The Last Supper

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Mark 14:22-26 Oakbrook Community Church (PCA)

Last Week of Jesus' Ministry on Earth

- Jesus entered Jerusalem on Sunday triumphantly
- Jesus taught & confronted in temple
- Religious leaders plot to kill Jesus but afraid of crowds
- Judas went to chief priests and betrayed Jesus¹⁰
- Jesus and the disciples celebrate Passover

During the Passover Meal

- Passover is a picture of what God does for His people
- Passover celebrated for ~1450 years!
- Passover had 4 cups 1:cup of sanctification; 2:cup of deliverance; 3:cup of Redemption; 4:cup of Praise
- Meal & questions pointed to how God saved His people

Jesus Does Some New Things

- Jesus broke the pattern of the Passover meal
- unleavened bread Mk 14:22 this is my body
- 3rd cup Mk 14:24 this is my blood of the covenant
- never finished 4th cup Mk 14:25 I will not drink...

This is My Body

- Different views of these words...
- Reformed view Christ is spiritually present with us in faith
- Paul 1 Cor 10:16-17
- Jesus Jn 6:53-57 we are spiritually nourished by faith

The Supper Speaks of Covenant

- Jesus declares This is my blood of the covenant 24
- Covenant language Ex 24:8; Jer 31:31-34
- Jesus declares Himself to be the Passover Lamb 1 Cor 5:7-8

Eating Means Fellowship

- The Passover meal meant fellowship with others
- Jesus gave the Lord's Table as bloodless sign & seal^{Heb10:10}
- We partake & are in union with Jesus Christ 1Cor10:16-17
- Jesus came in the flesh, was tempted Heb 4:15-16 so we can be spiritually nourished at the table!

A Look Forward

- Jesus won't celebrate until He drinks in the Kingdom²⁵
- This statement replaced the 4th cup of Praise
- That is put on hold until the Consummation when Christ returns
- Kingdom is now and not yet...
- In the meantime the Lord's Table is a periodic resting in our journey so we can get some spiritual sustenance!

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