

Remember the Lamb 2018-03-18

1 Cor 11:23-26

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."

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.

Joy by remembering life-changing events w/commemorations. birth, marriage

- Even events costly to attain....July 4 Independence Day or Passover... the deliverance of Israel from Egyptian slavery.
 - Jesus' last Passover commemorated Israel deliverance but more important proclaimed Old Covenant was fulfilled & New Covenant now instituted. Jer 31:31-34, 1 Cor 11:25a

Covenant is like a will....All terms made by 1 person, recipient not contributor but either rejects/accepts terms.

- Old Covenant (Conditional Mosaic law) based on works & revealed what sin is & need for forgiveness & Savior (no one meets righteous standards).
- New Covenant not cancel/annul Old Covenant requirements but superseded them.
 - Jesus' life/death fulfilled perfectly Old Covenant on behalf of Christians. Mt 5:17-18, Heb 9:22, Is 53:5, Lk 22:20b
 - Jesus sacrificial, vicarious death for believers sins ratified NC (like signature on doc).

At Jesus' last Passover Seder He proclaimed it represented Him & He instituting New Covenant.

- Began w/ceremonial wash hands w/special laver & towel.
 - Jesus washed disciple's feet....symbolic of His service to us.
- Then meal which included 4 cups of wine & Seder plate w/6 compartments for special items used as object lessons.
 - Jesus focused on 2 things in meal, bread & cups...I'll do same.

1st Cup of blessing: Israel God's vineyard & Messiah coming choice vine.

- Jesus blessed 1st cup & said "I am the true vine" Jn 15:1, 13-17 PQ

Bag w/3 compartments each w/motza. (unleavened bread pierced, striped & bruised from grilling).....Do unique w/middle bread...Jews don't know why.

- Middle stood for priest/mediator between God & people, break it (His body on cross), wrap ½ in linen napkin & hid (His burial) before meal.
 - After meal it's found, brought back (resurrected), broken into small pieces & given to everyone to eat. Mt 26:26-28, Lk 22:19-20

3rd Cup of Redemption. Looks back to Egypt (from slavery into freedom) & forward to coming Messiah. (empty chair/look for Elijah)

- Probably when Jesus proclaimed fulfillment of Passover & Old Covenant of works & commanded Christians to commemorate/remember His sacrifice that inaugurated the New Covenant! 1 Cor 11:23-26

Commemorate this yearly w/Maundeeeee (Latin = command) Thursday & monthly we joyfully obey this command w/communion.

- Similar to Old Covenant Passover, w/bread & cup we SYMBOLICLY & joyfully remember our deliverance (Egypt, penalty of sin) & look forward to the future coming of Messiah...1st & 2nd.
 - Receive hope/joy by remembering Lord our God & His inauguration of New Covenant...Father treated Jesus on cross as if He lived your life...SO He could treat you as if you lived Jesus' life.
 - We receive love, favor, blessing not rejection.