

BREAKING BREAD TOGETHER
(Some thought on Communion)

Matthew 26:17-30

1) How did it begin?

- a. It began with Jesus & His disciple celebrating the _____ – a meal of remembrance that Israel was commanded to observe reminding them of God's past _____ of the nation out of Egypt via the Passover _____!
- b. After the Passover meal was observed, Jesus instituted the _____ to His disciples that would _____ them of _____ He had come into the world
- c. This was going to be one of _____ ordinances in the coming _____ age that would act as reminders of _____ Christ is & _____ He accomplished for them.

More insight from John 6:48-58

2) How was this meal perpetuated in time?

- a. In Acts 2:42-46, it says they remembered the Lord in the breaking of bread _____.
- b. In Acts 20:7, they were participating in the Lord's Supper _____.

3) How was it taught by Paul to the church? (1 Cor. 11:23-34)

- The context here:

Illustrated by some issues:(1 Corinthians 11:17-22)

- a. Here Paul sets before the church the _____ & _____ of the Lord's Table! (11:23-34)

- How did Paul receive this instruction?

- b. This meal, like all meals, began with the _____ by our Lord (11:24)

- What was Jesus thanking God for?

- c. Jesus then broke the bread, & distributed it to the disciples saying take, _____; this is My _____ which is _____ for you!
- Why were they to do this? (11:24b)
- d. In the same manner, He took the cup, saying this cup is the _____ in My _____!
- e. So they were to partake of the cup... (How often?) “as _____ as you drink it, this do, in _____ of Me”!
- Why is partaking of communion important? (11:26)

- What are we proclaiming by partaking of this ordinance?

- Then Paul gave some “warnings” about this ordinance (11:27-34)

“*unworthy manner*” =

“*lest you be guilty*” =

- How should these bad attitude sins be dealt with? (11:28)

- What does it mean to “*examine our self*”?

- What does “*judgment to oneself*” refer to?

- What does ... “*not discerning the Lord’s body*” mean?

- What does “*weak, sickly, and many sleep*” refer to?

- What is the remedy to avoid this? (11:31)

- What do we mean by “*being judged*”?

- What can we learn from all this?