

Christ: The Greater Gift

Mark 14:12-26

INTRODUCTION:

I. The Connection of the Past vv. 12- 16 (Exodus 12)

The Intentional Connection between the Passover and Christ's Death

Passover reminded the Jews:

1. The marvelous deliverance of their forefathers out of Egypt.
2. By the death of an innocent lamb, the families of their forefathers were exempted from the death of their first born.
3. The sprinkling of blood on the doorposts and lintels of their forefathers' homes preserved them from the sword of the destroying angel.
4. Safety from the destroying angel while the families ate the slain lamb.

II. The Connection of the Present vv. 17-24

Communion reminds us:

1. The promise of a far greater redemption & deliverance from the bondage of sin.
2. The teaching of a greater truth. The death of Christ on the cross would bring life to the world.
3. The greater importance of Christ's blood cleansing us from all the stain of guilt & sin.
4. The greater benefit of Christ's salvation is daily provision of His strength & security.

III. The Connection with the Future vv. 25-26

- A. A Promise – “Assuredly, I say to you” - A seal of truth or authority.
Jesus always keeps His promise!
- B. A Reunion – “Until that day” - A last day guarantee from Jesus to His followers
He is coming again! Are you prepared?

CONCLUSION

- Communion is to remind us of what God has freed us from! Historical events are a teacher. Remember and learn from them.
- Communion is to reassure us of Christ's presence!
Present events are unique, be attentive to the changes that are occurring.
- Communion is to reignite us by anticipating His return!
Future events bring expectancy, anticipate them.