

**Introduction:** Jesus began this sacred meal as a special occasion for His followers to remember why He came, what His purpose was and that He was coming back again! It was very important to the Lord. Even to the point of Jesus being excited about it. Let's look at why...

**Text:** Luke 22:14-20

**Outline:**

## **I. An Eager Moment**

Jesus was eager, because this meal was going to represent, as an illustration from Jesus Himself, the New Covenant. This was not only His opportunity to reveal this love letter of sacrifice that would take place on the Cross, but it would also represent the beginning of the New Covenant and the part that the disciples would play in it!

**A. Yet Bitter sweet!** He was eager, but it was still bitter sweet! This would be the very last Passover meal that Jesus would participate in until the Kingdom of God is fulfilled! He would not only drink of the cup, and sacrifice His body, but He would be the Passover in the New Covenant! It would change hands from the "Angel of death" that His Father sent out in Egypt, to Him being the one celebrated! It would no longer be about a doorpost and a lambs blood, instead it would be about the Cross and the Perfect lamb of God's blood!

**B. The Kingdom being fulfilled!** Jesus says here that the Kingdom has not fully come yet, even through this New Passover. But the reason for this is because, although the total price was paid at Calvary, still, all that Redemption affords has not yet been received, but will be received at the Resurrection of life! 1 Corinthians 15:49-58 (NLT)

## **II. Unworthy! (1 Corinthians 11:23-25; 27-29 NLT)**

### **A. We are all unworthy of receiving from this table.**

- It is only Jesus' death that qualifies us to partake of this monumental meal! If we read the rest of verse 29 & vs. 30, we see that it is when one

fails to discern or understand the significance of the Lord's body, you are eating and drinking in an unworthy manner – bringing judgment and even a weakened state upon yourself.

### **B. Discerning the Body**

- We cannot treat the Holy Communion as a ritual or we miss the blessings that it brings. If we think, this is just a piece of bread, then that is what it will be and you will miss the blessing!
- Do not eat the Lord's supper if you are hungry. The bible instructs us to avoid this by eating at home first. Indicated in 1 Corinthians 11:20-22. This is not a meal to fill the belly.

### **C. The Power of the Body!**

- To Discern the body is to realize that Christ's body was broken for us so that we can be made well and whole! When you come to His Table and release your faith in the Lord's body, you will receive the benefits of healing, health and wholeness! And you will be strong and healthy, and live long!
- So let us Examine ourselves.
  1. Do we appreciate Christ's eagerness to share this meal? & why?
  2. Do we understand that we are all unworthy except by and through the way made by Jesus' Sacrifice?
  3. Do we Discern the doorway to wellness and wholeness that are afforded to the BELIEVER who comes to this table with Faith in Christ's ability to heal? **Isaiah 53:5** (*God's Word Translation*)

## **III. Communion Received**

- A. He took the Bread, and gave thanks! He took the cup and gave thanks. 1 Corinthians 11:23b-26**
- B. He took break, and gave thanks!** *"This is my body which is given for you."* **Hebrews 10:5** (NLT)
- C. Fulfilled at Calvary, but will become fully experienced when we receive our new bodies and are changed!**