At My Table in My Kingdom

Luke 22:7-30

JESUS' CLAIMS:

- 1. I am the Son of Man (the Messiah/Christ). (22:22, Daniel 7:13-14, and Mark 14:61-62)
- 2. I am the ultimate, rightful, Father-appointed, Davidic king. (22:29-30, Matthew 25:31, Revelation 2:25-27 and 3:21)
- 3. I know my true divine identity and my exalted, glorious destiny, and yet I am one who serves. (22:27 and John 13:3-5)
- 4. I am a king who serves willingly. I voluntarily posture myself as a slave. I am greater than all of you, but I serve you all. (22:27)
- 5. I am a king who will suffer for all of you. I did not come to be served but to serve, and to give my life as a ransom payment. (22:15 and Mark 10:45)
- 6. I will give my body and pour out my blood as I sacrifice myself for the forgiveness of your sins. I will buy your forgiveness with my blood. (22:19-20 and Matthew 26:28)
- 7. I will choose to be slaughtered like a Passover lamb because I am a king who came to save you from your sins and to include you in my kingdom. ([foreshadowed in 22:7] 22:19-20 and Revelation 5:9-10)
- 8. I will suffer, but my story ends in glory. My cross will lead to my kingdom. (22:30)

JESUS' COMMANDS:

- 1. Remember what I have done by eating the bread and drinking the cup. (22:19 and 1 Corinthians 11:23-26)
- 2. Do as I have done by serving others. (22:26)

OBEYING JESUS' COMMANDS:

- 1. Know that He does not ask more from you than He has already done himself. (22:15 ["I suffer"] and 27 ["I am among you as the one who serves"])
- 2. Understand that your sincere trust in Him will be seen in your serving others and your "staying" with Him. (22:26 and 28)
- 3. Trust that the slaughtered yet risen Jesus is asking you to do what is best as He calls you to deny yourself and take up your cross daily and follow Him. (Luke 9:23)
- 4. Believe that your humble service and painful sacrifices will not go unnoticed or be unrewarded. Your serving and sacrificing for Him now will mean sharing and reigning with Him then. (22:28-30)
- 5. Remember that His call to serve and to suffer in this lifetime is **at the same time** an invitation to join Him at His table in His kingdom in the life to come. (22:28-30)

- 6. Understand that we all must physically "recline" (rest and refuel) regularly, but the distinct aroma of our lives should be that of our serving Savior. We should get up each day with a desire to serve. Now's not the time for reclining. Now's the time for serving.
- 7. Decide every day to have a servant (slave) outlook on life. Daily choose to have a ministry mindset. Watch for ways to serve others throughout the day. Scheme (plan) ways that you can serve others.
- 8. Understand that it may take a while to figure out what serving looks like in each stage of your life. It will change as you age. But ministry should always be your mindset.

GETTING SPECIFIC:

Mark all of the ways that you can serve others:	
	Pray
	Welcome visitors
	Listen to understand
	Encourage in person
	Encourage with cards, calls, texts, etc.
	Have spiritual conversations
	Invite people to your home
	Share the Gospel
	Teach truth
	Clean
	Make meals
	Give gift cards
	Help the elderly
	Scoop, mow, or rake
	Care for children
	Volunteer
	Other:
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