

Chapter 2. The Last Supper

It is not included in the text of the Last Supper that Jesus drank the wine nor ate the bread. The event of the “Last Supper” as it is called, is the supper they ate, signifying the Passover together. “As they were eating”, “As they did eat”, are the phrases signifying a certain time when Jesus would give them wine from one cup and the broken bread that He blessed. In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus said, “I will drink no more of the fruit of the vine, until that day I drink it new in the Kingdom of God.” Jesus was offered vinegar on the cross, not wine. When he tasted it, he did not drink it.

Matthew 26:26-28

And as they were eating, Jesus took bread and blessed it and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” And he took the cup and gave thanks and gave it to them, saying, “Drink ye all of it; for this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

Mark 14:22-25

And as they did eat, Jesus took bread and blessed and brake it, and gave to them and said, “Take, eat; **this is my** body.” And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And he said to them, “**This is my blood** of the new testament, which is shed for many. Verily I say unto you, I will drink no more of the fruit of the vine, until that day I drink it new in the Kingdom of God.”

Luke 22:15-20 And he said to them, “With desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer: for I say to you, I will not anymore eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” And he took the cup and gave thanks and said, “Take this and divide it among yourselves (one loaf: one Savior), for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the Kingdom of God shall come. And he took bread and gave thanks and brake it and gave to them, saying, “This is my body which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me.” Likewise, also the cup **after supper**, saying, “This cup (one cup and one, signifying the offering of blood, His) is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.” Jesus signed this new promise of Salvation by Him as our Savior with his own blood when he gave His life. The bread and the wine were for them to signify His body and blood of the **New Testament** for Salvation. Jesus did not need Salvation. He provided it.

There is a body of believers who think that when they partake of what they call the Lord’s Supper of wafers and grape juice, that this is what is meant by Jesus. They also feel that when they all join together in this event that they as a group become one body. This is very false. Jesus said, “This is my body”. “This” as Jesus said it, He is showing his broken body like He will be “the Bread of Life” and will be “broken” for us. In 1 Corinthians Paul writes about “one body in Christ”. This “body” refers to the body of believers. We, as a group, do not become the broken body of Jesus as He spoke about and demonstrated with the bread. We must not diminish the breaking of the bread from Jesus’ own hands, given to his disciples, as it is the “breaking” that is significant of His death.

And when the hour was come, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him. And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer: For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves: For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come. And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.

Note: The “body” Paul writes about is the example of us following Jesus: the body of believers. We are not broken, and we cannot EVER replicate that which Jesus did. To think that a wafer or a cracker and a drop of grape juice can replicate Jesus’ sacrifice is mankind diluting the sacrifice of Jesus. Jesus said, “This is my body”. There are no substitutions for our Salvation. Jesus is the only Savior.