

"A Bloody Storm Is Coming"  
Matt 26:17, 26-30  
"Passion Week" Message Series  
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Palm Sunday	Clearing out the Temple	Various Teachings	Upper Room Discourse	Good Friday	In a Tomb

**What has held or is holding you back (Heb 12:1-2)?** An attitude or an addiction? Unforgiveness? Bad relationship? What???

**During Passion Week, Jesus had a home where He retreated to each evening.** Well, except for Thursday evening.

**On that Thursday evening, what was going on?** Well, a lot of stuff. This morning we'll just focus on Jesus' establishing the ordinance of Communion (Matt 26:26-30).

**Each year, the nation Israel had a holiday called "Passover" (Exod 12).**

- This was in remembrance of God miraculously delivering the nation out of Egyptian slavery about 1,400 years prior.
- There were various elements to the Passover dinner with significant meanings behind them.

**During the final week before Jesus' dying on the cross, they celebrated a Passover that was different than any previous.**

- Jesus brought to His disciples' attention two elements to the dinner: 1) the unleavened bread, and 2) the wine.

**Regarding these two elements:**

- **The unleavened bread:** Leaven often-times symbolizes \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Cor 5:6-8). Jesus is the Bread of Life (Jn 6:27-35)!
- **The wine:** The wine is the New \_\_\_\_\_ Covenant that God established for all of humanity (Col 1:19-23; 2:13-14)!

**A new era is ushered in for all of humanity...** the era of "all who call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved!" (Joel 2:32)

**The concept of blood is a big deal to God.** "Without the shedding of blood there's no remission of sins." (Heb 9:22)

- Lepers were \_\_\_\_\_ by the blood (Lev 14:12-14; Isa 53:5).
- Priests were \_\_\_\_\_ by the blood (Lev 8:30; 1 Pet 2:9).

*That's the very reason for Jesus dying on the cross for our sins! For OUR cleansing and consecration!*

**As we take Communion this morning, we should examine our hearts and see if there is any unconfessed sin (1 Cor 11).**

- Simply confess, or agree with God, that whatever attitude, behavior, or state of mind is indeed sinful and ask Him to forgive you. DONE! (1 John 1:8-9) Then forget about it – because He has (Mic 7:19) - and celebrate His great grace!

*...there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free! (Rom 8:1)*