

Sermon Series: The Night Jesus Was Betrayed: Luke 22:1-65

Sermon Text: Luke 22:1-30 Your Place at Christ's Table

Christ instituted the Lord's Supper for our commemoration of and participation in His exodus as our Paschal lamb.

1) The hope of New Exodus lies behind this Passover (22:1).

- a) OT Prophets spoke of return from exile as a second/new exodus
- b) Passover/Feast of Unleavened Bread would have raised awareness of this theme for Jews.
- c) Luke 9:31 "they spoke of His exodus which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem"

2) The enemies of Christ plot His destruction (22:2-6).

- a) Chief Priests and Scribes (22:2)
- b) Satan (22:3a)—the enemy par excellence; he brings all enemies together against Christ
- c) Judas (22:3)—of the number of the twelve; he initiated (v. 4); motivated by greed (v. 5b); uses friendship (v. 6)
- d) The Joy and Accord of Evil (22:5)

3) Christ executes His sovereign plan for this Passover through the plot of His enemies (22:7-23).

- a) "the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed"—Divine necessity in Luke's gospel
- b) Christ's preparations show His control over the events of this Passover (22:7-13):
 - i) Context of Feast Days in Jerusalem
 - ii) Jesus commissions Peter and John (v. 8); gives a sign (v. 9); gives words (v. 11); says what will happen (v. 12)
 - iii) Everything went according to Christ's plan (v. 13).
- c) Christ's desire for communion with His people obliges Him to suffer (22:14-18):
 - i) Christ's Family Plan: "He reclined . . . apostles with Him"; Passover a family affair (v. 14)
 - ii) Earnest Desire (v. 15)—"before I suffer"; related not merely chronologically
 - iii) Communion beyond the Cross: "until it is fulfilled in the kingdom" (v. 16); "until the kingdom comes" (v. 18)
 - (1) Post-resurrection (cf. Acts 10:41)
 - (2) Second Coming (Rev. 19:6-9)
- d) Christ's institution of the Lord's Supper reveals His plan for this Passover (22:19-20):
 - i) The Bread of Affliction (v. 19; Deut. 16:3):
 - (1) "He broke it"
 - (2) "My body, given for you"
 - ii) Blood on the Doorposts and Lintels (v. 20; Exod. 12:7):
 - (1) "New Covenant in My blood"
 - (2) "poured out for you"
 - iii) Remembrance (anamnesis)
 - (1) Commemorative: retrospective (v. 19) and prospective (22:16, 18)
 - (2) Participative
 - (3) How? Marburg Colloquy:
 - (a) Zwingli—"Is" means "symbolizes"; no presence
 - (b) Luther—"Is" means "is"; physical presence
 - (c) Calvin—"Is" promises participation; real presence
- e) Jesus' control demonstrates that He is not an unwilling victim, but the one ultimately in charge of this Passover.

4) This Passover defines the New Covenant government of Christ's Kingdom (22:24-30).

- a) Humble Service (vv. 24-27)
- b) Fellowship of Suffering (v. 28)
- c) Inheriting a Kingdom (v. 29)
- d) Table Fellowship with the King (v. 30a)
- e) Reigning with the King (v. 30b)
- f) A Feast of Thanksgiving (eucharist)

Doxology: Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever! Psalm 118:1