

THE GOSPEL OF
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Around the Table
Mark 14:12-26

Preparations

On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the Passover lamb, Jesus' disciples asked him, "Where do you want us to go and make preparations for you to eat the Passover?"

Mark 14:12

Passover

*While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take it; **this is my body.**" Then he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it. "**This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many...**"*

Mark 14:22-24

The Passover finds fulfillment in Jesus:

- Unblemished Lamb (shank bone)
- Unleavened Bread (*matzoh*)
- Cup of Redemption (wine)

Praise

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

his love endures forever...

When hard pressed, I cried to the Lord;

he brought me into a spacious place.

The Lord is with me; I will not be afraid.

What can human beings do to me?

The Lord is with me; he is my helper.

I look in triumph on my enemies...

I will not die but live,

and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

Psalm 118

Digging Deeper

1. As you imagine being in the upper room for this Last Supper, what do you see, smell, hear, feel...?
2. In what ways do you have a fuller understanding of the significance of this meal? How did each element find fulfillment in Jesus?
3. Jesus – truly God – is revealed in these verses to be all-knowing. How does that impact you as you realize that your God knows your future and is sovereign over all things?
4. Spend some time thanking God this week for his sovereign plan and expressing your gratitude for Jesus' sacrifice which opens the door to salvation.