

## Matthew 26:17-30 **Passover – The Lord's Last Supper**

17 Now on the first day of the Feast of the Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying to Him, "Where do You want us to prepare for You to eat the Passover?"

18 And He said, "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, "My time is at hand; I will keep the Passover at your house with My disciples." ' "

19 So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them; and they prepared the Passover. 20 When evening had come, He sat down with the twelve. 21 Now as they were eating, He said, "Assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me." 22 And they were exceedingly sorrowful, and each of them began to say to Him, "Lord, is it I?" 23 He answered and said, "He who dipped his hand with Me in the dish will betray Me. 24 The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born." 25 Then Judas, who was betraying Him, answered and said, "Rabbi, is it I?" He said to him, "You have said it."

26 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." 27 Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. 28 For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. 29 But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom." 30 And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

### Preparation for Passover Supper

- ✚ Jesus demonstrated His tie to omniscience as He sent Peter and John with instructions to locate a place and prepare for the Passover Supper, which they did. [Matthew 26:17-19, Mark 14:12-16, Luke 22:7-13]
- ✚ When the hour had come, He sat down, and the twelve apostles with Him. [Luke 22:14]
- ✚ Then He said to them, "With fervent desire **I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer**; 16 for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." [Luke 22:15]

**The Last Supper was the Passover Feast of Yehowah** [Matthew 26:17-30, Mark 14:12-26, Luke 22:7-23, John 13:1-30]

- ✚ The Feast of Passover was established by God as the **first of the Feasts of Yehowah, the first month of the year to Israel**. [Exodus 12:1-20, 23:14-19, Deuteronomy 16:1-17]
  - ✧ It is the day to remember the concluding plague that brought the Children of Israel freedom from Egyptian enslavement.
  - ✧ It is the day that God established His title as "**Yehowah Elohey Who brought the Children of Israel out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage**." [Exodus 20:2]
  - ✧ That is the title that will accompany God until the time when He brings the Children of Israel back from all the lands to which He has scattered them.
  - ✧ Then He will be known as; "**Yehowah that brought back the Children of Israel from the land of the North, and from all the lands where He had driven them**." [Jeremiah 16:14-15, 23:7-8]
- ✚ In the Jewish presentation of the feast of Passover Seder (order of service):
  - ✧ Three Matzos are used representing the Trinity of God, (Father, Word, and Spirit).

- ✧ The **first cup** is blessed, the **cup of Sanctification**, then they drink the cup of Sanctification. This is called the Kadaysh (sanctification).
- ✧ After another blessing is said, they **wash their hands** and **break the middle Matzo** down the center, **half is wrapped in linen and hidden away**, it is called the **Afikomen**.
- ✧ The remaining half is broken, distributed, blessed, and eaten, it is called the "**Bread of affliction**" reminding us of the Manna God provided 40 years in the wilderness. This is done as a blessing is said to Yehowah for His provision.
  - ✧ Jesus said, I am the first and the last. [Isaiah 41:4, 44:6, 48:12, Revelation 1:11, 17, 2:8, 22:13]
- ✧ They **dip the greens of the earth in salt water** and eat, representing God's provision in the wilderness. Again a blessing is said for its representation. This is called the Karpas.
  - ✧ The salt water reminds them of crossing the Red Sea.
- ✧ They recite the **story of the ten plagues** and their deliverance from bondage in Egypt. The **second cup** is held while reciting the ten plagues and is called the cup of Plagues. It is then lowered without drinking.
- ✧ **A blessing is said and the cup becomes the cup of Thanksgiving** which after saying two blessings they drink.
- ✧ A blessing is then said and they **wash their hands** before taking the **upper Matzo**.
- ✧ The upper Matzo is broken and sprinkled with salt, then after saying a blessing, it is eaten. The salt reminds them of the covenant of salt God gave them at Mount Sinai.
- ✧ It was about this time that **Jesus declared that He would be betrayed that night**. [Matthew 26:21-25, Mark 14:18-21, John 13:21-26, Luke 22:21-23]
  - ✧ Jesus announced His betrayer, and indicated the severity in store and end result for the man who betrays Him, yet prophecy must be fulfilled.
    - ✧ The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had never been born." [Matthew 26:24, Mark 14:21, Luke 22:21-22]
  - ✧ Then using the **bottom Matzo**, they break it and with it make the **Hillel Sandwich** using the "Bitter Herbs" and the charoseth (nut and fruit mixture) between two pieces of Matzo.
  - ✧ After saying the blessing, they dip the **Sop** (Hillel Sandwich) in saltwater and feed it to another as a sign of love and affection.
- ✧ **Jesus gave the Sop to Judas, Satan entered Judas, Jesus said, what you do, do quickly**. [John 13:27-29]
  - ✧ Judas got up and left the Passover and went to the Chief priests, to lead their men to Jesus for the betrayal. [John 13:30]
- ✧ The full Supper is served, they eat and bless God.
  - ✧ **After Supper** Jesus took the towel and basin of water and washed the disciples feet. Usually it is the hands that are washed at this point. [John 13:2-11]
  - ✧ The **Afikomen** is found and returned to the head of the table.
    - ✧ The removal of the covering that hid the Afikomen at the beginning of the service speaks of the stone that was removed by the Angel from the tomb where Jesus was laid.
    - ✧ The unwrapping of the Afikomen represents the resurrection of Jesus.
- ✧ **Jesus took the Afikomen** and blessed it and brake it and gave it to His disciples declaring: "**This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.**" [Matthew 26:26, Mark 14:22, Luke 22:19, 1 Corinthians 11:23-24]
  - ✧ Nothing else is eaten after the Afikomen.
    - ✧ Jesus said, I am the first and the Last. [Isaiah 41:4, 44:6, 48:12, Revelation 1:11, 17, 2:8, 22:13]

✝ Jesus took the **third cup**, the **cup of Redemption**, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and said: "Drink from it, all of you. For **this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins**. But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom." [[Matthew 26:27-29](#), [Mark 14:23-25](#), [Luke 22:20](#), [1 Corinthians 11:25-26](#)]

✧ The **fourth cup** is the **cup of Completion and Praise**. Blessings are said before and after the cup of Completion and Praise.

✝ When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. [[Matthew 26:30](#), [Mark 14:26](#)]