

Maundy Thursday-The Institution of the Lord's Supper

Invocation

Prayer for family, friends, and church family

New Testament Terms

Maundy Thursday The day in Holy Week in which Jesus celebrated the Passover with His disciples, instituted the Lord's Supper, washed His disciples' feet, prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane, was betrayed by Judas, and was arrested by the Jews.

the Passover The feast that celebrates God's deliverance of Israel from Egypt, when the blood of the lamb was smeared upon the doorposts of their homes, so that the Angel of Death "passed over." This Old Testament feast corresponds to and is fulfilled in the Gospel Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. This Old Testament deliverance included both the action of God to save His people and the meal He provided them to receive that deliverance. The blood of the lamb was shed and smeared on the lintels and doorposts of their homes so that the Angel of Death would "pass over," and the roasted lamb was eaten with unleavened bread by all the faithful who believed in the Lord's deliverance; thus it pointed forward to and was fulfilled in the death of Christ and the Lord's Supper.

New Testament (or New Covenant) The promise of the Lord's Supper that the blood of Christ was shed in our place (atonement) for the forgiveness of sins, in order to satisfy God's just demand for the death of sinners. This word of promise guarantees that all the benefits of Christ's death for our sins are distributed in His body and blood in the Sacrament of the Altar.

the Lord's Supper The term for the Sacrament of the Altar which speaks of it as the food which Christ gives to the Christian to strengthen and preserve him in Christ and the true faith to life everlasting.

the High Priestly Prayer The prayer Jesus prayed on behalf of His disciples in the upper room on Maundy Thursday

Central Thoughts

- + Jesus is our true Passover Lamb, who was slaughtered for us upon the cross and who gives us to eat of His body and to drink of His blood in the Lord's Supper.
- + The Old Testament Passover and all the Old Testament sacrifices came to an end when Jesus died once for all upon the cross and gave Himself to us in the Lord's Supper.
- + The New Testament in Jesus' blood is the Gospel of Jesus Christ which proclaims the forgiveness of sins to us for Jesus' sake because He fulfilled the Old Covenant for us.
- + The Lord's Supper brings the benefits of Jesus' death to us: "the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation."
- + Maundy Thursday receives its name from Jesus' "new commandment" that His disciples are to love one another, even as He has loved us by laying down His life for our salvation.

Bible Reading **Matthew 26:2-30**

Review

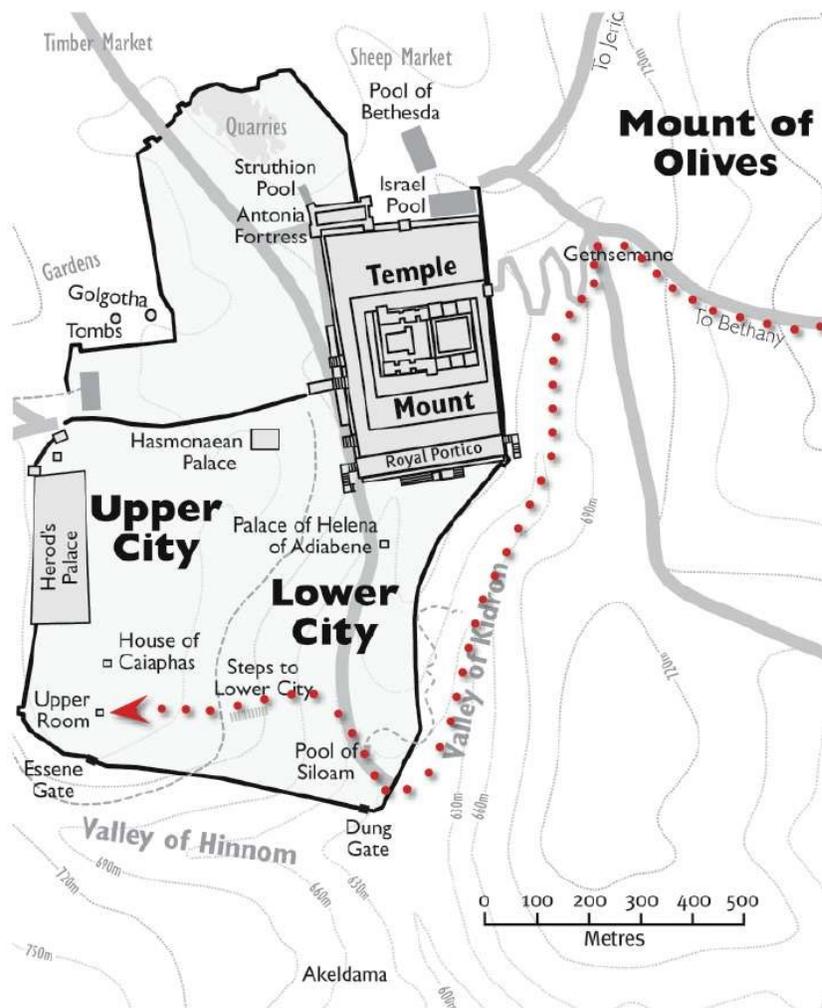
What happened in the Old Testament Passover? *The lamb was slaughtered, its blood was smeared on the doorposts and lintels of the homes of the children of Israel, and the people roasted the lamb and ate it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. By the blood of the Passover, the LORD redeemed Israel from slavery in Egypt.*

What did the children of Israel do each year to celebrate the Passover? *They slaughtered, roasted, and ate a lamb with unleavened bread and the "fruit of the vine" (grape wine).*

Why does Jesus tell His disciples that the Passover is two days away and that the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified? *Because He is the true Passover Lamb who will be delivered up to death to redeem us from sin and death.*

What is the job of the high priest in the Old Testament? *To offer up (sacrifice) the lambs as sin offerings in order to make atonement for the sins of the people. (This is the sprinkling of blood on the alter we talked about in a previous class)*

What do the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders of the people, along with Caiaphas the high priest, plot to do to Jesus? *Take Jesus by trickery or deception and kill Him.*



Why did the woman at Simon's house anoint Jesus with costly oil? *She loved Him and she believed in Him.*

Why did the disciples get angry? *They thought it was a waste of money.*

Why does Jesus call her work "good"? *Because it was done out of faith and love for Him as her Savior.*

According to Jesus, why is this woman anointing Him? *She believes He must die and is preparing His body for burial*

Why do the chief priests give Judas thirty pieces of silver to betray Jesus? *Because the prophet Zechariah had foretold this in Zechariah 11:12.*

Why is Jesus careful to instruct His disciples about preparing the Passover? *Because the Old Testament Passover would be fulfilled in the shedding of Jesus' blood upon the cross and in the Sacrament of the Altar by which we eat of His body and drink of His blood for the forgiveness of all our sins. All that happens to Jesus in His suffering and death unfolds according to the Scriptures*

What does the Catechism say is the benefit of eating and drinking Christ's body and blood? *These words, 'Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,' show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation."*

Why is this called "My blood of the new covenant"? *Because it is Jesus' true blood and because the shedding of His blood accomplishes what the sacrifices of the Old Covenant could not accomplish forgiveness of sins. It is called "new" because it completely fulfills the demands of the "old" covenant. Jesus died once for all, and His blood is the source of eternal salvation.*

What does "Maundy" mean? *Commandment. It comes from the Latin word, "mandatum."*

Where does "Maundy Thursday" get its name? *From Jesus' "new commandment" given to His disciples at supper on Thursday night: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another" (John 13:34). Jesus loved us by laying down His life for our salvation.*

Close with The Lord's Prayer