

# Jesus Final Journey Discussion Questions

The Last Supper Luke 22:14-20

Drawn from the March 10, 2024 sermon by Dr. Jeff Chandler

**Opener:** What's the most celebrated or memorable meal you have ever been a part of? What made it so special?

## **Luke 22:14-20 NIV**

*<sup>14</sup> When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. <sup>16</sup> For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God."*

*<sup>17</sup> After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. <sup>18</sup> For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."*

*<sup>19</sup> And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." <sup>20</sup> In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."*

In Jesus' time, the Festival of Unleavened Bread and Passover had come to be almost interchangeable ideas. For the Jews, Passover was a meal commemorating the night the angel of death "passed over" those Jewish homes in Egypt whose doorposts were covered by the blood of a Passover lamb (Exodus 12:1-14; Leviticus 23:5). "Unleavened Bread" was a week-long feast immediately following Passover that commemorated the exodus (Exodus 12:14-20; Leviticus 23:6-8). These feasts were celebrated during our months of March or April.

1. Start off by reading the passages from Exodus chapter 12 and Leviticus chapter 23  
What are some of the connections that can be made between these traditions and what we celebrate as Communion or the Lord's Supper?
  
2. Why do you think it was important for Jesus to have this meal with his disciples?

3. John the Baptist had previously announced to his own followers that Jesus was “the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world” (See John 1:29-32). How might this have helped the disciples in processing what was going on in this moment?
  
4. How will the Passover meal find fulfillment in the kingdom of God? (Verse 16, 18). See Luke 22:29-30 for insights.
  
5. How did Jesus’ use of the bread reveal the deeper meaning of Passover? (His body given for us)
  
6. How did Jesus’ use of the cup reveal the deeper meaning of Passover? (The new covenant in his blood poured out for us)
  
7. Talk about a time when taking Communion/Lord’s Supper was especially meaningful to you.

**Group Prayer Time:** Pray specifically for group members’ requests, and that God would provide daily reminders of Jesus incredible sacrifice for us. Pray that the Lord’s Supper and Christ’s sacrifice would have new meaning in each of our lives.

**For Further Reflection (either in the group or on your own)**

**Read Luke 22:21-38**

Why do you think a dispute about who is greatest happened right after this solemn moment and the revelation that there was a betrayer in their midst?

Jesus confers a kingdom. What does it mean for the apostles to judge the tribes of Israel in the context of the discussion about being servants?

Jesus concluded with a prediction of Peter's denial and that he himself would be "numbered with transgressors." How does this disturbing news relate to the promise of the bread and cup?

**Next week, March 17, pastor Rick will cover "Kangaroo Court" Luke 23:13-25 and there will be discussion questions available in "Downloads" on the SCC website.**