



MARKED FOR GLORY

Marked for glory at his next-to-last supper

MARK 14:12-25

I. Jesus _____ a place for His disciples to fellowship with Him. (vv. 12-16)

And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them ... v. 16a

II. Jesus _____ in a family meal with His disciples despite the fact that they would all fall away. (vv. 17-21)

And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." v. 18

III. Jesus _____ for any imperfect disciple who wanted to be at the table with Him. (vv. 22-24)

And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many." v. 24

IV. Jesus _____ a time when all His disciples would eat with Him in eternity. (v. 25)

"Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." v. 25

There's room at the table for you.

_____ Jesus' invitation, believing He's paid for you to be with Him.

"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also." John 14:1-3

_____ who brought you to the table—it can only be Jesus.

Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you fail to meet the test! 2 Corinthians 13:5

_____ Jesus, who will always be at the center of the table and holds a spot for you.

"Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready ..." Revelation 19:6b-7

HOME GROUP LESSON

"The meaning and significance of this celebration of the "last supper" was almost totally missed by the disciples. They did not understand what Jesus was doing, and they were busy thinking about the identity of the betrayer, their own sadness, and who was the greatest among them. He told them that He was to be betrayed, and that His betrayer was at the table, one of them. At a time when Jesus' rejection, suffering and death were imminent, here He is, reaching out one last time to Judas, warning him of the destiny which awaits him if he follows through with his plan to betray Him. Both the sovereignty of God and the responsibility of man are underscored by Jesus' words. The Son of Man was going, as it had been predetermined by God, and yet woe to that one who would do it. How sad that Judas did not heed this warning. How sad it was that one could be so close to the Savior, could have heard so much, and yet did not believe. How many people have thought themselves saints, when they were really wolves and not sheep, falsely religious, but not Christians. Judas was warned. He was even urged to turn from his course, but he did not. While the disciples are different than Judas, they are not that different. The principle difference between Judas and the other eleven was that they believed, they were saved, and Judas was not. But the disciples are so like Judas in that they are thinking mainly of themselves, and not of Jesus. They, too, are seeking their own self-interest. How typical—of them, and of us."

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When the time came, Jesus and the apostles sat down together at the table.

Jesus said, "I have been very eager to eat this Passover meal with you before my suffering begins. For I tell you now that I won't eat this meal again until its meaning is fulfilled in the Kingdom of God."

LUKE 22:14-16 (NLT)

*Consider taking Communion together as a group. (Matt 26:26-28)
How is this significant as a family celebration, not just a gathering of people?
Why does Jesus instruct us to do this?*

1. What did you learn from this passage of Scripture?
2. During this pulpit series we've seen how the disciples were slow to grasp Jesus' mission and teaching, and how they focused on themselves—yet Jesus made a place at the table for each of them. In what ways are you daily like the disciples? How does it make you feel knowing that Jesus includes you at the table?
3. What in your life detracts from Jesus being the focus?
4. What will you do with what you learned from this passage of Scripture?

READ THE FOLLOWING IN GROUP IF TIME ALLOWS, OR USE IT FOR PERSONAL STUDY.

The Last Supper marked a significant change in God's relationship with us.

THE FIRST PASSOVER

The Passover began at the exodus of the Israelite nation from Egypt. The word Moses brought from God, "Let My people go" was challenged by Pharaoh: "Who is this God, that I should obey Him?" The plagues were God's answer to this question. The final plague was the death of the eldest sons of the Egyptians, which resulted in the release of the Israelites. The first-born sons of the Israelites were spared when animals were slaughtered and the blood placed on the door posts. When the death angel saw the blood, he "passed over" the house. This celebration was made an annual feast for the Israelite nation.

Exodus 12 Leviticus 23:4-5 Numbers 9:1-14, 28:16 Deuteronomy 16:1-8

THE LAST PASSOVER

Let's say you go to the doctor for a check up, and he takes x-rays. He looks at the films and says, "I have good news and bad news. The bad news is, you have a deadly disease. The good news is, I promise that one day there will be a cure." You are shocked and afraid, but very glad there will be a cure.

The Old Testament Law was like an x-ray, showing each Israelite they had a deadly problem called sin. But God promised that He would send a cure. Until the cure came, God gave them a temporary solution with animal sacrifices. The blood of the animals would cover their sin, but only for a while. It did not take away their sin. Similarly, your doctor might give you medicine that would help, but not cure your disease. You would have to take bitter medicine over and over until there was a cure.

When Jesus took the cup of wine at Passover, He said it was a symbol of the new covenant. This was the cure! The new covenant did not take away the old covenant—it fulfilled it. The old covenant, the Law, said the people must be perfect. The new covenant made them perfect. When Jesus, the Lamb of God, shed His perfect blood on the cross, He took away our sins once and for all.

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COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week. Like to plan ahead a little more? Pick up a copy of *The Source* at a stand around campus or near the exits, or visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events. They're your source for everything going on at Christ Chapel.

WORSHIP 1, SERVE 1 ON EASTER. Make Christ Chapel a part of your Easter weekend by worshipping and serving with us! We're expecting lots of guests and we want to make this the best spot in town to welcome them in. Grab a friend or your whole family and serve together before or after the service you plan on attending. Stop by the kiosk outside the Sanctuary or Chapel to sign up.

PICK UP EASTER RESERVATION REMINDERS TODAY! We can't wait to celebrate Easter with you on Saturday, April 20 and Sunday, April 21. Help us prep for the biggest weekend of the year by getting your Reservation Reminders today in the Great Room, Atrium or at www.ccbcfamily.org/easter2019.

MEN, "RETHINKING FAITH AND POLITICS IN A DIVIDED AGE" IS TOMORROW, APRIL 8. Come and meet Dr. Jonathan Leeman, author of "How the Nations Rage," for a discussion on rethinking the relationship between faith and politics. He'll be teaching how living in America's current, divided culture is really an opportunity to represent Christ. The event is at 7 p.m. in The Den. Sign up today at www.ccbcfamily.org/events.

LADIES, YOU CAN STILL REGISTER FOR THIS WEEKEND'S SPRING PRAYER RETREAT. We know life is busy and you're facing unexpected situations—that's why we're inviting you to an overnight prayer retreat. You'll get out of town, learn about prayer, and spend time resting and talking with God. The retreat begins this Friday, April 12. Register now at www.ccbcfamily.org/events.

HISCHILD QUARTERLY MEETING IS NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 14. Not everyone is called to adopt or foster, but we all have a role to play in supporting those who are. Come join us for lunch and learn how you can support CCBC families who are interested or in the process of adopting. RSVP for lunch by emailing HISchild@christchapelbc.org. The lunch will be at 12:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall West.

DOWNLOAD THE EASTERNOW APP. In the days leading up to Easter, follow along as we trace the events that filled the final hours of Jesus' life, death, burial and resurrection. Christ Chapel will be posting the events in real time on Twitter and Instagram (@christchapel_fw) while the EasternNow app sends push notifications straight to your phone.

REMEMBER CHRIST'S DEATH AT TENEBRAE ON FRIDAY, APRIL 19. Tenebrae, our Good Friday service, tells the story of Jesus' persecution and death through beautiful music, narration, candlelight and communion. Services are at 6 and 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Due to its dramatic nature, it's recommended that children age 11 and under not attend the service. Kids Care is available by RSVP at www.ccbcfamily.org/KidsRSVP.