



Matthew 26:26-30

Matt. 26:26 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body."

Matt. 26:27 Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you.

Matt. 26:28 For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Matt. 26:29 But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom."

Matt. 26:30 And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

And...

Lu 22:19 And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

And...

1Cor. 11:23 For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread;

1Cor. 11:24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

1Cor. 11:25 In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

1Cor. 11:26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.

Observations & Discussion

1. Our text this evening records the introduction of a new sacrament—what Christians call “Communion”. Take a look at the scriptures below and record the different names by which this sacrament is known:

- 1Cor. 10:16 =
- 1Cor. 10:21 =
- 1Cor. 11:20 =
- Acts 2:42 =

* In Mark 14:23 the words “*and when He had given thanks*”, is a single word in Greek—*eucharisteo*, from which we get the English word “Eucharist”, another name that some Christians use for the Communion service.

2. In our text Jesus said of the bread, “*Take eat; this is My body*” (vs. 26). And of the wine, “*For this is My blood of the New Covenant*” (vs. 28). Compare Jesus words in our text with what He said in John 7:37-39, John 8:12, and John 10:9. In view of these scriptures do you think that Jesus meant that we are eating His *literal* body and drinking His *literal* blood when we take Communion? Why or why not?

3. According to what Jesus said to the disciples in Matthew and Luke’s account, and what Paul tells us in 1Corinthians 11:23-26, what are the reasons that we should we regularly partake of Communion?

4. Read 1Corinthians 11:27-32. Why is your attitude so important when participating in Communion?

5. In vs. 29 Jesus said, “*But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father’s kingdom.*” What period of time will Jesus once again drink wine?

6. Read Matthew 27:33-34; why did Jesus refuse the drink the soldiers offered Him?