

Are We Honoring Jesus as Lord – Part 13: Luke 22:14-30 ESV

Jesus

Our Great Savior and Inspiration!

Services: Thursday, March 24, 2016 at 11 AM & 7 PM

Church Year: Holy Thursday

Easter: Service 7 AM; Breakfast 8:15; Classes 9:30; Service 10:45

Introduction: Dear friends in Christ: Let us marvel at Jesus who ➡lived for us, ➡served us, and ➡died for us! Then, *as ones who have received the benefits of His finished work*, let us be inspired to live for Him!

1. **The Passover Meal**:

- a. Jesus had the right attitude: ^{ESV} **Luke 22:14** *And when the hour came [to begin the Passover meal], [Jesus] reclined at table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵ And he said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶ For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” //* Jesus earnestly desired to eat the Passover meal; why? Because He knew it would *begin the 24-hour period* during which He would fulfill His mission to remove the sins of the world (**Zech. 3:9**)! Jesus’ work, though very difficult, *was very important, so He wanted to **get it done!***
- b. Jesus’ looked ahead to a wonderful eternity: ¹⁷ *And he took a cup [one of four cups associated*

with the Passover meal, probably the second cup], and when he had given thanks he said, “Take this, and divide it among yourselves.”¹⁸ For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” // Jesus’ words pointed ahead to the great marriage feast which is yet to come, when He takes His bride back to His Father’s house!

Hymn: “When You Woke That Thursday Morning”

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2. **The Institution of the Lord’s Supper:**

- a. Jesus’ spoke the words of institution:¹⁹ And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “**This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.**”²⁰ And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “**This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.**” // Therefore, *because we take Jesus at His Word, we believe the bread is His body and the wine is His blood (according to 1 Cor. 10:16, we receive bread, body, wine, and blood). When we receive, we are remembering what Jesus did, but we are also receiving the very body He gave and the very blood He shed!*
- b. Jesus showed love for Judas:²¹ But behold, the hand of him who betrays me is with me on the table.²² For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe [*calamity*] to that man by whom he is betrayed!”²³ And they began to question one another, which of them it could be who was going to do this. // Even before Judas

took action, Jesus warned him by saying, “**woe to that man,**” to call him to repent – to help him see the horrible consequences of what he was about to do; then to STOP! The Lutheran Study Bible notes that “Judas remained responsible for his act. God did not force Judas to sin” (1763).

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3. **The Instruction on Greatness and Service:**

- a. Who Is the Greatest? ²⁴ **A dispute also arose among [Jesus’ disciples], as to which of them was to be regarded as the greatest.** // Think about what just happened; Jesus had indicated that one of them would betray Him, *thus hand Him over to be tried, beaten, and crucified*, yet they argued about *which one of them was the greatest!* They were *so insensitive to Jesus!*
- b. What Defines Greatness? ²⁵ **And [Jesus] said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors** [*so kings exercise lordship, while benefactors exercise authority*]. ²⁶ **But not so with you** [*as my followers, Jesus said*]. **Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest** [*having no claim of authority over the others*], **and the leader as one who serves.** ²⁷ **For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves.”**
 - i. Who does the world consider to be great? Kings, presidents, governors, employers,

thus people who exercise authority over others (it's interesting that elected officials used to be called "public servants"; but now, with many, public-serving has turned into self-serving).

ii. Who does God see as great? *Those who serve!* Jesus showed that He was the greatest by **♦**setting aside His position in heaven, **♦**taking on human flesh, **♦**washing the disciples' feet, **♦**bearing the punishment for our sins, and **♦**laying down His holy life! *Let us follow His example of loving, humble service!*

b. Encouragement to Serve: ²⁸ **"You are those who have stayed with me in my trials** [*you didn't give up when things became difficult, you continued to serve with me*], ²⁹ **and I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom,** ³⁰ **that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.** // Jesus, *the very Son of God*, stooped the lowest to serve, "...**by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him...**" (Phil. 2:8-9 ESV). As Jesus promised eternal blessings to those who served with Him, *so He encourages us to serve!*

Conclusion: Let us pray: Lord Jesus, we thank You for serving us in the greatest way, so inspire us to honor You in our daily lives by serving others! And all God's people said: **Amen!**

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