

“The Last Supper” - A Summary Of What The Lord Jesus Said

Jesus and the disciples were in the “upper room” to celebrate the Passover meal. This was immediately preceding their going to the Garden of Gethsemane where He was betrayed, arrested, tried and crucified. Over the years many of us have heard these sayings but probably not all at once, nor realizing they were all said in one evening during the Last Supper.

Judas identified as the betrayer as described in (Matthew 26:20-25) *When it was evening, Jesus sat down at the table with the twelve disciples. While they were eating, He said, “I tell you the truth, one of you will betray Me.” Greatly distressed, each one asked in turn, “Am I the one, Lord?” He replied, “One of you who has just eaten from this bowl with Me will betray Me. For the Son of Man must die, as the Scriptures declared long ago. But how terrible it will be for the one who betrays Him. It would be far better for that man if he had never been born!” Judas, the one who would betray Him, also asked, Rabbi, am I the one?” And Jesus told him, “You have said it.”*

The “Lord’s Supper” (Communion) Is Instituted as described in (Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26) *“.....The Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread,*

and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, “Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.” In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for the remission of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Jesus predicts Peter’s denial as described in (Matthew 26:31-35) *Then Jesus said to them, “Tonight all of you will desert Me. For the Scriptures say, ‘God will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ But after I have been raised from the dead, I will go ahead of you to Galilee and meet you there.” Peter declared, “Even if everyone else deserts You, I will never desert You.” Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, Peter—this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny three times that you even know Me.” “No!” Peter insisted. “Even if I have to die with You, I will never deny You!” And all the other disciples vowed the same.”*

Jesus washes the disciples feet as described in (John 13:3-16) *Jesus knew that the Father had given Him authority over everything and that He had come from God and would return to God. So He got up from the table, took off His robe, wrapped a towel around His waist, and poured water into a basin. Then He began to wash the disciples’ feet, drying them with the towel He had around Him. When Jesus came to Simon Peter, Peter said to Him, “Lord, are You going to wash my feet?” Jesus replied, “You don’t understand now what I am doing, but someday you will.” “No,” Peter protested, “You will never ever wash my feet!” Jesus replied, “Unless I wash you, you won’t belong to Me.” Simon Peter exclaimed, “Then wash my hands and head as well, Lord, not just my feet!” Jesus replied, “A person who has bathed all over does not need to wash, except for the feet, to be entirely clean (for they wore sandals and walked dirt roads). And you disciples are clean, but not all of you.” For Jesus knew who would betray Him. That is what He meant when He said, “Not all of you are clean.” After washing their feet, He put on His robe again and sat down and asked, “Do you understand what I was doing? You call Me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and you are right, because that’s what I am. And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other’s feet. I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you. I tell you the truth; slaves are not greater than their master. Nor is the messenger more important than the one who sends the message.” Washing of the feet has a connection in relation to our confession of sin. When we accepted Jesus Christ as our personal Savior, we were washed clean by His shed blood on the cross. We have been forgiven of our sins, past present and future, in relation to the wages of sin, which is death (that is, our spiritual death and separation from God), when we confessed and repented of those sins and asked for God’s forgiveness. But as we sin daily, (in thought, word or deed),*

as we travel through this depraved and contaminated world, we distance ourselves in our relationship with God. (1 John 1:9) says “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” When we confess our sins daily, it is as if we have washed our feet and made our whole body clean again, restoring our close relationship with God.

Jesus predicts Peter’s denial as described in (John 13:31-38) “...Jesus said “The time has come for the Son of Man to enter into His glory, and God will be glorified because of Him. And since God receives glory because of the Son, He will soon give glory to the Son. Dear children, I will be with you only a little longer. And as I told the Jewish leaders, you will search for Me, but you can’t come where I am going. So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are My disciples.” Simon Peter asked, “Lord, where are You going?” And Jesus replied, “You can’t go with Me now, but you will follow Me later.” “But why can’t I come now, Lord?” he asked. “I’m ready to die for You.” Jesus answered, “Die for Me? I tell you the truth, Peter—before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will deny three times that you even know Me.”

Jesus spoke to comfort the disciples as described in (John 14:1-6) Knowing their world was about to be shattered, leaving them bewildered, confused, devastated and full of anxiety. “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many mansions; (dwelling places) if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know.” Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Jesus promises the Holy Spirit as described in (John 14:15-27; 16:7-11,13-15) “If you love Me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor (also called the Comforter) to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept Him, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. But you know Him, for He lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see Me anymore, but you will see Me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realize that I am in My Father, and you are in Me, and I am in you. Whoever has My commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves Me. He who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him.” Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, “But, Lord, why do You intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?” Jesus replied, “If anyone loves Me, he will obey My teaching. My Father will love him, and **We** will come to him and make **Our** home with him. He who does not love Me will not obey My teaching. These words you hear are not My own; they belong to the Father who sent Me. “All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”..... “But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. When He comes, He will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: in regard to sin, because men do not believe in Me; in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see Me no longer; and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned”..... “However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.”

In part, the Holy Spirit along with baptizing all believers into the body of Christ, also indwells, sanctifies (or sets apart), instructs, empowers them for service, through administering and bestowing spiritual gifts to the church, and seals them unto the day of redemption.

Jesus explains He is the True Branch and we are the vines as described in (John 15:1-8, 16-17)

“I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. He cuts off every branch in Me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit He prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in Me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in Me. “I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in Me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not remain in Me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. This is to My Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be My disciples.” “You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in My name. This is My command: Love each other.” God chose us not by any merit of our own but by His sovereign choice. To remain or abide in Jesus is the fruit or evidence of salvation, that is, our *perseverance and continuance in service to Him and His teaching*. The Spiritual fruit of believers are godly attitudes, righteous behavior, praise and especially leading others to faith in Jesus as Messiah and Son of God.

Luke 11:2-4 and Matthew 6:9-13 – Which begin “*Our Father who art in heaven...*” Are commonly called the Lord’s Prayer, but have become known as “The Disciples Prayer, a *model* Jesus gave us for our prayers. *John 17* – *Is more correctly known as “The Lord’s Prayer,”* because:

Jesus prays for Himself as described in (John 17:1-5)

Jesus prays for His disciples as described in (John 17:6-19)

Jesus prays for all believers as described in (John 17:20-26)

Here, in His Prayer to the Father, as throughout this Gospel of John, Jesus' deeds and words make no sense unless one realizes He is God, such as when He states “*All I have is Yours, and all You have is Mine.*” This prayer brings together many of the key themes found throughout the Gospel. The Son's work in the disciples is developed through the themes of faith, knowledge, love, indwelling, oneness and God's name. There is also an emphasis on the world, including its separation from God, God's love for it and the disciples' mission to it. *Note: When the term “They” and “Them,” “These” and “Those” are used, He is speaking of “**you**” as believers.

Jesus prays for Himself as described in (John 17:1-5) *After Jesus said this, He looked toward heaven and prayed: “Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify You. For You granted Him authority over all people that He might give eternal life to all those You have given Him. Now this is eternal life: that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent. I have brought You glory on earth by completing the work You gave Me to do. And now, Father, glorify Me in Your presence with the glory I had with You before the world began.*

Jesus prays for His disciples as described in (John 17:6-19) *“I have revealed You to the ones You gave Me from this world. They were always Yours. You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they know that everything I have is a gift from You, for I have passed on to them the message You gave Me. They accepted it and know that I came from You, and they believe You sent Me. “My prayer is not for the world, but for those You have given Me, because they belong to You. And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You.*

Holy Father, You have given Me Your name; now protect them by the power of Your name so that they will be united just as We are. During My time here, I protected them by the power of Your name. I guarded them so that not one was lost, except the one headed for destruction, as the Scriptures foretold. "Now I am coming to You. I told them many things while I was with them in this world so they would be filled with My joy. I have given them Your word. And the world hates them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I'm not asking You to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one. They do not belong to this world any more than I do. Make them holy by Your truth; teach them Your word, which is truth. Just as You sent Me into the world, I am sending them into the world. And I give Myself as a holy sacrifice for them so they can be made holy by Your truth.

***Jesus prays for all believers as described in (John 17:20-26)** "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as **We are one:** I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me. "Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."*

One last comment that pertains to each and every Christian since Jesus ascended back into heaven. After He had resurrected and appeared to the disciples, Thomas (known as doubting Thomas), was not there. (John 20:24-29) recounts his encounter with the Lord. "Now Thomas (called the twin), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in His hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe it." A week later His disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" "Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see My hands. Reach out your hand and put it into My side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen Me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."