

# The Sermon in the Supper

- How does the Supper “**preach**” the Gospel?
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**PART 3**

**UNDERSTANDING**

**THE**

**LORD'S**

**SUPPER**

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# Understanding the Lord's Supper

- 5 Things we are going to look at from Luke 22:15-20
  - The **Basis** for the Lord's Supper (Why Do We Practice It?)
  - The **Background** of the Lord's Supper (Where Did It Come From?)
  - The **Elements** of the Lord's Supper (Why Do We Use Bread & Wine?)
  - The **Purpose/Effect** of the Lord's Supper (What Happens When We Take The Lord's Supper?)
  - The **Future** of the Lord's Supper (What Does This Ultimately Point To?)

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- Who has instituted this activity that we practice in the Church?
- How often should we take the Lord's Supper?

# The Background of the Lord's Supper

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# The Background of the Lord's Supper

- The Passover in Exodus 12
- The Covenant Ceremony and Meal in Exodus 24

# The Elements of the Lord's Supper

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# The Elements of the Lord's Supper

- Why do we use **bread** and **wine** when we have the Lord's Supper?
  - Because that's what Jesus used. Only he has the authority to institute the elements.
  - Breaking bread together ('eating together') was a sign of fellowship and friendship.
  - Wine was a sign of joy and celebration.

# Purpose/Effect of the Lord's Supper

**Purpose** It Reminds Us

**Problem** Spiritual Amnesia

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**1 Corinthians 11:26**

# Purpose/Effect of the Lord's Supper

**Purpose**    It Reminds Us        It Nourishes Us

**Problem**    Spiritual Amnesia    Spiritual Hunger

# It Nourishes Us

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a fellowship in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a fellowship in the body of Christ

**1 Corinthians 10:16**

<sup>53</sup>So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup>Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. <sup>55</sup>For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup>Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him.

**John 6:53-56**

# Purpose/Effect of the Lord's Supper

<b>Purpose</b>	It Reminds Us	It Nourishes Us	It Directs Us
<b>Problem</b>	Spiritual Amnesia	Spiritual Hunger	Spiritual Near-Sightedness

# It Directs Us

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# The Future of the Lord's Supper

<sup>6</sup>Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. <sup>7</sup>Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; <sup>8</sup>it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure"— for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. <sup>9</sup>And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb."

**Revelation 19:6-9**

# The Future of the Lord's Supper

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well- aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. <sup>7</sup>And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. <sup>8</sup>He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. <sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

**Isaiah 25:6-9**

**PART 4**  
**TAKING**  
**THE**  
**LORD'S**  
**SUPPER**

# Preparing & Partaking

- **The Three C's of the Lord's Supper**
  - **Confess**
    - Take time to confess your sin to God and ask him to help you take the Lord's Supper in a way that would honor him.
  - **Consider**
    - As the elements are being passed, take time to reflect on the love of Christ shown to you in the Gospel. Meditate on a Gospel passage.
  - **Celebrate**
    - As you participate in the Lord's Supper, celebrate the fact that Christ has given you a seat at the table and your sins are forgiven.

# Becoming a Communicant Member

- Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
- Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
- Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
- Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
- Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?