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MATTHEW – PART EIGHT The Lord's Supper

Lesson 8

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Matthew 26:17-30

- "The Lord's Supper" (I Cor. 11:20)
- "The Last Supper"
- "Communion"
 - koinonia : Greek for Sharing / Participating
 - *communio*: Latin for *koinonia* (I Cor. 11:18)
- "Eucharist"
 - eucharistia: Greek for "Thanksgiving"

Passover - Exodus 12

- Slavery / Bondage
- Final Plague Death of Firstborn
- God Would Pass Over Certain Homes

Homes Passed Over

- 1. Sacrifice Unblemished Lamb
- 2. Smear Blood on Doorframe
- 3. Roast and Eat All of Lamb
- 4. Eat w/ Bitter Herbs & Unleavened Bread
- 5. Yearly Ordinance that Teaches

Children: "What does this ceremony mean to you?"

Parents: "It is the Passover sacrifice to Yahweh, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes when he struck down the Egyptians." Ex. 12:26

Passover in Practice

- Seder: "Order" or "Program"
- *Haggadah* : Text of Exodus Story

Seder elements

- 3 Pieces Unleavened Bread (*Matzahs*)
- Bitter Herbs (*Maror*)
- Mixed Apples, Nuts, Wine, Cinnamon (*Charoses*)
- Vegetable(s) (*Karpas*)
- Roasted Meat (Zeroah) (Temple Sacrifice)
- Boiled Egg (Bayzah)

Seder Obligations

- 1. Eating Unleavened Bread
- 2. Drinking 4 Cups of Wine
- 3. Eating Bitter Herbs
- 4. Relating Exodus Story

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"Be careful ... Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees"

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- Reasons for Three
- Unbroken

4 Cups of Wine

- 1. Blessing Pronounced Over God
- 2. Memory of Plagues and Egypt's Sufferings
- 3. Redemption / Innocent Lamb
- 4. Praise to God

Matthew

Jews Knew Passover

- Matzah: "Take, Eat, This is My Body"
 - Pure and Unbroken Until ...

• Cup: "This is My Blood of the covenant which is poured out for the forgiveness of sins"

Issues

- Who Takes?
- How Often?
- Transubstantiation?
- Sacrament?
- The Mental Process?

Points For Home

- People Live in Bondage to Sin
- Deliverance From Jesus an Unblemished Lamb
- Not "Plan B" or Accidental
- Partakers of Christ Free From Sin and Death