

Good Tidings of Great Joy

Studies in the Gospel of Luke

The Last Passover

Luke 22:1-62
Lesson 20

Trinity Bible Church Sunday School
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Gospel of Luke – Outline

1. Prologue (1:1-4)
2. The Preparation for Jesus' Ministry (1:5-4:13)
3. The Ministry in Galilee (4:14-9:50)
4. The Judean/Perean Ministry (9:51-19:27)
5. The Ministry in Jerusalem (19:28-21:38)
6. The Consummation of His Work (22:1-24:53)

The Consummation of His Work (22-24)

- ▶ 30 A.D. – 14th day of Nisan fell on Thursday
- ▶ Thursday (22), Friday (23), Sunday (24)
- ▶ Outline:
 - An explanation of the Cross (22:1-62)
 - The trial and execution (22:63-23:49)
 - Resurrection and revelation (23:50-24:53)

The Last Passover (22:1-62)

- ▶ An explanation of His death – the last Passover
- ▶ Outline:
 - The plot to kill (22:1-6)
 - The Passover lesson (22:7-20)
 - The disciples respond (22:21-38)
 - Numbered with the transgressors (22:39-62)

The Plot to Kill (22:1-6)

- ▶ Opposition: Luke 4:28-30; 6:7, 11; 11:53-54; 13:31; 19:47; 20:19-20; 22:2
- ▶ Satan entered Judas
 - Devil – slanderer (Luke 4:2-13 and 8:12)
 - Satan – adversary (Luke 11:18; 13:16: 22:3, 31)

An Ancient Contest

- ▶ A pre-determined outcome – Genesis 3:15
- ▶ Judas (Psalm 55:12-14; 109) – Luke 22:22
- ▶ Acts 2:23 – God determined . . . wicked men did
- ▶ Luke 4:13 – Satan left until “an opportune time”
- ▶ The climax of the ancient contest – the cross
 - Luke 10:18 – fall from heaven by ministry of disciples
 - Crushed head – yet to come
 - Still going about as a roaring lion – 1 Peter 5:8-9

The Last Passover (22:7-20)

▶ The preparation

- The Passover Law: Exodus 12:6-8; Leviticus 23:5, 6
- 14th day of the first month – fell on Thursday that year
- A room prepared

▶ Eagerly desired

- “I delight to do Thy will.” (Psalm 40:8)
- Desired to teach His disciples the meaning of His death
- Compare with the coming agony in the Garden
- The next celebration with Him will be in the Kingdom

The Passover

- ▶ A prayer of thanksgiving; drinking the first cup
- ▶ The eating of bitter herbs
- ▶ The son's inquiry, "Why is this night distinguished from all other nights?" and the father's reply.
- ▶ Singing the first part of the Hallel (Psalms 113, 114), and the washing of hands. The second cup.
- ▶ The carving and eating of the lamb, with unleavened bread
- ▶ The third cup. [Lord's Supper probably instituted here]
- ▶ Singing the last part of the Hallel (Psalms 115–118). Fourth cup.

The Lord's Supper – First Communion

- ▶ The cup of thanksgiving – anticipates the Kingdom
- ▶ Pictures Christ's work on the cross
- ▶ A ceremony of remembrance (19b)
- ▶ His broken body
- ▶ His shed blood
- ▶ The meaning for the disciples (then and now)

The Body and Blood

- ▶ **Body is accursed and must die**
 - Rom 7:5, 18 – sinful passions at work in our bodies
 - Rom 8:23 – await the redemption of our body
 - 1 Cor 6:19 – body is the temple of the Holy Spirit – must be holy
 - 2 Cor 4:10 – recompensed for deeds done in the body – Judgment Seat
- ▶ **Blood is life – Leviticus 17:11**
 - Blood pictures life – shedding blood pictures killing life
 - Blood of the OC splashed on the people

The Broken Bread

- ▶ My body
 - A metaphor as Jesus was with them
 - Jesus used metaphors for Himself: door, vine, light . . .
- ▶ Given for you – in place of
 - For you to unite with – in union
 - Represents the wrath of God on sinful flesh
 - Shows that we face the wrath of God in Christ
 - Galatians 2:20 – crucified with Christ
 - Teaches the great doctrine of substitution
- ▶ Hebrews 10:10
- ▶ 1 Peter 2:24
- ▶ Therefore, we eat the broken bread

The Cup

- ▶ Represents His life poured out for you – death
- ▶ We drink – to his death?
- ▶ We drink as a statement that we seek life in His life – hope of resurrection

The New Covenant in My Blood

- ▶ **The New Covenant in the O.T. – Jeremiah 31:31**
 - Old Covenant established by shedding animal blood and sprinkling the people
 - The New Covenant replaces the Old Covenant in the formation of Israel
- ▶ **The New Covenant in the N.T.**
 - Lord's supper: Luke 22:20; 1 Cor. 11:25 (not “new” in Matt 26:28, Mk 14:24)
 - Contrast with O.C.: 2 Cor. 3:6; Heb 8:8; 9:15; 12:24
- ▶ **The New Covenant is salvation by faith in Christ**
 - In Heb 13:20 – blood of Christ is the blood of the eternal/everlasting covenant

The Everlasting Covenant

- ▶ Genesis 9:8-17 – Covenant with earth, creatures, man
- ▶ Genesis 17:7-19 – Covenant with Abraham
- ▶ Leviticus 24:8, Numbers 18:19 – Sabbath - for Aaron
- ▶ 2 Samuel 23:5 – Covenant with David
- ▶ 1 Chron. 16:17, Psa. 105:10 – Covenant with Abraham/Israel
- ▶ Isa. 24:5 – earth under wrath – violation of everlasting covenant
- ▶ Isa. 55:3; 61:8 – everlasting covenant for those who call on Him
- ▶ Jeremiah 32:40; 50:5 – everlasting covenant for Israel
- ▶ Ezekiel 16:60 – everlasting covenant with Israel
- ▶ Ezekiel 37:26 – an everlasting covenant of peace with Israel

The meaning of the Lord's Supper

- ▶ A remembrance
- ▶ Christ suffered in the flesh so that we need not
- ▶ We live because His life is in us
- ▶ We expect the fullness of this blessing in the Kingdom

The disciples respond (22:21-38)

- ▶ Momentarily disturbed by the announcement of a traitor – mere curiosity!
- ▶ Their major concern: anticipating the Kingdom and their role in it
- ▶ Tone deaf about the cost of salvation
- ▶ Jesus challenges their lack of spiritual sight – Wisdom of man

Divine Wisdom v. Human Wisdom

- ▶ The pathway to the kingdom through the cross (9:22-23)
- ▶ A lesson on greatness (9:24-30)
 - Servants v. Benefactors and kings; servers v. banqueters (recliners)
 - Youngest and the servant are the greatest
 - Christ is among the servants
- ▶ The humiliation of the pathway (22:31-34)
 - Human weakness, dominates human resolve – Simon's denial
 - A powerful enemy – Satan desires to destroy faith
 - The intercession of Jesus Christ
- ▶ The difficulty of the pathway (22:35-38)
 - Contrast with missionary journey – no provision (10:4)
 - Take money belt, a bag, sword – implies a longer and harder ministry
 - Expect fruit of participation in the body and blood of Christ (Isa 53:12)
- ▶ The ignorance of the disciples – we have 2 swords
 - Shortly will show they must not use sword (22:50-51)
 - Weapons of our warfare (2 Cor 10:4; Eph 6:17)

Numbered with Transgressors (22:39-62)

- ▶ The will of the Father (22:39-46)
- ▶ The will of Jesus (22:47-53)
- ▶ The will of Peter (22:54-62)

The Meaning of the Cross

- ▶ Substitutionary atonement in the Lord's Supper
- ▶ The Christian life in the Lord's Supper
- ▶ The hope of the Lord's Supper – union with Christ