

Why Do We Do the Lord's Supper?



Sunday, March 24th, 2024

Luke 22:14-20

¹⁴ And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵ And he said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.

¹⁶ For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” ¹⁷ And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, “Take this, and divide it among yourselves.

Luke 22:14-20

¹⁸ For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” ¹⁹ And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

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²⁰ And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

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Reasons Jesus Gives for the Lord's Supper

1. It is a reminder that he will drink it in
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“He will drink it again”

- Matthew 26:29 - I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.
- Mark 14:25 - Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.
- Luke 24:16/18 - For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God...For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.

Reasons Jesus Gives for the Lord's Supper

1. It is a reminder that he will drink it in
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2. It is done in remembrance of Jesus

Luke 22:19

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1. It is a reminder that he will drink it in the future
2. It is done in remembrance of Jesus
3. It is part of the new covenant

“New Covenant”

- Matthew 26:28 - for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.
- Mark 14:24 - And he said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.”
- Luke 22:20 - And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.”

1 Corinthians 11:17-34

¹⁷ But in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse. ¹⁸ For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you. And I believe it in part, ¹⁹ for there must be factions among you in order that those who are genuine among you may be recognized.

1 Corinthians 11:17-34

²⁰ When you come together, it is not the Lord's supper that you eat. ²¹ For in eating, each one goes ahead with his own meal. One goes hungry, another gets drunk. ²² What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What shall I say to you?

1 Corinthians 11:17-34

Shall I commend you in this? No, I will not. ²³ For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

1 Corinthians 11:17-34

²⁵ In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

1 Corinthians 11:17-34

²⁷ Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹ For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

1 Corinthians 11:17-34

³⁰ That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. ³¹ But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. ³² But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world. ³³ So then, my brothers, when you come together to eat, wait for one another—

1 Corinthians 11:17-34

³⁴ if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home—so that when you come together it will not be for judgment. About the other things I will give directions when I come.

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2. To have personal pleasure

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Five Reasons we observe the Lord's Supper

1. It is a reminder that he will drink it in the future
2. It is done in remembrance of Jesus
3. It is part of the new covenant
4. It highlights the unity of the body
5. It proclaims the Lord's death until he comes