

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Int.

1. Aim: To discuss how the Lord's Supper was established and a scheme to remember the Lord's death while we are partaking the Lord's Supper.
2. Text Mt. 26:17-30 Mk. 14:12-25
 - a. Time for the Passover -- Exodus
 - b. Jesus met with his disciples to observe the Passover and to institute the Lord's Supper
3. Events after this leading up to his death:
 - a. Gethsemane - prayed - Betrayal - by Judas
 - b. Trial in courts of Annas, Caiphas, Pilate and Herod
 - c. Pilate gives in to the mob, to crucify Jesus, even though he found no fault in him
 - d. Lead away to Golgotha to be crucified
 - e. Fell beneath the weight of the cross and Simon of Cyrene was compelled to help him bear his cross
 - f. Nailed to the Cross - Crucified
4. Resurrected the 1st day of the week
5. The Lord's Supper is to be observed on the 1st day of the week
 - a. Acts 20:7 - The early church met together upon the first day of every week to observe the Lord's Supper
 - b. In 1 Cor. 11:23-26 - Paul tells us we are to take the Lord's Supper and how it is to be in Remembrance of Jesus
6. As we partake the Lords's Supper we need to do a better job of remembering Jesus.
7. This lesson is to help us observe the Lord's Supper in Remembrance of Him. Or to do it worthily.

Discussion

I. ONE LORD

A. There is only ONE LORD

1. Lord means master, owner, possessor - Supreme in authority
2. We are His servants, He is our Lord
3. Christ is to be the ruler of our lives

B. Rom. 6

1. When we are baptized we take sin out of our life and put Christ into our life
2. We are raised to walk in newness of life
3. This means Jesus is our Lord - master
 - a. Not me - Not Satan - Not money, passions, or worldly pleasures
 - b. Jesus is Lord of our life

C. Jn. 14:6 "I am the way, the truth, and the Life."

1. He didn't say I'm one way among many ways and you can take your choice.
2. He didn't say I'm a truth among many truths, and you can believe what you want.
3. He didn't say I'm a life among many lives, and you can follow the course you desire to pursue.
4. He said I am the WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE.
5. That is exclusive and narrow minded but it's right.

D. There is one Lord and He has one body it is the church

1. Eph. 4:4-6 Col. 1:18
2. Eph. 1:22-23

E. As we partake of the Lord's Supper each week let us remember that there is ONE LORD !

II. TWO THIEVES

- A. There were two thieves crucified - Lk. 22:37 Lk. 23:32
 - 1. One Lord was crucified between 2 thieves - exactly as predicted - Isa. 53:12
 - 2. These thieves were robbers, criminals
 - a. They had violated the Laws of God
 - b. They had violated the laws of the land
 - c. They had no respect for the rights of others
 - 3. They were suffering and dying for their own sins
- B. The One Lord in the center was different
 - 1. He was one who respected and obeyed the laws of God
 - 2. He respected the law of the land and obeyed it
 - 3. He respected the rights of others
 - 4. The thieves had gone about robbing and stealing and taking from others, but Jesus went about doing good.
 - 5. He was not dying for his sins but for the sins of others
- C. There was one Lord but two thieves

III. THREE CROSSES

- A. One was the cross of Rebellion
 - 1. Lk. 23:39 "...railed on him". = blaspheme
 - 2. He was in Rebellion against:
 - a. God
 - b. The law of the land
 - c. And even Christ himself

3. Even in the hour of his death he was showing an attitude of hatred and rebellion
- B. On the other side we see the cross of Repentance
1. At first both cast the same reproach upon Jesus - Mt.27:44 and Mk. 15:32
 2. Only one continued this rebellious attitude
 3. Lk. 23:40 shows that the other thief shows an attitude of genuine repentance
 - a. He rebukes the other thief
 - b. He admits the justice of his own punishment
 - c. He confesses that Christ is innocent
 - d. He pleads with the Lord to remember him when thou comest into thy kingdom
 4. He is an example of repentance
- C. In the middle is the third cross - the cross of Redemption
1. He died that we might be saved
 2. Without the shedding of His blood there could be no forgiveness of sins
 3. His death brought the law to an end
 - a. Mt. 5:17
 - b. Jn. 19:30 "It is finished"
 - c. Nailed the law to the cross -
 4. With his death he purchased the church and made possible the new and better covenant - Acts 20:28
 5. Jesus suffered the same death as the thieves, but he was guilty of no sin
 - a. Heb. 4:15
 - b. 1 Pet. 2:24 - 1 Pet. 1:18, 19
- D. When we remember Christ in partaking the Lord's supper we remember that there was one Lord, two thieves, and three crosses.

IV. FOUR PARTS OF HIS GARMENTS

- A. Jn. 19:23,24 Ps. 22:18
 - 1. Four parts to his garments
 - 2. They could tell that this was a history making event!! They wanted a souvenir.
- B. God has provided us something better in the Lord's Supper
 - 1. We have the bread which represents the body
 - 2. And the fruit of the vine which represents his blood.
- C. There is one Lord, two thieves, three crosses and four parts of his garments.

V. FIVE WOUNDS

- A. The Bible mentions five specific wounds of Jesus who was crucified
- B. Crucifixion of Jesus
 - 1. Nailed to the cross while lying flat on the ground
 - 2. Then the cross was raised.
 - 3. Hard to imagine the suffering, pain and agony his body endured and his mind.
 - 4. Nails driven through hands and feet would make 4 wounds
 - 5. Because of the coming Sabbath they needed to remove the bodies:
 - a. Broke the legs of the thieves to hasten their death
 - b. But in fulfillment of prophecy they did not break the legs of Jesus.
 - c. They took a spear and stuck it in his side
 - d. Jn. 19:34 - Ps. 34:20
 - e. This made 5 wounds
- C. We have one Lord, two thieves, three crosses, four parts of his garments and five wounds.

VI. Six Hours

- A. There were six hours of agony
 - 1. Six hours of suffering
 - 2. Christ was alive on that cross suffering the agonies of hell for 6 long hours
- B. Mk. 15:25-34
 - 1. Crucified about 9 in the morning
 - 2. Died about 3 in the evening
 - 3. There was total darkness from noon till 3
- C. There was suffering on the cross for 6 horrible indescribable hours.
- D. We have one Lord, two thieves, three crosses, four parts of his garments, five wounds, and six hours

VII. SEVEN SAYINGS FROM THE CROSS

- A. Before he died Jesus made 7 statements while hanging on the cross.
- B. These were from the lips of Jesus while he was dying:
 - 1. "Father, forgiven them; for they know not what they do." Lk.23:34
 - a. Praying to God in behalf of his murderers
 - b. This was a prayer for forgiveness
 - 2. "Today shalt thou be with me in Paradise." Lk. 23:43
Promise of Salvation
 - 3. "Behold thy mother!" Jn. 19:26,27
Statement of compassion
 - 4. "I Thirst" Jn. 19:28
Cry of Human suffering

5. "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" Mt. 27:46

Cry of loneliness

6. "It is finished." Jn. 19:30

Declaration of victory

7. "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit." Lk. 23:46

Statement of trust

CONCLUSION

1. When we come together upon the first day of the week to observe the Lord's Supper we are to do so in remembrance of him.
2. It is my hope that we can remember the scenes of calvary as we take the bread and the fruit of the vine, so we can do so in remembrance of him.
3. There is ONE LORD, TWO THIEVES, THREE CROSSES, FOUR PARTS OF GARMENTS, FIVE WOUNDS, SIX HOURS OF SUFFERING, SEVEN STATEMENTS
4. Only those in the kingdom can observe the Lord's Supper.
 - a. Will you obey?
 - b. Will you come back?

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