

## ***“The Lord’s Supper”***

Exodus 12:1; Matt. 26:17–28; Mark 14:12–26; Luke 22:7–21; 1 Cor. 11:17–34

- **Where did the Lord’s Supper begin?** (*Luke 22:7-21; Exodus 12:1-28*)

Jesus is re-making the Passover in order to tell his disciples how to understand the death he’s about to die. It’s no accident, no mistake. It’s not taking Jesus by surprise or happening against his will. Instead, Jesus is going to give his body for his disciples (*Luke 22:19*). He is going to shed his blood “for many for the forgiveness of sins” (*Matt. 26:28*). This includes me and you!

- **What is the Lord’s Supper?**

*The Lord’s Supper is a church’s act of communing with Christ and each other and of commemorating Christ’s death by partaking of bread and wine, and a believer’s act of receiving Christ’s benefits and renewing his or her commitment to Christ and his people, thereby making the church one body and marking it off from the world. Bobby Jamieson*

- **Who is the Lord’s Supper for?** The church, those who have been born again baptized believers of Jesus. (*Luke 22:15; 1Cor. 11:17*) Baptism is where our faith goes public (*Acts 2:38–41*). It’s how we publicly commit ourselves to Christ and his people.

- **When did the church celebrate Communion?** (*1 Cor. 11:17-18, 20, 33-34; Acts 20:7*)

There is freedom in how often we celebrate the Lord’s Supper as a church but it should be done more often than not.

- **What does the Lord’s Supper announce to us?** It announces the gospel of Christ. It proclaims that Christ’s death is for our redemption and reconciliation to the creator!

I want to encourage and challenge you with four things to consider personally as you take the Lord’s Supper this morning.

**1. May you look back to the cross of Christ**

As you take and eat the bread and drink of the cup, remember that these are signs of Jesus giving himself for you! If you are thinking that your sin is too big, too much, look to the cross! Jesus’ life and death was enough!

**2. May we look inward and examine ourselves and confess our sins to the Lord as we look back to the cross.**

The Lord’s supper is not a time to heap guilt upon yourself but the Lord’s Supper proclaims to us that our guilt is gone, our debt is paid, our punishment has been taken, our sins are forgiven and forgotten.

**3. May we look around this morning. The Lord has sealed our fellowship with himself and one another. Look around and see that He has redeemed many.**

Don’t just close your eyes and confess your sins; look around and marvel at those he’s redeemed.

**4. May we look ahead to what is coming.!** A day is coming when Christ himself will spread a feast for us and celebrate with us (*Matt. 26:29*). A day is coming when God will throw the greatest wedding party ever for Christ and his bride (*Rev. 19:7, 9*).

