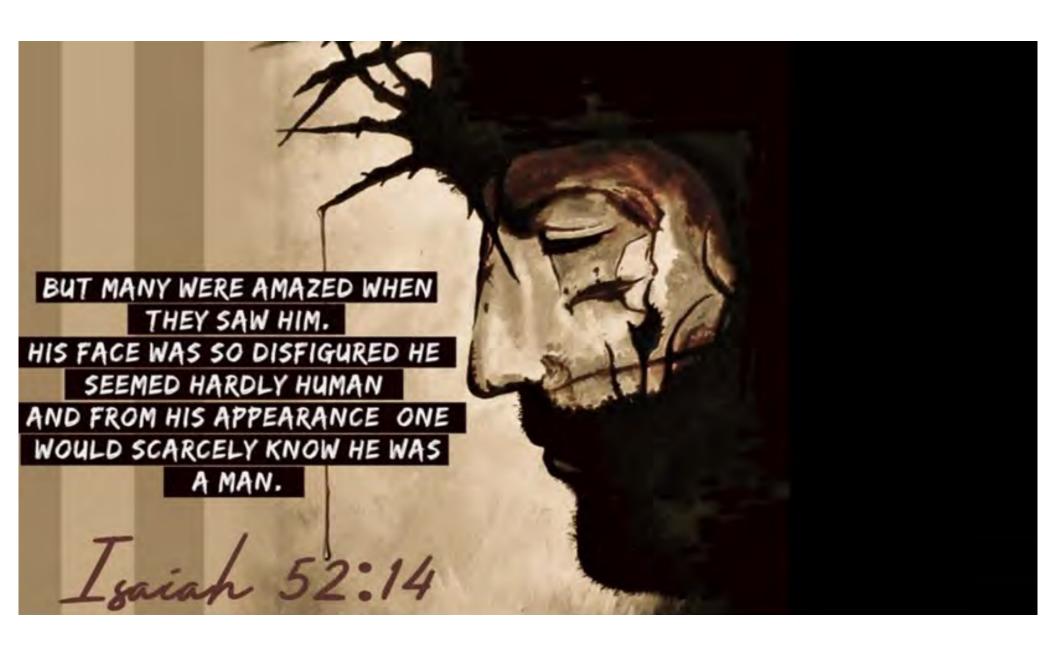
The Lord's Table – We Remember! Matthew 26: 17-30



We are the remembering ones

We will not forget what Jesus did for us

The Lord's Table helps us to REMEMBER!

Verse 17 - 19 The Passover place is secured

Passover was a time to remember when God freed His people from Egyptian bondage

A lamb without spot or blemish would be sacrificed

When the destroying angel saw the blood, he would "Passover" the home; the residents would be <u>SAFE!</u>

When Jesus' blood sacrifice is applied to your life, you are <u>SAFE!</u>

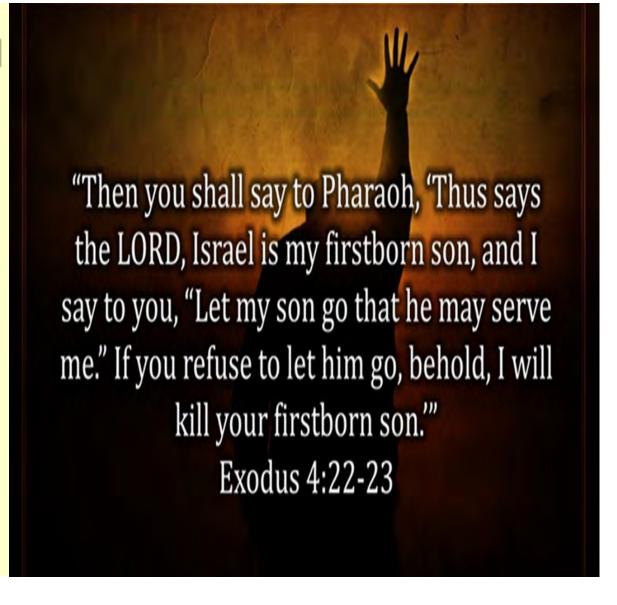
No blood = no safety.
The first born of everything, human and animal, would die if the death angel did not see the blood.

Exodus 12:12-14

'For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD. 13 Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

God told Moses to tell Pharoah to let His firstborn, *Israel*, go. If not, I will kill your firstborn.

Today, Jesus is our Passover sacrifice – 1 Corinthians 5: 7



Verse 20 - 22

Jesus announces there is a traitor in the group



In the middle of the meal, Jesus says, "Assuredly I say to you, one of you will betray Me."
Who would betray our beloved Lord, who?!

Verse 23 - 25 The Betrayer is revealed

"He who dipped his hand with Me" must have been said softly; only Judas could hear

Jesus dipped the sop, (the bread) and shared it with Judas, an act of friendship

Judas was given one more chance; his last chance to repent

After his refusal to repent, Satan entered Judas, and Jesus dismissed him from the group

Verse 26 - 30 The Lord's Supper

Jesus blessed the bread, prayed over the bread, "and when He had given thanks, He broke it."

The bread was unleavened; leaven is a picture of sin

Unleavened bread is a picture of Christ's sinless sacrifice for us

The bread was broken; this is a picture of Jesus' broken body for us

Jesus gave thanks for the cup; the cup represented His blood of the New Covenant

Jesus' blood sacrifice results in the remission of sins, the forgiveness of sins

Our sins are forgiven, we are acceptable before God, and God's wrath is removed - Romans 5: 9

"... having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him."

From enemies of God to **friends of God!**

CLOSING THOUGHTS: WE REMEMBER!

The Lord's Supper must be taken with selfexamination

Self-Examination - 1 Cor 11:27-29

So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. For those who eat and drink without recognizing the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves.

The Passover involves four cups at the time of Jesus



The four cups tell us what God has done for all of us in Christ - Exodus 6: 5-7

First cup = Sanctification - "I will bring you out"

Bring you out of bondage;

separate you to Myself

<u>Second cup</u> = <u>Rescue</u> - "I will rid you of your bondage"

God acting to save one from danger; to remove one from legal custody by force

Third cup = Redemption - "I will redeem you" I will pay the ransom price for you. Satan's legal custody was broken at the

cross

Every believer was rescued from the kingdom of darkness and placed into the kingdom of light

This is the communion cup we partake of today "This do in remembrance of Me"

Fourth cup = Acceptance - "I will take you"

God acting to accept one as the Bridegroom does the Bride

Jesus will not drink this cup until His Bride is in the kingdom with Him

Focus on the **Third cup** - **The Communion cup**

- 1) When we drink this cup, we <u>remember</u> we are the Bride of Christ
- 2) When we drink this cup, we <u>remember</u> our Bridegroom died for us Jesus' broken body and shed blood was for you!
- 3) When we drink this cup, we <u>remember</u> our Bridegroom will come unannounced <u>BE READY!</u>
- 4) When we drink this cup, we <u>remember</u> to remain loyal to our Bridegroom until He returns

In this season of chaos, it is good to remember

JESUS IS COMING FOR US!

THE KING IS INDEED COMING AND ALL WILL BE WELL!

TODAY

<u>WE</u> <u>REMEMBER!!</u>

