

## **The Last Passover, Part 2**

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### I. Introduction.

A. Text: Matthew 26.

### II. The sharing of the Passover meal.

A. They cleaned their hands in order to symbolize the need for salvation.

B. They started arguing at this point over who was the greatest. (Luke 22:24, John 13)

1. Jesus rebukes them for their pride.

2. The disciples are well rebuked by the time the meal arrives.

### III. The shocking of the Twelve.

A. Jesus announces that one of the people eating with him (a friend) would turn him over. (Psalm 55, John 13:22, Luke 22:23, Psalm 41:9, Luke 22:21)

B. Jesus' death was in the plan of God, but Judas is still responsible. (Psalm 22, Isaiah 53, Hebrews 10, John 13:27)

C. Judas was dismissed because he was to have no part in the Passover meal.

IV. The Passover Jesus celebrated was the last divinely sanctioned Passover. He celebrated it in order to bring it to an end.

V. All took the bread. All believers partake in the blood and body of Christ.

A. The bread is emblematic of Christ's body given in death for believers. (1 Corinthians 11)

B. The blood represents Jesus death for sins.

1. There had to be bloodshed for a sacrifice to occur.

2. Jesus' death was for our forgiveness. (Matthew 24-25)

C. The Supper was to be celebrated until Jesus returned.

D. Jesus emphasizes that he will come again to enjoy the meal with them.

**Application Questions:**

1. Why was this Passover the last?

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2. How would you explain the symbolism of the Last Supper?

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3. Why is it important to celebrate the Lord's Supper repeatedly?

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