

STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

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Text: Matthew 26

Topic: "My blood of the new covenant"

²⁶ And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body."

²⁷ Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you."

²⁸ For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

²⁹ But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom."

³⁰ And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Matthew 26:26-30

1. The Lord instituted a new commandment

- a) This called "The Lord's Supper"
- b) It is also called "Holy Communion"

2. This arose from the Passover Meal

- a) The Passover commemorated the day God passed over Egypt
- b) He spared all households with blood splashed on the lintels of the door
- c) This was to be commemorated by Israel
- d) It had deep symbolic significance
- e) Historically
 - i) It held great meaning for Israel

- ii) It was to be commemorated annually without fail
- f) Theologically
 - i) It was prophetic
 - ii) One day the Messiah would come and be the Lamb of God
 - iii) The Lord Jesus was that Lamb of God John 1:29

THE BREAD AND THE CUP

1. The Bread

- a) It would represent the Body of the Lord Jesus
- b) He is the Bread of Life
- c) To partake of the Bread is to have the Lord Jesus inside us

2. The Cup

- a) It is a reference to His life's blood shed for us
- b) By His blood, He has sealed the new covenant
- c) This New Covenant was prophesied by Jeremiah the prophet

³¹ *"Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah—*

³² *not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, ^[h]though I was a husband to them, says the Lord.*

³³ *But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.*

³⁴ *No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."*

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Conclusion of the Lord's Supper

1. The Lord sang with His disciples a hymn
2. He then went up to the Mount of Olives
3. He was going to the Garden of Gethsemane

LESSONS FOR US

1. To understand the significance
 - a) The New Covenant
 - b) The Lord's Supper
2. To be identified with the Lord Jesus
 - a) In baptism
 - b) In partaking of the Lord's Supper
3. To grow deeper in knowledge and faith