

Following Jesus  
Remember Me  
Luke 22:14-20(21-23), Matthew 26:20-25

- I. The Past: Passover (v. 14-15/Exodus) “And when the hour was come, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him. And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer:”
  - A. Observe
    1. God revealed himself more completely to Moses than anyone!
    2. He revealed his name
    3. He revealed his power
    4. The children of Israel had an opportunity to see what God was doing first hand in Israel
  - B. Trust
    1. The Passover is arguably the single most important event in the history of the Nation of Israel because:
      - a) It demonstrated the right attitude
      - b) It demonstrated obedience
      - c) It demonstrated God’s power to save
    2. The Jewish culture of Jesus’ day was right to make a big deal about the Passover
    3. Think about the attitude of trust demonstrated
      - a) God had displayed his power
      - b) But this was the first time some action was required
  - C. Obey
    1. Think about the obedience necessary - Wipe Blood all over the place
    2. While the Israelites had seen the plagues, so had the Egyptians
    3. This required trust and obedience
    4. This resulted in salvation!
    5. Not just of life (firstborns) but of the entire nation (exodus)
- II. The Present: Jesus and his Sacrifice (v 19-20) “And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves: for I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come.”

#### A. The Meal

1. The Passover Meal was a highly regulated meal with specific practices commanded by God and added to by later Jewish tradition (Exodus 12, 23, Leviticus 23)
2. At the end of the meal a young person would ritually ask “What makes this night special”
3. A teacher or a wiser individual would recount the Exodus

#### B. Picture

1. The original Passover was a clear picture of what God would accomplish through Jesus
2. Jesus then uses the Passover feast to picture specifically what would happen

#### C. Body “And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them...”

1. Jesus was fully man, fully God – Philippians 2:6-7
2. Jesus lived a sinless life – Hebrews 4:15
3. Jesus physically died for our sin, paying the punishment – Romans 5:8-9
4. Jesus physically rose again – I Corinthians 15:3-4
5. This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.”

#### D. Blood “Likewise also the cup after supper...”

1. Jesus shed his innocent blood for us – Romans 5:9; I Peter 1:19 ;Ephesians 1:7
2. We are declared both innocent and heirs of Jesus by his blood – Revelation 1:5-6
3. We are saved from death and saved to a relationship with God – Romans 8:31-32
4. “This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.”

### III. The Future: Communion (v 16-18/I Corinthians)

#### A. Remember

1. Luke and Paul make it clear that we, as Christians, are to regularly do what Jesus did
2. The entire point was remember Jesus

#### B. Reunion

1. Paul clearly viewed community as part of this – I Corinthians 11:33
2. Paul commands the church of Corinth to gather and do this correctly