

## In Remembrance of Me

Introduction:

Birthday Parties: What's all the fuss about?

Review of the Biblical concept of Remembering

### **I. Passover: Remembering our Story** (Deut.16:1-8)

- A. Why did God make meals and celebration a part of the Law and His Redemptive Act?
- B. Notice how the Israelites in Deut.16 were called to remember how God delivered *them* from Egypt, even though it was the *previous* generation who had been brought out of Egypt through the Sea.
- C. What would the Passover mean to a Jew in 200 BC?

### **II. The Last Supper: Revising our Story** (Lk.22:13-20)

- A. What was Significant about Jesus' actions during the Last Supper?
- B. Why did Jesus connect food and celebration with his command to Remember the Cross event?

### **III. The Lord's Supper: Re-Joicing our Story** (I Cor.11:23-26)

- A. What are we doing today during the Lord's Supper?  
What does it mean to: 1) Remember/Proclaim 2) eat a meal at a table?
- B. Jesus says ,”Remember.” This is an engaging of the past; experiencing in the *present* all of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. We can say along with Paul (Gal.3:20) that “we were there” at his crucifixion.
- C. Paul seems to think that the Lord's Supper is not a mourning of Jesus' death, but a *proclamation* of His death. WE serve a *risen* Savior.
- D. The One on the cross that we are remembering is the same One hosting this meal. This is a meal where we actively experience both past and future events: Our Salvation and Our Eternal Life. This meal looks back to the cross, and looks forward to a greater future meal (ref. Mt.22; Mt.8:10-11; Rev.19:9).

## The Passover Seder and the Last Supper

### THE HOST WELCOMES THE OTHERS

Lk.22:15-16

### THE KIDDUSH (“Sanctified, Holy”) [FIRST CUP OF WINE]

A prayer said over the first Cup of Wine to begin the Seder (“order”)

Lk.22:17-18

### THE FIRST WASHING OF HANDS

This set the host apart from the others as the most important at the table. Jesus, rather than exalting himself, took up the act of a slave and washed the *feet* of his disciples, even those of Judas!

Jn.13:4-5

### BITTER HERBS DIPPED IN SALT WATER

RITUAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS / STORY OF ISRAEL (told in first person)

SINGING OF PSALMS 113-114

### THE SECOND CUP

### SECOND WASHING OF HANDS

BROKEN PIECES OF BREAD, DIPPED IN BITTER HERBS AND CHAROSETH (a sweet mixture of fruit, honey, cinnamon and wine), ARE GIVEN TO ALL

This is when Judas left to betray Jesus.

Mt.26:21; Mk.14:18-21; Jn.13:26-27

### THE PASSOVER MEAL (featuring the Passover lamb)

### BLESSING AFTER THE MEAL

No food was to be eaten after the meal. Jesus gave them bread here and blessed it, instituting a new memorial and replacing the Passover lamb with himself.

Mt.26:26; Mk.14:22; Lk.22:19; I Cor.11:23-24

### THE THIRD CUP

[THE “CUP OF BLESSING” OR THE “CUP OF REDEMPTION”]

This cup represented the blood of the Passover lamb, but was reinterpreted by Jesus to represent his own blood.

Mt. 26:28; Mk.14:23-25; Lk.22:20; I Cor.10:16; I Cor.11:25

SINGING OF PSALMS 115-118

### FOURTH CUP

### CLOSING SONG OR HYMN

Mt.26:30; Mk.14:26

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