

The Lord's Supper

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I Corinthians 11:23

“For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread:”

Matthew 26:26-30

“And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom. And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.”

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Mark 14:22

“And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said, Take, eat: this is my body.”

Exodus 12:18-20

“In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at even, ye shall eat unleavened bread, until the one and twentieth day of the month at even. Seven days shall there be no leaven found in your houses: for whosoever eateth that which is leavened, even that soul shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he be a stranger, or born in the land. Ye shall eat nothing leavened; in all your habitations shall ye eat unleavened bread.”

Luke 22:17-18

“And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves: For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come.”

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I Corinthians 16:1-2

“Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.”

Historical Accounts

- Didache (ca. 95 A.D.) indicates that Christians were to come together on the first day of the week to break bread.
- Justin Martyr (ca. 150 A.D.) records that Christians assembled on Sunday and partook of the supper.

Acts 20:6-7

“And we sailed away from Philippi after the days of unleavened bread, and came unto them to Troas in five days; where we abode seven days. And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight.”

Exodus 20:8

“Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.”

Denominational Scholars Agree!

“As we have already remarked, the celebration of the Lord’s Supper was still held to constitute an essential part of divine worship every Sunday...”

– Augustus Neander (Lutheran)

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“This ordinance (the Lord’s Supper) seems to have been administered every Lord’s day...”

- Thomas Scott (Presbyterian)

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“This also is an important example of weekly communion as the practice of the first Christians.”

– A.C. Hervey (Episcopalian)

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I Corinthians 11:24-25

“And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.”

I Corinthians 11:26

“For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.”

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I Corinthians 10:16-17

“The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread.”

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“When ye come together therefore into one place, this is not to eat the Lord's supper.”

I Corinthians 11:33

“Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together to eat, tarry one for another.”

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I Corinthians 11:27-30

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Exodus 24:7-8

“And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, All that the Lord hath said will we do, and be obedient. And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant, which the Lord hath made with you concerning all these words.”

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