

LUKE Lesson 55

The Last Supper / The Lord's Supper / The Mass (22:1-20)

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- 1-2** The Holy Spirit tells us the reason the religious leaders sought to kill Jesus: they feared the people. They feared man rather than God. If they had feared God, they'd have received Him (Ps 111:10, Prov 9:10, Eccl 7:18, Acts 13:26, Dan 3:28). The fear of man is spoken of negatively in the Bible (Prov 29:25, Ps 118:8, Ex 2:14, 1 Sam 15:24).
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- 3-6** Judas was indwelt by Satan in the same way the Antichrist will be indwelt by Satan during the Great Tribulation (Rev 13:4, 12:9) while working together with religious leaders. Satan is a spiritual being (not an angel, but a cherub), capable of indwelling one individual at a time (he's not omnipresent). Judas (while possessed by Satan) betrayed the Lord while calling Him Master and giving Him a kiss (Mt 26:48-49). Then he confessed his sin to some priests (Mt 27:4) rather than to God.
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- 7-10** Jesus sent Peter and John to prepare the Passover. He instructed them to follow a man bearing a pitcher of water. Since bearing water was normally a woman's task (Gen 24:45, John 4:7), they would easily be able to identify the man they were to follow.
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- 11-12** It is possible that Jesus met this man earlier and made arrangements to use his upper room. It is more likely that Jesus sent Peter and John in answer to this man's prayer to have someone rent his room. For another example of the Lord sending someone in answer to prayer, see Nathanael in John 1:47-49.
- Peter and John were instructed to make the room ready to receive Him. Similarly, we ought to make sure that our hearts are prepared to receive whatever the Lord has for us at any given moment. If we're not ready, we may miss some blessings the Lord has for us.
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- 13-14** When everything was made ready, Jesus and the twelve apostles sat down for the Last Supper before Jesus Christ would go to the cross. —This is a good verse to point out that "closed communion" is not biblical. If it were, Judas Iscariot (indwelt by Satan) would not have been allowed to join them.
- Note: in churches that practice "*closed communion*," only saved church members in good standing are allowed to partake of the elements of the Lord's Supper. Saved visitors or non-members who are present are restricted from partaking.
- Churches which practice "*open communion*" allow all Christians to partake in the Lord's Supper, with membership in a particular Christian community not required (1 Cor 10:17).
- Each person is required to examine themselves (1 Cor 11:28, 2 Cor 13:5). The "clergy" isn't supposed to examine you. A warning (from scripture) is normally given, but if someone tells you they're saved, you ought not to restrict any member of the Body of Christ from the fellowship of communion.
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15-20 Institution of the Lord's Supper. Those who claim to eat Christ's Body and drink His blood don't understand that these words are not to be taken strictly in a literal sense. The disciples didn't divide the cup (vs 17); they divided what was in the cup. In the same sense, He didn't break bread and turn it into His literal body for the disciples to eat (vs 19). That would make them cannibals and Jesus would end up in the sewer (Mt 15:17). And finally, the disciples didn't drink a new testament soaked in Jesus' blood (vs 20).

John chapter 6 This is a Catholic prooftext for eating Christ's body and drinking His blood in the Mass.

Jn 6:53-57 Until you get to verse 57, it sounds like Jesus is speaking literally. However, in verse 57 He explains that eating Him means to live by Him the same way He lives by the Father. As He is part of the Father, we must be abiding in Christ, depending on Him for our very life.

Jn 6:58 Jesus is not talking about eating little round white pieces of bread like they did in the wilderness. That only provides temporal sustenance until you die. Jesus is talking about partaking of something that will enable you to live forever.

Jn 6:59-63 Jesus is talking about the Spirit that quickeneth (gives life). Literal flesh and literal blood can't give you eternal life. He is speaking spiritually; you've got to eat of God to have eternal life. His words are spirit and they are life.

"Eat and Drink" is a Hebrew expression referring to knowledge that gives life. See Exodus 24:9-11. It's about receiving and inwardly digesting the words of God.

Deuteronomy 8:3 We live by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lord (Spiritual life).

Jeremiah 15:16 Jeremiah "ate" the words of God. He received them in his mind and then digested that truth.

Ezekiel 2:8-3:2 Here is a literal picture of something spiritual. It means to take it to heart.

Ecclesiastes 5:19 Eating is compared with enjoyment of wealth.

Ecclesiastes 6:2 Eating is used to describe the taking of something.

Matthew 26:11 Jesus said, "Me ye have not always." Then He can't be in a cookie.

Matthew 26:26-28 "Drink ye all of it." If it was His literal blood, then there wasn't any left for me.

2 Samuel 23:13-17 When David poured water, he called it the blood of the men. That's what it symbolized.

Mark 14:22-23 Notice "they all drank of it." In Matthew they drank all of it. Both are true.

1 Corinthians 12:12-14 The Body of Christ consists of every saved man and woman that ever lived.

1 Corinthians 11:23-32 Notice you're eating "this bread" and drinking "this cup," not flesh and blood. To eat unworthily is to not discern the Lord's body; the church of the living God. Being in Christ is what makes a person worthy.

Daniel 8:8-12 A "host" was given instead of the true sacrifice. That's the system of the Antichrist.

Don't drink blood! (Genesis 9:4, Leviticus 3:17, 7:26, Deut 12:16, 23, 15:23, 1 Sam 14:33, Acts 15:20)