

The Last Supper

(As told by all four Gospels)

1- THE PASSOVER OR LAST SUPPER (AS TOLD BY MATTHEW 26:17-20; MARK 14:12-18; LUKE 22:7-16; AND JOHN 13:33-17:26):

*“Then came the **Day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover Lamb had to be sacrificed**. Jesus sent Peter and John saying, ‘Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover.’*

‘Where do you want us to prepare it?’ they asked.

He replied, ‘As you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you (usually only the women carried the water). Follow him to the house he enters, and say to the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher says: My appointment is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover with My disciples.’ He will show you a large upper room, all furnished. Make preparations there.’

They found things just as Jesus told them. So they prepared the Passover.”

It should be noted that all **rooms for the Passover were rent free**. They could only charge the skin of the sacrificial lamb used at the feast. It should also be noted that **every male Jew who lived within 15 miles of Jerusalem had to attend the Passover**, and it was every Jew’s ambition to attend Passover, at least one time during his life, in Jerusalem.

According to *Exodus 12*, Passover **began on the 14th day of the Jewish first month, Nissan, and lasted until the 21st day**. They were to remember when God set the Hebrew slaves free from the Egyptians through Moses. They were to remember how God sent the Death Angel to kill the firstborn male in every house (animal and human) that did not have the blood of the lamb on their door posts. For the Hebrew slaves (decedents of the Jews) who sacrificed the lamb, and put its blood on their door posts, the Death Angel passed over (as in Passover).

From the 10th day until the 14th day, they were to keep the Lamb (remember the inspections done in the temple area with the money-changers?); and purify themselves from a host of unclean things (Leviticus 11) --- especially yeast or leaven. The Jews were forbidden to come in contact with these unclean things (which included the Gentiles themselves --- like Pilate).

On the morning of the 14th day, they were to clear the room of all leaven or yeast, and no yeast could be used for the bread (thus the name: Day of Unleavened Bread). That afternoon they were to take the lamb to the Temple and offer its blood to the Lord (if no Temple, they **killed it at twilight**). They then went back to the room and **roasted the lamb (including the entrails), and prepared it with unleavened bread, a bowl of salt water** (to remind them of the tears they shed as slaves in

Egypt, and the Red Sea which God parted to save Israel and destroy their enemies), a collection of **bitter herbs** (to remind them of the bitterness of slavery), a paste called **Charosheth** (mixture of apples, dates, figs, almonds and pomegranates), to remind them of the clay they made bricks from as slaves; and they put **sticks of cinnamon** in the Charosheth to remind them of the straw with which the bricks held together. They also (during Jesus' time) added **four cups of unfermented wine** (remember, no yeast or leaven), to remind them of **the four promises in Exodus 6:6,7:** (1) "I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians," (2) "I will take you as My own people," (3) "I will be your God," (4) "I will bring you to the land I swore with uplifted hand to give to Abraham."

SEE MY STUDY ON "**DID JESUS CHANGE WATER INTO BOOZE?**"

For Jesus and His disciples, this Passover feast began on our Thursday evening, as soon as the sun went down.

READ MY STUDY ON "**THE TRUE DATES OF EASTER, PASSOVER, PENTECOST & CHRISTMAS**" to find all the details on the exact date when Passover begins, and why the Jewish calendar is different than ours.

*"When the hour came (sundown on our Thursday), Jesus and His Twelve Apostles **reclined (not sat)** at the table. And He said to them, 'I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the Kingdom of God'."*

Remember, Passover lasted for seven days, and Jesus died, was buried, and rose again (fulfilling His part in the Kingdom of God), by the third day of Passover (Sunday), when He ate with them again (**Luke 24**).

2- JESUS WASHES THEIR FEET (JOHN 13:1-17)

"Jesus knew that the time had come for Him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved His own who were in the world, He now showed them the full extent of His love.

*The evening meal was being served, and the Devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot son of Simon, to betray Jesus. Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under His power, and that He had come from God and was returning to God, so He got up from the meal, took off His outer clothing and wrapped a towel around His waist. After that, He poured water into a basin **and began to wash His disciples' feet**, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around Him."*

Jesus was the host of this feast, and **it was the custom for the host to have either his servants or his wife or daughter to wash the feet of His guests when they arrived at his home.** Since Jesus had no servants, wife

or daughter, and none of His Apostles volunteered to do this servant's job for Him --- He did it Himself.

"He came to Simon Peter, who said to Him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?'"

Jesus replied, 'You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand.'

'No,' said Peter, 'you shall never wash my feet.'

Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no part with Me.'

'Then, Lord,' Simon Peter replied, 'not just my feet, but my hands and head as well.'

Jesus answered, 'A person who has had a bath need only to wash his feet; his whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you.' For He knew who was going to betray Him, and that was why He said not every one was clean.

*When He had finished washing their feet, He put on His clothes and returned to His place. 'Do you understand what I have done for you?' He asked them. 'You call Me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. **Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Once you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them'.**"*

3- THEN, AFTER A MOMENT OF SILENCE, HE EXPOSES HIS TRAITOR (MATTHEW 26:21-25; MARK 14:18-21; LUKE 22:21-23; JOHN 13:18-30)

"I am not referring to all of you; I know those I have chosen. But this is to fulfill the Scriptures: 'He who shares My bread has lifted up his heel against Me.' (Psalm 41:9)

'I am telling you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe that I am He. I tell you the truth, whoever accepts anyone I send accepts Me; and whoever accepts Me accepts the One who sent Me.'

*After He had said this, Jesus was deeply troubled, and testified, 'I tell you the truth, **one of you is going to betray Me.**'*

His disciples stared at one another, at a loss to know which of them He meant. One of them, the disciple whom Jesus loved (John), was reclining next to Him. Simon Peter motioned to this disciple and said, 'Ask Him which one He means.'

Leaning back against Jesus, he asked Him, 'Lord, who is it?'

*Jesus answered, 'It is the one to whom I will give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish.' The Son of Man will go just as it is written about Him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born.' Then, dipping the piece of bread, **He gave it to Judas Iscariot, son of Simon (who must have been within arms reach of Jesus).***

Then Judas, the one who would betray Him, said, 'Surely not I, Rabbi?'

Jesus answered, 'Yes, it is you.'

As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him.

*‘What you are about to do, do quickly,’ Jesus told him, but no one at the meal understood why Jesus said this to him. Since **Judas had charge of the money**, some thought Jesus was telling him to buy what was needed for the Feast (it would last 7 days), or to give something to the poor. As soon as Judas had taken the bread, he went out. And it was night.”*

SEE MY STUDY ON “DOES GOD WANT ME TO BE RICH?”
ALSO SEE: “DEMONS”

4- THEN THE DISCIPLES ARGUED ABOUT WHICH OF THEM WAS THE GREATEST (LUKE 22:24-30):

“A dispute arose among them as to which of them was considered to be the greatest.”

WHY? The seating arrangement was wrong! According to Jewish custom, the one who sat at the **host’s right** was the **most honored** guest (greatest), and then the one on **his left** was the **second** most honored, then the one **second on his right** was the **third**, the one **second on his left** was the **fourth**, and so on. Basically, the seating was done **from the oldest to the youngest, or from the ruler to the servant.**

So, what’s the problem? *John 13:24,25* tells us that John (the youngest) is reclining at Jesus’ right (in the number one position)! And, that brought on a count by the rest of the Apostles to see where they were in the seating arrangement --- and, by the way, **who made this seating arrangement?** *Luke 22:8* says it was **John** (you know, the one according to *John’s Gospel in Chapter 21:20*, says: “*the one whom Jesus loved*”!

Jesus said to them, ‘The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them are given the title Benefactor. But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest (as John, the youngest, is in the greatest seat of honor), and the one who rules like the one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table, or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves’ (as He already showed them by example when He washed their feet).”

5- THEN, JESUS TURNS HIS ATTENTION TO PETER (LUKE 22:31-38)

*“Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you all as wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. **And when you have returned to Me**, strengthen your brothers’ (as He will urge him to do again after His resurrection in *John 21:15-17*).*

But he replied, ‘Lord I am ready to go with you to prison and to death.’

Jesus answered, ‘I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know Me.’

Then Jesus asked them, ‘When I sent you without purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?’

'Nothing,' they answered.

He said to them, 'But now if you have a purse, take it, and also a bag; and if you don't have a sword, sell your cloak and buy one (Christians can protect themselves!). It is written: 'And He was numbered with the transgressors' (Isaiah 53:12); and I tell you that this must be fulfilled in Me. Yes, what is written about Me is reaching its fulfillment.'

The disciples said, 'See, Lord, here are two swords (that's right, at the first Communion service).'

'That is enough,' He replied."

6- JESUS INSTITUTES THE COMMUNION SERVICE (MATTHEW 26:26-29; MARK 14:22-25; LUKE 22:17-20):

"While they were eating, Jesus took bread (unleavened, because all leaven or yeast had to be removed during the week of Passover), gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, 'This is My body given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.'

In the same way, after supper, He took the Cup (one of the four cups of unfermented grape juice --- no yeast or leaven --- at the Passover), saying, 'This Cup is the New Covenant (or Testament) in My blood, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.' Then He took the Cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, and they all drank from it.

'I tell you the truth, I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine (grape juice) until that day when I drink it anew in the Kingdom of God.' (After He rose from the dead)."

A few weeks earlier, according to John 6, when Jesus had fed the 5,000 with just two small fish and five barley loaves, the crowds found Him the next day expecting Him to feed them again as Moses did the children of Israel with the manna back in the days of the original Passover. Jesus answered them in **John 6:48-68**: *"I am the bread of life. Your forefathers ate the manna in the desert, yet they died. but here is a bread that comes down from Heaven, which a man may eat and not die. I am the living bread that came down from Heaven. If a man eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is My flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.'*

Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, 'How can this man give us His flesh to eat?'

*Jesus said to them, 'I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. **Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the Last Day. For My flesh is real food, and My blood is real drink (as He is now showing His Apostles at this Last Supper). Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood remains in Me, and I in him. Just as the living Father sent Me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on Me will live because of Me. This is the bread that came down***

*from Heaven. **Our forefathers ate manna and died, but he who feeds on this bread will live forever.***

*On hearing it, many of His disciples said, 'This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?' **(They thought He meant they would have to literally eat His body and drink His blood).***

Aware that His disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, 'Does this offend you? What if you see the Son of Man ascend to where He was before? The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.

*Yet there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray Him. He went on to say, 'This is why I told you that no one can come to Me unless the Father has enabled him.' **From this time many of His disciples turned back and no longer followed Him.***

He is now showing them what He meant by holding up a piece of **unleavened bread**, and a cup of **unfermented wine or grape juice** ("real food," and "real drink") from the Passover (Old Covenant), and saying, "**This is My body**" and "**This is My blood.**" **This would start a New Covenant under His sacrifice** (not the sacrificial lamb of the Passover). And, just as the blood of the lamb saved the first born males from death during the time of Moses; **Jesus' blood would now save those who drank it from death!**

SEE MY STUDY ON "WHY WE NEED TO TAKE COMMUNION"

7- JESUS' LAST INSTRUCTIONS TO HIS APOSTLES (JOHN 13:33-14:31):

"My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for Me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

***A new commandment I give to you: Love one another.** As I have loved you, so you must love one another. All men will know that you are My disciples if you love one another.*

Simon Peter asked Him, 'Lord, where are you going?'

Jesus replied, 'Where I am going, you cannot follow now, but you will follow later.'

*Peter asked, 'Lord, why can't I follow you now? **I will lay down my life for you.**'*

Then Jesus answered, 'Will you really lay down your life for Me? I tell you the truth, before the rooster crows, you will disown Me three times!'

REMEMBER WHAT JESUS TOLD PETER IN #5

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in Me. There are many rooms in My Father's house; otherwise, I would have told you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with Me that you also may be where I am.

Thomas said to Him, 'Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?'

Jesus answered, 'I am the Way --- The Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.'

Acts 4:10-12 says no other name can save you.

I Timothy 2:5 says Jesus is the only Mediator between God and man

SEE MY STUDY ON "**HEAVEN**"

"If you really knew Me, you would know My Father as well. From now on, you do know Him, and have seen Him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.'

*Jesus answered, 'Don't you know Me Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? **Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father.** How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? **Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in Me?** The words I say to you are not just My own. Rather, it is the Father, living in Me, who is doing His work. Believe Me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves."*

SEE MY STUDY ON "**WHAT IS THE TRINITY?**"

*"I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in Me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father (According to Acts, the Apostles, indeed, did Jesus' miracles). **And I will do whatever you (speaking only to the Apostles) ask in My Name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You (Apostles) may ask Me for anything in My Name, and I will do it.**"*

SEE MY STUDIES ON: "**HOW TO GET YOUR PRAYERS ANSWERED**" AND "**JESUS TOLD US HOW TO PRAY**"

"If you love Me, you will do what I command.

*I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor, The Spirit of Truth, to be with you forever. the world cannot accept this Counselor, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. But you know Him, for He lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see Me anymore, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will also live. On that day you will realize that I am in My Father, and you are in Me, and I am in you (all of us connected by the same Holy Spirit). **Whoever has My commands and obeys them, He is the one who loves Me. He who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I too will love him and show Myself to him.***

Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot who already left to betray Jesus) said, 'But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?'

*Jesus replied, 'If anyone loves Me, He will obey My teachings. My Father will love him, **and we will come to him and make our home with him** (We become God's Temple, according to **I Corinthians 3:16,17**).*

He who does not love Me will not obey My teaching. These words you hear are not My own; they belong to the Father who sent Me.”

SEE MY STUDY ON “**THE BIBLE DOES NOT SAY ‘FAITH ONLY’**”

*“All this I have spoken while still with you. But **the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My Name, will teach you (Apostles) all things and will remind you of everything I have said (which enabled the Apostles to write the New Testament Scriptures).** Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”*

SEE MY STUDIES ON “**THE HOLY SPIRIT**”

*“You heard Me say, ‘I am going away and I am coming back to you.’ If you loved Me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, **for the Father is greater than I.**”*

I Corinthians 15:24-28: “Then the end will come, when He (Christ) hands over the Kingdom to God the Father after He has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For He must reign until God has put all His enemies under His feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For God ‘has put everything under His feet.’ Now when it says that ‘everything’ has been put under Him (Christ), it is clear that this does not include God Himself, who put everything under Christ. When He has done this, then the Son Himself will be made subject to Him who put everything under Him, so that God may be all in all.”

*“I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe. I will not speak with you much longer, for the **prince of this world is coming (Satan).** He has no effect on Me, but the world must learn that I love the Father and that I do exactly what My Father has commanded Me (including to suffer and die on the cross).”*

I John 5:19 says: “...the whole world is under the control of the Evil One (Satan, or the Devil).

Remember Luke 4:5-7: “The Devil led Jesus up to a high place and showed Him in an instant all the Kingdoms of the world. And he said to Him, ‘I will give you all their authority and splendor, for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. So if you worship me, it will all be yours.’ **YES, YOU CAN SELL YOUR SOUL TO THE DEVIL (as Judas is about to do)!**

*“I am the true vine and My Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in Me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit He trims clean so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the Word I have spoken to you. **Remain in Me, and I will remain in you.** No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. **Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in Me.**”*

*I am the vine; you are the branches. **If a man remains in Me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing.** If anyone does not remain in Me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown in the fire and burned. **If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.***

SEE MY STUDY ON “**WHO DOES GOD LISTEN TO?**”

*“This is to My Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be My disciples. As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Now remain in My love. **If you obey My commands, you will remain in My love, just as I have obeyed My Father’s commands and remain in His love.**”*

And one of those commands was **John 6:56**: “Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood **remains** in Me, and I in him.”

SEE MY STUDY ON: “**YES, YOU CAN FALL FROM GRACE!**”

*“I have told you this so that My joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. **No one has greater love than the one who lays down his life for his friends.**”*

SEE MY STUDY ON: “**THE LOVE TEST**”

“I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from My Father I have made known to you. You did not choose Me, but I chose you, to go and bear fruit -- fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in My Name. This is My command: ‘Love each other.’

***If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated Me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you. Remember the words I spoke to you: ‘No servant is greater than his master.’ If they persecuted Me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed My teachings, they will obey yours also. They will treat you this way because of My Name, for they do not know the One who sent Me.**”*

SEE MY STUDY ON “**WHY DO CHRISTIANS SUFFER?**”

*“If I had not come and spoken to them, **they would not be guilty of sin.** Now, however, they have no excuse for their sin.”*

John 9:41: “Jesus said, **‘If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you can see, your guilt remains.’**”

However, **Hebrews 10:26,27** warns: **“If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the Truth** (no longer blind to the Truth, but completely understand what it is God has commanded us to do), **no sacrifice** (forgiveness) **for our sins is left, but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire (Hell) that will consume the enemies of God.”**

SEE MY STUDY ON: **“THE THREE HELLS OF THE BIBLE”**

Romans 2:12-16: **“All who sin apart from the Law (Old Testament) will also perish apart from the Law, and all who sin under the Law will be judged by the Law. For it is not those who hear the Law who are righteous in God’s sight, but it is those who obey the Law who will be declared righteous. Indeed, when Gentiles, who do not have the Law, do by nature things required by the Law, they are a law for themselves, even though they do not have the Law, since they show that the requirements of the Law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness, and their thoughts now accusing, now even defending them. This will take place on the day when God will judge men’s secrets through Jesus Christ, as my Gospel declares.”**

SEE MY STUDY ON: **“IF THE BIBLE DOESN’T SAY IT’S A SIN, HOW DO YOU KNOW IT IS?”**

This is why in **I Timothy 1:13**, the Apostle Paul said: **“Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy, because I acted in ignorance** (didn’t have a knowledge of the Truth) **and unbelief. The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.**

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners --- of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display His unlimited patience as an example for those who would believe on Him and receive eternal life.”

“He who hates Me hates My Father as well. If I had not done among them what no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin. But now they have seen these miracles, and yet they have hated both Me and My Father. But this is to fulfill what is written in their Law: ‘They hated Me without reason.’ (Psalm 35:19; 69:4)

When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of Truth who goes out from the Father, He will testify about Me; but you also must testify, for you have been with Me from the beginning.

All this I have told you so that you will not go astray. They will put you out of the synagogue (Church); in fact, a time is coming when anyone who kills you will think he is offering a service to God (like the Apostle Paul when his name was Saul). They will do such things because they have not known the Father or Me. I have told you

this, so that when the time comes you will remember that I warned you. I did not tell you this at first because I was with you.”

SEE MY STUDY ON “SOME SHEEP HAVE FANGS” AND “WHICH CHURCH SHOULD I GO TO?”

*“Now I am going to Him who sent Me, yet none of you even asks Me, ‘Where are you going?’ Because I have said these things, you are filled with grief. But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. **When He comes, He will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness (what is wrong and right) and judgment: about sin, because men do not believe in Me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see Me no longer; and about judgment, because the prince of this world (Satan) now stands condemned (and if the world follows him, they will too be condemned).**”*

SEE MY STUDY ON “WHEN WE CAN AND CANNOT JUDGE”

*“I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. **But when He, the Spirit of Truth, comes, He will guide you (Apostles) into all Truth (so they could write the New Testament Scriptures).** He will not speak on His own; He will speak only what He hears, and He will tell you what is yet to come. He will bring glory to Me by taking from what is Mine and making it known to you. All that belongs to the Father is Mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is Mine and make it known to you.”*

For as the Apostle Paul later explains in ***Ephesians 2:19-3:5***: Both Jews and Gentiles are “*members of God’s household, built on the foundation of the Apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus, Himself, as the chief cornerstone. In Him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. **And in Him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by His Spirit (Remember I Corinthians 3:16,17).***

*For this reason, I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles --- surely you have heard about the administration of God’s grace that was **given to me for you, that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly.** In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my **insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to men in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God’s Holy Apostles and prophets.**”*

*As Peter adds in **II Peter 3:3**: “I want you to recall the words spoken in the past by the holy prophets (Old Testament) and the commands given by our Lord and Savior through your Apostles (New Testament).”*

“In a little while you will see Me no more, and then after a little while you will see Me.

Some of His disciples said to one another, ‘What does He mean by saying, ‘In a little while you will see Me,’ and ‘Because I am going to the Father’? They kept asking, ‘What does He mean by ‘a little while’? We don’t understand what He is saying.

*Jesus saw that they wanted to ask Him about this, so He said to them, ‘Are you asking one another what I meant when I said, ‘In a little while you will see Me no more,’ and ‘Then after a little while you will see Me’? I tell you the truth, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy. A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world. So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy. **In that day you will no longer ask Me anything. I tell you the truth, My Father will give you whatever you ask in My Name. Ask, and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.***

*Though I have been speaking figuratively, a time is coming when I will no longer use this kind of language, but will tell you plainly about My Father. **In that day you will ask in My Name. I am not saying that I will ask the Father on your behalf. No, the Father Himself love you (you can talk to God directly in Jesus’ Name) because you have loved Me and have believed that I came from God.**”*

READ MY STUDY ON: **“HOW TO GET A PRAYER ANSWERED”**

“I came from the Father and entered the world; now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father.

Then Jesus’ disciples said, ‘Now you are speaking clearly and without figures of speech. Now we can see that you know all things and that you do not even need to have anyone ask you questions. This makes us believe that you came from God.

‘You believe at last!’ Jesus answered. ‘But a time is coming, and has now come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home. You will leave Me all alone. Yet I am not alone, for My Father is with Me.

I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world!’”

READ MY STUDY ON: **“WHY DO CHRISTIANS SUFFER?”**

8- NOW JESUS PRAYS FOR HIMSELF, HIS DISCIPLES & ALL BELIEVERS (JOHN 17:1-26)

*“After this, He looked toward Heaven and prayed: ‘Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted Him authority over all men that He might give eternal life to all those you have given Him. Now this is eternal life: that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave Me to do. **And now, Father, glorify Me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.**”*

Remember His words in **John 1:1-5**: *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made. In Him was life, and that life was the light of men. The Light shines in darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.”*

*“I have revealed you to those whom You gave Me out of this world. They were Yours; You gave them to Me and they have obeyed Your Word. Now they know that everything You have given Me comes from You. For I gave them the words You gave Me (**Matthew, Mark, Luke & John**) and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from You, and they believed that You sent Me. I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given Me, for they are Yours. All I have is Yours, and all You have is Mine. And glory has come to Me through them. I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your Name --- the Name you gave Me --- so that they may be one as We are One. While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that Name You gave Me. **None has been lost except the child from Hell (Judas was lost and went to Hell)**, so the Scripture would be fulfilled.”*

READ MY STUDY GUIDE ON: “YES, YOU CAN FALL FROM GRACE!”

*“I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of My joy within them. **I have given them Your Word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. My prayer is not that you take them out of the world, but that you protect them from the Evil One (Satan). They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the Truth; your Word is Truth.** As you sent Me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify Myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.*

My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in Me through their message (us), that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in Me and I am in You. May they also be in Us, so that the world may believe that you have sent Me. I have given them the glory that You gave Me, that they may be one as We are One: I in them and You in Me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that You sent Me and have loved them even as You have loved Me.

Father, I want those You have given Me to be with Me where I am, and to see My glory, the glory You have given Me, because You loved Me before the creation of the world.

Righteous Father, though the world does not know You, I know You, and they know that You have sent Me. I have revealed You to them, and will continue to make You known in order that the love You have for Me may be theirs and that I Myself may be in them.”

9- AFTER HIS PRAYER, MATTHEW 26:30-35 CONCLUDES THE LAST SUPPER: “When He had finished praying, they sung a hymn”

SEE MY STUDY ON: **“INSTRUMENTS IN THE CHURCH”**

“And then He left and crossed the Kidron Valley. On the other side there was an olive grove, and Jesus and His disciples went into it (Mount of Olives).

Then Jesus told them, ‘This very night you will all fall away on account of Me, for it is written: ‘I will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ (Zechariah 13:7)

But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.’

Peter replied, ‘Even if all fall away on account of You, I never will.’

‘I tell you the truth,’ Jesus answered, ‘this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown Me three times’ (this is now the third time He has told Peter this).

But Peter declared, ‘Even if I have to die with You, I will never disown You.’ And all the other disciples said the same.”

After you take Communion (as these Apostle just did), and thereby pledge to “remain” in Jesus, so He, in turn, will “remain” in you (**John 6:56**) --- WILL YOU GO BACK OUT INTO THE WORLD AND DISOWN HIM?

10- NOW READ “THE DEATH, BURIAL & RESURRECTION”