

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS**  
**MATTHEW 26:26-29**  
**MARCH 17, 2021**

**INTRODUCTION:**

1. The Lord's Supper was instituted by Jesus using the items prepared for the Passover.
  - a) **MATTHEW 26.26:** *"And as they were eating."*
  - b) There were three items prepared for the Passover feast. (Ex. 12.8).
  - c) To institute the Lord's Supper, Jesus chose two items. (Matt. 26.26,27)
2. The Lord's Supper is an essential part of the worship of the church. It must be observed the way God intended for our worship to be accepted. (John 4.23,24)

**I. EXPLANATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

- A. The significance of the Lord's Supper.
  1. **MATTHEW 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.'"*
    - a) **LUKE 22.19:** *"which is given for you."* (John 6.51)
    - b) **1 CORINTHIANS 11.23:** *"which is broken for you."*
    - c) Jesus was given a body for the purpose of offering it as a sacrifice. (Heb. 10.5)
  2. **MATTHEW 26.28:** *"For this is My blood of the new covenant"*
    - a) The blood was used to ratify the New Covenant. (cf. Ex. 24.6-8)
    - b) **MATTHEW 26.28:** *"which is shed for many for the remission of sins."* (Acts 2.38)
    - c) **LUKE 22.19:** *"Do this in remembrance of Me."* (cf. 1 Cor. 11.24,25)
- B. The communion of the Lord's Supper.
  1. **MATTHEW 26.29:** *"I drink it with you in My Father's kingdom."*
  2. Though Jesus was leaving them, they had reason to rejoice. (John 16.19-22)

**II. EXAMPLE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

- A. The error of the Corinthians. (1 Cor. 11.17-20)
  1. Fellowship: They were not eating together.
    - a) **1 CORINTHIANS 11.21:** *"For in eating, each one takes his own supper ahead of others; and one is hungry and other is drunk."*
    - b) The Lord's Supper was to be an act of fellowship. (1 Cor. 11.33)
  2. Feast: They were eating a full meal.
    - a) **1 CORINTHIANS 11.22:** *"What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in?"*
    - b) Having a meal as part of the worship was not acceptable. (1 Cor. 11.34)
  3. Flippant: They were being disrespectful.
    - a) **1 CORINTHIANS 11.22:** *"despise the church of God."* Lit. "think down."
    - b) **1 CORINTHIANS 11.22:** *"shame those who have nothing"* Lit. "shame down."
- B. The correction of the Corinthians.
  1. **1 CORINTHIANS 11.23-26:** The correct emblems. The bread and fruit of the vine.
  2. **1 CORINTHIANS 11.27,28:** The correct purpose. Not for hunger, but to remember.
    - a) We can eat the Lord's Supper in a way that is unworthy. (v. 27, cf. vs. 24,25)
    - b) **1 CORINTHIANS 11.28:** *"Let a man examine himself."* Motives, focus.
  3. **1 CORINTHIANS 11.29-34:** The correct motivation. To avoid judgment.
    - a) He *"eats and drinks judgment to himself."* (1 Cor. 11.29)
    - b) To partake improperly causes weakness, sickness, and death. (1 Cor. 11.30)