

Communion April 19, 2020

Luke 22 ¹Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called Passover. ²And the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might kill Him, for they feared the people. ³Then Satan entered Judas, surnamed Iscariot, who was numbered among the twelve. ⁴So he went his way and conferred with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray Him to them. ⁵And they were glad and agreed to give him money. ⁶So he promised and sought opportunity to betray Him to them in the absence of the multitude.

The most precious event for mankind eternally is about to take place; a tremendous spiritual stirring.

⁷ Then came the Day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover must be killed. ⁸ And He sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat." ⁹ So they said to Him, "Where do You want us to prepare?" ¹⁰ And He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him into the house which he enters. ¹¹ Then you shall say to the master of the house (the 'goodman' of the House; the head of the family knows Christ as Master), 'The Master says to you, "Where is the guest room where I may eat the Passover with My disciples?"' ¹² Then he will show you a large, furnished upper room; there make ready." ¹³ So they went and found it just as He had said to them (we will never find it any other way than as He has said it – He is the Author and the Finisher), and they prepared the Passover."

Jesus had sent two faithful servants to prepare for Passover. Most likely this is to be confidential so He must send the ones He trusts. The enemy could not steal this moment. Jesus led the other ten Himself to the place at the right time. The last Passover that is going to usher in 'whomsoever believes' to not only a place/destination (Promised Land) but a place at the table with Jesus forever.

A large, furnished upper room.

¹⁴ When the hour had come, He sat down, and the twelve apostles with Him. ¹⁵ Then He said to them, "**With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer;** ¹⁶ **for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."**

With fervent desire – 'with desire I have desired' – Jesus had set His heart upon this moment – He must set His heart – He takes this hour to consolidate vision beyond the Cross – where He longs to do this with them again, and everyone else who will come – He desires it be everyone. 'For the joy set before Him' He's consolidating at the table ... consolidated purpose allowed Him to endure...

¹⁷ Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; ¹⁸ for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." ¹⁹ And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me." ²⁰ Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you."

In this moment, Jesus transformed forever the Passover. Body given; Blood shed – we do this in remembrance of Him – as often as we share communion we declare the same hope that Jesus had in His heart – that we will do this one day in His presence. In my Father's House are many rooms; in His very presence, at all times, for all time. The bread, the cup – this is family meal – all welcome, none excluded from being received by the Father if we come through Jesus Christ. He turned a gathering of slaves into a nation, and He's now turning a world of slaves into a kingdom – as we come one by one, delivered into His kingdom by belief in Him. He died for us. On the cross. This is what we recall because without His death we have nothing; without the shedding of His blood we would still be in a depraved state.