

THIS IS MY BLOOD!

Matthew 26:27-28 Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, "**Drink from it, all of you.**" ²⁸**This is my blood** of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

1. Shadow: The Passover - 3500 years old - It will be celebrated every year throughout eternity.
 - a. Woman comes in and lights the candles
 - i. The only act that a woman performs.
 - (1) A woman brought fourth the Light of the World - pointing to Jesus - The light of the world.
 - ii. She chants this prayer
 - (1) Blessed be You, Lord our God, King of the Universe who has sanctified us with His commandments, and bid us to kindle the festival with light
 - b. Sanctify - means to set apart - Recite a blessing over wine in honor of the holiday.
 - i. ¹⁷After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said,
 - (1) Blessed are You, God, our God, King of the universe, who creates the fruit of the vine, who has chosen us from among all people, and raised us above all tongues, and made us holy through His commandments. And You, God, our God, have given us in love Sabbath festivals for happiness, feasts and festive seasons for rejoicing in love, a holy convocation, commemorating the departure from Egypt. For You have chosen us and sanctified us from all the nations, and You have given us as a heritage Your holy festival of unleaven bread. , the time of our liberation."
 - (a) I believe Jesus adds - "**I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.**" ¹⁶**For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God.**"
 - c. Cleans - Wash the hands without saying a blessing. - the purpose of this washing is to clean the impurities of a life in a materialistic world. - This points to the washing of the feet of the apostles by Jesus.
 - d. Appetizer - Dip a vegetable (usually parsley) in salt water, say a blessing and eat it.
 - i. This shows the Bitter life of slavery they endured in Egypt and the crossing of the red sea
 - (1) It points ahead to the believers being baptized in water.
 - (a) The life in the world, being buried with Christ, and rising with Him in His resurrection.
 - e. Breaking - Three pieces of unleavened bread are on the table. Many Bible scholars feel these represent the three persons of the God Head, The Father, Son and Holy Spirit. One of the three unleaven pieces of bread on the table is broken. Part is returned to the pile, the other part is hidden.
 - i. To me this shows the live of Jesus - In the Old testament, The Word, In the New Testament 'The Son of God', but this part is hidden from the Jew.
 - f. Telling - This will be a retelling of the story of the Exodus from Egypt and the first Passover.
 - i. Pours the second cup of wine. - spills some of it on a white plate - looks like blood - the

- Passover sacrifice. The LAMB sacrifice. The blood that was put around the door entrance.
- (1) Wine blessing - Blessed are You, God, our God, King of the universe, who creates the fruit of the vine,
 - ii. A child comes in and asks four questions.
 - (1) Why a child.
 - (a) You must become as a little child to enter the Kingdom of God.
 - (i) The four questions.
 - 1) Why do we eat unleavened bread instead of regular bread,
 - 2) Why do we eat bitter vegetables,
 - 3) Why do we dip our vegetables twice, when we do not normally dip vegetables.
 - 4) Why do we recline instead of sitting up straight.
 - iii. The History of The Jews is shared while they drink the second cup of wine.
 - g. Washing - A second washing of the hands, this time with a blessing, in preparation for eating the unleavened bread .
 - i. The prayer - Blessed be You, Lord our God, King of the World, who has sanctified us with His commandments, and commanded us concerning the washing of hands”
 - h. Unleavened bread - Recite two blessings over the unleavened bread , break it, and give a piece to everyone to eat.
 - (1) Two blessings are recited over the unleavened bread . This is unusual: normally only one blessing is recited over bread.
 - (a) The first blessing is the same bread blessing recited over bread before any bread meal.
 - (i) Blessed be You, Lord our God, King of the World, Who brings bread out of the earth.
 - (b) This is followed by a special blessing regarding the commandment to eat unleavened bread , which is recited only at Passover.
 - (i) Blessed be You , Lord our God, King of the World, Who has sanctified us with His commandments and commanded us concerning eating unleavened bread.
 - (c) The unleavened bread is then broken and eaten by everyone at the table.
 - (i) This points ahead to Jesus taking the bread and saying; Eat, this is my Body Given For You.
 - i. Bitter - A blessing is recited over a bitter vegetable (usually horseradish) and it is eaten.
 - (1) Blessed be You, Lord our God, King of the World, Who has sanctified us and commanded us concerning eating bitter herbs.
 - (a) we dip the bitter herbs in charoses (a sweet apple-nut-cinnamon mixture) and eat it. This is the second dipping that is mentioned in the Four Questions near the beginning of the Passover.
 - (i) The reason of the second dipping, bitterness alone without any direction or understanding is self-destructive.
 - (ii) Bitterness or hurt points to the betrayal of Jesus by Judas Iscariot.
 - (iii) Even with the betrayal Jesus still says, “I am the Way”
 - j. A large meal is now served.

- k. Grace after the meal.
- l. Now after the meal
 - i. “**John 13:6-7** He [Jesus] came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."
 - ii. **John 13:14-15** Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. ¹⁵I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.
 - (1) This speaks to the follower of Jesus as willing to do any service for a brother.
 - (2) In the Gospels we see many examples of what Jesus was teaching here.
 - iii. **John 13:21-26** After he had said this, Jesus was troubled in spirit and testified, "I tell you the truth, one of you is going to betray me." . . . ²⁵Leaning back against Jesus, he asked him, "Lord, who is it?" ²⁶Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I will give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish." Then, dipping the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, son of Simon.
- m. The hidden unleavened bread
 - i. ¹⁹And he took bread,
 - (1) See the stripes, see the punctures to the body, see the cross.
 - ii. gave thanks
 - (1) Blessed be You , Lord our God, King of the World, Who has sanctified us with His commandments and commanded us concerning eating unleaven bread.
 - iii. and broke it,
 - (1) Struck the bread violently, shattering it, to show how His body was to be used.
 - iv. and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."
 - (1) This is fulfilling the shadow shown in the Passover.
- n. The Third Cup of Wine. Unique to the Passover
 - i. About the CUP - the cup of the bridegroom -
 - (1) **John 14:2-3** [gives us a clue to this cup] In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.
 - (2) A young Jewish man does not have a court ship as we have today. When he or his family found a young lady that he wanted to marry he took gifts and a cup of wine to her house.
 - (a) He would present himself to the girl and her family, he would point out his gifts to her.
 - (b) If she excepted him, she would take the wine and drink it. If she did not she would refuse it.
 - (c) If she excepted it, the young man would go back to his fathers house and start adding rooms for his new family.
 - (d) When the father was happy with the work the son had done he would allow the young man to go and get the girl for the wedding ceremony.

- (e) The young girl had spent her time getting ready for the occasion. Several parables dealt with this subject. Ten virgins to name one.
 - (f) One of the acts at the wedding - breaking of the wine glass - what God has put together, let no man put asunder.
- (3) ²⁰In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "**This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.**"
- o. The Lords Supper
 - i. **1 Cor. 11:23-34** For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "**This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.**" ²⁵In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "**This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.**" ²⁶For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
 - (1) The role of His followers today
 - ii. ²⁷Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthily manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. ²⁹For anyone who eats and drinks without **recognizing the body of the Lord** eats and drinks judgment on himself.
 - (1) What is this Body of the Lord.
 - (a) **1 Corinthians 12:27** Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.
 - (b) **Ephesians 4:12** to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up
 - (2) ³⁰That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep. ³¹But if we judged ourselves, we would not come under judgment. ³²When we are judged by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be condemned with the world. ³³So then, my brothers, when you come together to eat, wait for each other. ³⁴If anyone is hungry, he should eat at home, so that when you meet together it may not result in judgment .And when I come I will give further directions.
- p. Fourth Cup - Looking for the prophet Elijah who is to bring fourth the Messiah
 - i. Not used here -
 - (1) **Luke 22:39-40** Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him. ⁴⁰On reaching the place, he said to them, "**Pray that you will not fall into temptation.**"
 - ii. What was said after taking the fourth cup in the Passover, next year in Jerusalem.. We should be saying, **the next time in Heaven.**