



Matt. 26:17 (ESV) 17 “Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?”

The Passover meal takes place one night during the Feast of the Unleavened Bread, a weeklong celebration. The first Passover meal was celebrated many years ago on the last night that the Israelites were captive in Egypt (see Exodus 12). They were instructed by God to place lamb’s blood on their doorposts and lintel, this was a sign for the Angel of Death to pass over that house. The Passover meal is still celebrated today as a reminder of God’s salvation.

On the night that Jesus was arrested, He chose to celebrate the Passover with his disciples. That Passover was the last supper Jesus had with His disciples before His crucifixion and the first Lord’s Supper.

Matt. 26:26 (ESV) 26 Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.

1) It is called the Lord’s Supper as it remembers the Passover meal Jesus ate with his disciples.

2) It is the Eucharist (thanksgiving), because through it we thank God what Christ did for us.

3) It is Communion because together with God and other believers we remember Jesus: His

life, His death, His resurrection and what He has done for us.

Matt. 26:28 (ESV) For this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

The old covenant looked forward to what Jesus would accomplish. People would approach God through a priest and an animal sacrifice which was an image of how we have direct access to the Father because we are redeemed by the blood of Jesus. We can come directly to God through faith because Jesus’ death has made us acceptable in God’s eyes.

Rom. 3:23-24 (ESV) 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

AS YOU GO FROM HERE:

Take some time in prayer to ask God if there is anything you need to forgive yourself or someone else for. Make a list on your phone to share later with someone you trust. Make an appointment to talk to God about forgiving yourself and to talk to anyone you need to forgive.

The Last Supper Station 1



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