyed His commands (see Deuteronomy 30:1-3).
- C) But God also made **UN**conditional covenants. In such a covenant God will keep His promises with no conditions placed upon the recipient. The Abrahamic Covenant and the New Covenant are **UN**conditional.

Do you understand what happened in Genesis 15?  
Only God passed between, Abraham was kept away (Genesis 15:17).  
God’s promises to Abraham were unconditional. God alone is responsible.  
This was why Jesus went to the cross **ALONE**. This is why the Holy Spirit,  
Who figures so prominently in the New Covenant, seals us with Christ:

*“Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ.  
He anointed us, set His seal of ownership upon us, and put  
His Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.”*  
II Corinthians 1:21-22

**THE KING OF KINGS WILL KEEP EVERY PROMISE MADE TO YOU.  
IT IS GREAT TO BE A CHRISTIAN!**