

DO YOU UNDERSTAND THE NEW COVENANT?

Jesus transforms the Old Covenant Passover into the New Covenant Lord's Supper
Matthew 26:26-30

I. **JESUS ESTABLISHES THE SYMBOLIC REMEMBRANCE concerning His imminent death (sacrifice) which would initiate and establish the New Covenant, which brought forgiveness of sins (26-29)**

- A. **THE CONTEXT** is the Old Covenant Passover meal on the night He was betrayed (26a)

- B. **HIS COMMAND:** take eat, ...take drink, in remembrances of Me (26b-27, Luke 22:19-20)

- C. **THE SYMBOLISM AND THE REALITY:** Jesus is establishing the prophesied New Covenant through His death, which brings about the forgiveness of sins (28, Luke 22, Jeremiah 31:31-34)
 - 1. **Bread represents His body given for us** (Luke 22)

 - 2. **Cup poured out represents His blood poured out for us** which establishes the New Covenant bringing forgiveness of sins (28, Luke 22)

 - 3. **The New Covenant Explained** (Jeremiah 31:31-34 and Hebrews 8)
 - (a) Through Christ, we receive a new heart, ready to receive God's Word

 - (b) Through Christ, we enter into a relationship with the living God

 - (c) Through Christ, we have the complete forgiveness of sins

II. In light of His Imminent death, **JESUS ENCOURAGES HIS DISCIPLES AND GIVES THEM AN EXAMPLE (29-30)**

- A. In light of His imminent death Jesus encourages His disciples, revealing they will be together in the Kingdom (29)

- B. In light of His imminent death Jesus and His disciples worship as they sing a hymn (30)