

Recap of 5/5/24 message by Pastor Joe (Mark 14:12-26):

1. *“While the devout Jews prepare for a feast the chief priests prepare for an execution. The target of their conspiracy: Jesus of Nazareth, the Passover lamb of God.” (Daily Walk Bible)*

-In Mark 14:12-26 we see that The Passover foreshadowed the coming of God’s Lamb (Jesus) Who would take away the sin of the world. At that Passover, which we call the Last Supper, Jesus announces that one of the twelve would betray Him. Also, Jesus invests the Passover elements (the bread and the cup) with new meaning, a new meaning we still celebrate today in an unbroken line from the Apostles.

2. *The Last Supper was a Passover meal. As Richard’s writes: “The significance of this is found in the symbolism of the Passover lamb in Israel’s deliverance from Egypt. When the death angel saw the blood of the lamb on the doorposts of God’s people, he passed over that household, and all in the family lived. In the same way the blood of Jesus, our Passover lamb, is sprinkled on us. Through Him and His shed blood we are spared death and welcomed into eternal life.”*

3. *The Communion or Lord’s Supper is a memorial much like the festivals or monuments of the Old Testament which was meant to remind Israel of some important event. In this way it connected them with those who went before and unchanging truth. “In the Lord’s Supper we are present at the cross and testify to it” (Richards). The Communion is a reminder that Jesus Christ gave His body, and shed His blood, in our places for our sin, that we might have eternal life through faith in Him.*

4. *“The Passover celebrated the temporary physical deliverance of the Old Covenant! The Lord’s Supper celebrates the permanent and spiritual deliverance of the New.” (MacArthur)*

5. *We observe the Lord’s Supper because:*

-it is commanded by the Lord

-it is precious to the Lord

-it is essential to the unity of the body of Christ

6. *The Lord’s Supper is a remembrance of the life and death of our Lord. It announces the basic facts of the gospel: His body given; His blood shed for the remissions of sins. The Lord’s Supper is forward looking, proclaiming the Lord’s death until He returns. It is a reminder of our oneness in the Body of Christ.*