*Series, Meals with Jesus*

**The Last Meal**

INTRODUCTION:

“Tell me what you eat and I will tell you who you are.” What would be your last meal? What does that say about you?

Use **P** it! – method.

**Luke 22:7-16**

**The Last Supper**

**7** Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. **8** Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover.”

**9** “Where do you want us to prepare for it?” they asked.

**10** He replied, “As you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him to the house that he enters, **11** and say to the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ **12** He will show you a large room upstairs, all furnished. Make preparations there.”

**13** They left and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

**14** When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. **15** And he said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. **16** For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God.”

Theme & Goal:

Jesus **P** over into death so that **D** would pass over us.

Jesus’ Last Meal - Passover (Seder) Meal

* **Karpas** – green vegetable (parsley), represents **H** and the flourishing of Israel in Egypt
* **Hazeret -** second **B** herb, Romaine Lettuce, symbolized the change in the Egyptians’ attitudes towards the Jews.
* **Haroset** – sweet **F** paste (fruit, honey, nuts, wine) represents the mortar of clay Israelite slaves used to construct buildings for Pharaoh.
* **Maror** – bitter herb represents the bitterness of **S                      .**
* **E** - symbolic of life and resurrection, and of the sacrifice that was offered in the Temple on the first morning of Passover
* **Zeroa** – Passover **L                      .**
* **Matzah** – unleavened **B** , represents how quick Pharaoh decided to let Israel free

**Exodus 12:33-34**

**33** The Egyptians urged the people to hurry and leave the country. “For otherwise,” they said, “we will all die!” **34** So the people took their dough before the yeast was added, and carried it on their shoulders in kneading troughs wrapped in clothing.

Israel ate this meal to **R** what God did in the past, but also they ate it in

**A** of what God will do in the future

**Deuteronomy 18:18**

**18** I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites, and I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him.

**1 Corinthians 15:54-57**

**54** When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

**55** “Where, O death, is your victory?  Where, O death, is your sting?”

**56** The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. **57** But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

In our Lord Jesus, **P** Death passes over us. But also, death’s

**P** power passes over us

**Romans 5:14-15**

**14** Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come. **15** But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God’s grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many!

The religious leaders used a meal to **B** death. Jesus uses a meal to

**D** death.

**1 Corinthians 11:18, 21-22**

**18** In the first place, I hear that when you come together as a church, there are divisions among you, and to some extent I believe it.

**20** So then, when you come together, it is not the Lord’s Supper you eat, **21** for when you are eating, some of you go ahead with your own private suppers. As a result, one person remains hungry and another gets drunk.

The kingdom of death is all about **D** and injustice. The Kingdom of Christ is all about unity, justice and **L** .

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