

March 12, 2017  
**The Last 24 - Mark's Passion**  
*The Last Supper*  
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Mark 14: 12 - 31

**The Revelation of Preparation**  
Ex 19:10-11 Psalm 24:3-4 Heb 12:28

**The Revelation of Self**  
Rev 2:2-5 1Cor 10:12

**The Revelation of something New**

The Bread

The Cup

What kind of planning does hosting a dinner party entail? What would be on the check list of things to do and to purchase? Share an experience you had with hosting. Maybe it was a success or was it an epic fail? Sometimes we have a particular group of people we are hosting that we want to impress. What does that do to the preparation process? Do you avoid hosting? Why? Share a time when your family had a big project that needed done. What were some of the experiences with that? What did you learn from that experience? How did expectations line up with reality? Share an experience with your group, if possible.

In Exodus 19:10-15 we read about the preparations of Moses and his people for their meeting with God. In Mark 14:12-16 we read about the apostles' preparations for the Last Supper.

What do you notice about these preparations that seem unusual?

When you think about meeting with God, do you think some sort of preparation is important? Why or why not?

Read Psalm 15:1 - 5; Psalm 24:3-4; James 4:8-10; 2 Cor 7:1

What do these passages indicate about preparation and meeting with God?

How much preparation are we to do? How much preparation must we leave to God? Do we have a part to play or not?

In our studies leading up to Easter, we are reminded of why we need a Savior.

Read Romans 5:12-14 and Romans 3:23

What do these verses tell us about the trouble we are in?

How do people in the world view the idea of sin? Do you think there is any concern about sin?

Is there a way that we can be more conscious of sin and is there a way to communicate about sin and its consequences more effectively with others?

Just like sin came by one man, salvation came through one man. Read Col. 2:12-17 & 1 Pet 2:24-25.

How do these verses make you feel?

Who are you now that Jesus has fulfilled the promise?

When Jesus celebrated the passover meal, he alluded to his own death which would liberate man from sin. The bread and the cup are the symbols declaring the reality of the New Covenant.

Read & discuss Hebrews 9:11-28. How does this change our modern day perception of celebrating the Lord's Supper? How can we keep this celebration from becoming another ritual?

Paul reiterates the importance of remembering the Lord's Table in 1 Corinthians 11.

Read 1 Cor 11:17-31

What are the major points Paul is trying to make concerning the celebration of the Lord's Table?

What do you think Paul means when he encourages people to examine themselves before they eat? What type of preparations is Paul encouraging?

What does communion mean to you? How have your views changed or broadened over the years?

Respecting and honoring the sacrifice of Christ is not to be taken lightly. Read Isaiah 53:4-7 and Romans 6:14-23 to see why the sacrifice is such a gift. Jesus reminds us at the Last Supper that He will once again drink with us in the Kingdom of God! Alleluia!