

# NEW TESTAMENT BIBLICAL LITERACY

## MATTHEW – PART EIGHT

### The Lord's Supper

### Lesson 8

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# Matthew 26:17-30

- “The Lord’s Supper” (I Cor. 11:20)
- “The Last Supper”
- “Communion”
  - *koinonia* : Greek for Sharing / Participating
  - *communio* : Latin for *koinonia* (I Cor. 11:18)
- “Eucharist”
  - *eucharistia* : Greek for “Thanksgiving”

# Passover - Exodus 12

- Slavery / Bondage
- Final Plague - Death of Firstborn
- God Would Pass Over Certain Homes

# Homes Passed Over

1. Sacrifice Unblemished Lamb
2. Smear Blood on Doorframe
3. Roast and Eat All of Lamb
4. Eat w/ Bitter Herbs & Unleavened Bread
5. Yearly Ordinance that Teaches

Children : “What does this ceremony mean to you?”

Parents: “It is the Passover sacrifice to Yahweh, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes when he struck down the Egyptians.” Ex. 12:26

# Passover in Practice

- *Seder* : “Order” or “Program”
- *Haggadah* : Text of Exodus Story

# *Seder* elements

- 3 Pieces Unleavened Bread (*Matzahs*)
- Bitter Herbs (*Maror*)
- Mixed Apples, Nuts, Wine, Cinnamon (*Charoses*)
- Vegetable(s) (*Karpas*)
- Roasted Meat (*Zeroah*) (Temple Sacrifice)
- Boiled Egg (*Bayzah*)

# *Seder* Obligations

1. Eating Unleavened Bread
2. Drinking 4 Cups of Wine
3. Eating Bitter Herbs
4. Relating Exodus Story



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“Be careful ... Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees”

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- Unleavened b/c Hurried
- Leaven Becomes Symbol of Sin (Mt 16:6)
- Reasons for Three
- Unbroken

# 4 Cups of Wine

1. Blessing Pronounced Over God
2. Memory of Plagues and Egypt's Sufferings
3. Redemption / Innocent Lamb
4. Praise to God

# Matthew

- Jews Knew Passover
- Matzah : “Take, Eat, This is My Body”
  - Pure and Unbroken Until ...
- Cup : “This is My Blood of the covenant which is poured out for the forgiveness of sins”

# Issues

- Who Takes?
- How Often?
- Transubstantiation?
- Sacrament?
- The Mental Process?

# Points For Home

- People Live in Bondage to Sin
- Deliverance From Jesus - an Unblemished Lamb
- Not “Plan B” or Accidental
- Partakers of Christ Free From Sin and Death