

Worshiping in Spirit and Truth: Sharing the Lord's Supper

Sunday, August 21

Sharing the Lord's Supper in Truth:

- What event / feast was Jesus observing with His apostles when He instituted the Lord's Supper? (Matthew 26: 17; Exodus 12: 1 – 20)
- Read the account of Jesus instituting the Lord's Supper as recorded in Matthew 26: 26 – 29, and consider the following:
 - What does the bread represent, and what does the fruit of the vine represent?
 - What is the historical and spiritual significance of the unleavened bread? (Exodus 12: 15; 1 Corinthians 5: 6 – 8; Matthew 16: 5 – 12)
 - What is the meaning and significance of the statement that Jesus made in verse 29?
- Read the account of Jesus instituting the Lord's Supper as recorded in Luke 22: 14 – 20, and consider the following:
 - According to verse 15, what do we learn from the attitude that Jesus displayed regarding the meal that He would share with the apostles?
 - What additional insight is provided regarding the significance of the bread and the fruit of the vine?
- What parallels can we draw between the meal that Jesus shares with the apostles and the sacrifice that He made on the cross shortly after this event? (Hebrews 10: 1 – 4; 1 Peter 1: 17 – 19)

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Wednesday, August 24

Sharing the Lord's Supper in Spirit:

- In 1 Corinthians 11: 26, what do we acknowledge / proclaim when we partake of the Lord's Supper? What does this teach us regarding our focus when we partake?

- From 1 Corinthians 11: 27 – 34, consider the following:
 - As recorded in verse 27, how could we partake of the Lord's Supper in an unworthy manner, and what is the guilt that is referenced?

 - In verse 28, what is the nature of the self-examination that is indicated?

 - In verses 29 – 32, describe Paul's reference regarding failure to discern (or judge) the Lord's body, and the outcome of that action.

 - According to verses 33 – 34, what had been occurring within the congregation at Corinth when they gathered to worship and share the Lord's Supper? What lessons do we learn regarding our focus and attitude while sharing the Lord's Supper?

- According to 1 Corinthians 10: 16 – 17, describe another objective that we accomplish when we share the Lord's Supper.

- Understanding the significance of the Lord's Supper, how do we prepare to partake, and what should be our focus as we share the bread and the fruit of the vine?