

Matthew 26:26-35 **Jesus turns the Last Passover into the Lord's Supper**

Jesus celebrated the final, legal passover of the Mosaic Law.

He perfects and completes the Old testament, and passes into the New testament.

He sat at the table as one of the Jewish nation; but the passover meal he partook of foreshadowed and pointed toward His ultimate fulfillment.

He was about to complete that of which the Exodus had been but a preparation.

For the Exodus from Egypt led them out of physical bondage.

But His work on the cross, as the Lamb of God, would lead them out of spiritual bondage.

Jesus is the Final and the Eternal Exodus.

Exodus 6:6-8

That night Jesus turned the OT Passover meal into the NT Lord's Supper.

He sat there with unleavened bread and unfermented wine, and He transformed the feast of a past and failing dispensation.

Hebrews 7:18-19

By His word and with His hands, He transformed the old feast into a new and everlasting feast.

He took the remnants of the old feast of anticipation and shined forth the glory

of a new dawn, and a new age and a new dispensation.

Matthew 26:26-29

Three **key truths** to know about the Lord's Supper

1. It is a **Covenant**: the new covenant promised by the LORD.

Jeremiah 31:31

2. It is a **commemoration of Calvary** (not a sacrifice).

1 Corinthians 11:23-31

3. It is a **similitude of the spiritual communion** we have by the new birth.

John 6:63

That evening Jesus led his disciples through the shadows of darkness into the sunlight of a new and eternal day.

How simply He did it: He touched the old bread and broke it into an infinite supply for all.

He put His hand on the old cup and out came the wine of the Kingdom of God.

The passover meal is for the past. The Lord's Supper is for now to Eternity.

Theological Notes

testament [from Latin, *testor* - to make a will]

new testament (6x) Mt 26:28 = Mk 14:24, Lk 22:20 ~ 1 Cor 11:25, **Hebrews 9:15**

The Practical Reference which applies to us is - **2 Corinthians 3:6**

covenant [L. - a coming together] : A mutual consent or agreement between parties.

new covenant (4x) : **Hebrews 8:8, 13 & 12:25**

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