

HomeWord
For Parents

Jesus was committed to perfect obedience to His Father's will, which included His death on the Cross followed by His Resurrection from the grave. He knew the time had come when His life of obedience would dramatically end (Luke 9:51). This was on His mind when He celebrated the important Jewish holiday, Passover, with His closest friends in Jerusalem. This was a special time when the Jews remembered God's deliverance of the Israelites from slavery out of Egypt.

The holiday was celebrated by making sacrifices of unblemished animals to God for sin. These sacrifices had to be repeated year after year. They showed that God's wrath could only be satisfied by the death and shedding of innocent blood—in this case the blood of a lamb. But the blood of the lamb could not ultimately satisfy God's wrath. The sacrifices made on Passover were a foreshadowing of what was to come. And that foreshadowing had arrived—in Jesus Christ.

And here at the last Passover dinner, Jesus prepared Himself and His followers for His death. The annual sacrifices of the Passover celebration would no longer be necessary. For the perfect Lamb of God (1 Corinthians 15:7) would be slain and bring salvation to those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life (Revelation 3:5, 13:8).

Soon after the meal, Jesus's betrayal would be complete. God the Father used Judas to hand over the Redeemer of the world to death so that sinners could be reconciled back to God and forgiven for all of eternity. God had predestined these events from before the creation of the world (Acts 2:22–23; Ephesians 1:4–5).

Today, Christians take Communion to remember Jesus's final sacrifice. We eat the bread and we drink the cup as we proclaim the Lord's death (1 Corinthians 11:26), waiting expectantly for His victorious return (Matthew 24:27; 1 Thessalonians 4:16–17).

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OutWord For Family Discussion

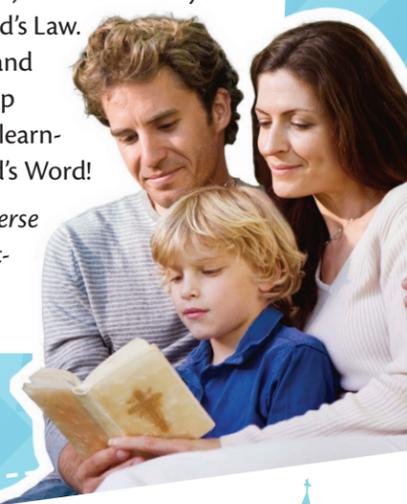
Suppose you heard someone say you are judgmental because you keep telling people that they should become Christians or they won't go to heaven? **What could you say?**

I can understand that some of the things I say about Jesus can be misunderstood as judgmental. But please try to understand, I am not the one saying it! God is—through His Word. And I'm just repeating what God has already told us. Jesus is the only way, the only truth, the only life. No one comes to the Father except through Him. There is no other name under heaven by which sinners can be saved! Whoever believes in Him is not condemned. But whoever does not believe IS condemned. And it isn't my word! It is God's Word. It is a matter of life and death. Don't you see? I love you, and I must tell you the truth. It is the best news I can share with anyone! It alone can bring forgiveness, salvation, comfort, unspeakable joy, fellowship with other believers, and hope in eternal life with Jesus in heaven!

inWord For Family Study

"Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day" (Psalm 119:97). You desire for your children to truly love God's Law. They must know it well and meditate on it often. Help them begin a lifetime of learning and memorizing God's Word!

Begin with the memory verse in the Learn the Word section inside this handout.



Final Passover and Betrayal

KEY THEME

- God's plan of redemption was in place before time.

KEY PASSAGES

- Luke 22:14–16, 22:19–20
- John 18:1–4, 18:10–11

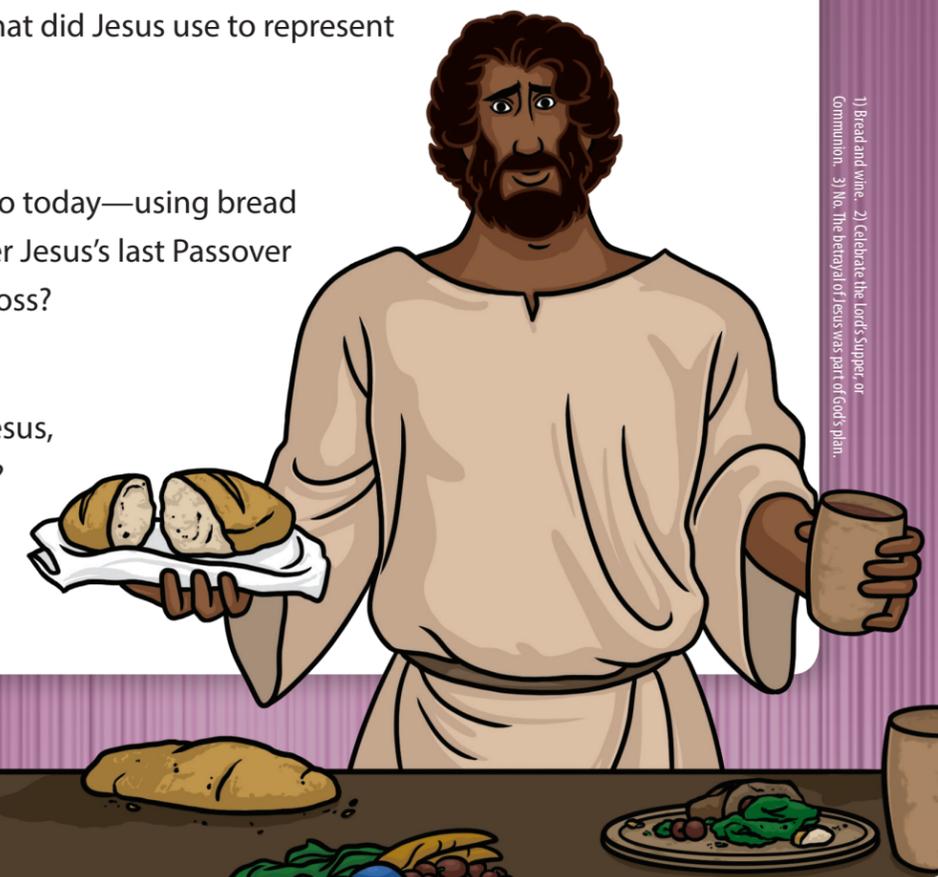


What You **HEARD** in the **WORD**

- The Lord's Supper, or Communion, helps us remember the last Passover Jesus celebrated with His apostles and Jesus's sacrificial death on the Cross.
- Jesus's betrayal was part of God's plan. God knew that Judas would betray Jesus in the garden on the night of His arrest.

Answer these questions from today's lesson.

- 1 At the Passover meal what did Jesus use to represent His body and blood?
- 2 What does the church do today—using bread and wine—to remember Jesus's last Passover and His death on the Cross?
- 3 When Judas betrayed Jesus, was it a surprise to God?



1) Bread and wine. 2) Celebrate the Lord's Supper, or Communion. 3) No. The betrayal of Jesus was part of God's plan.

Read the Word

Monday {Matthew 26:14–15}
What did Judas get from the chief priests for betraying Jesus?

Tuesday {Matthew 26:20–21}
What did Jesus tell His disciples that one of them would do?

Wednesday {Matthew 26:25}
Who was the man who would betray Jesus?

Thursday {Luke 22:47}
How did Judas betray Jesus? What did he do when he drew near to Jesus?

Friday {Luke 22:50–51}
After Peter cut off the servant's ear, what did Jesus do?

Saturday {1 Corinthians 11:26}
What do Christians proclaim when they celebrate communion?

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Learn the Word

Write the letter that comes before each letter in the box below it.

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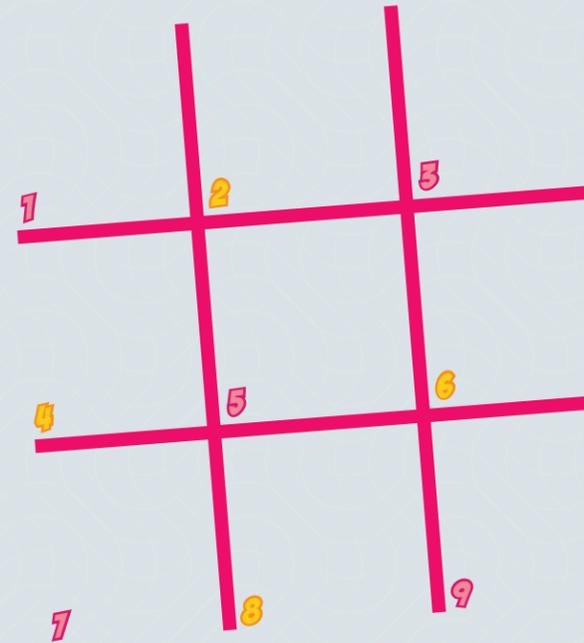
 Matthew 28:19

ANSWERS: Make All Baptizing Name Spirit

ANSWERS: 1) False. Jesus looked forward to the Passover with fervent desire. 2) True. 3) False. Jesus used the wine to represent His blood. 4) False. Jesus used the bread to represent His body. 5) True. 6) False. They wanted to arrest Jesus. 7) True. 8) True. 9) True.

THREE IN A ROW! GO! GO! GO!

Read each clue in the list below and decide if it's true or false. Put an F for false statements and a T for true statements in the proper boxes. (Hint: When you finish, you'll find two rows of "True," three in a row.)



1. Jesus dreaded celebrating His last Passover with His disciples. Luke 22:14.
2. Jesus used the bread and wine to prepare the disciples for His death on the Cross.
3. Jesus used the bread to represent His blood that would be shed for sinners. Luke 22:19.
4. Jesus used the wine to represent His body that would be broken. Luke 22:20.
5. Jesus changed the Jewish Passover to be a special remembrance of Him. We now call it Communion, or the Lord's Supper.
6. Jesus and the other apostles went to the garden. Judas arrived with troops who wanted to worship Jesus. John 18:12.
7. The troops and officers were carrying weapons. John 18:3.
8. Peter drew his sword and cut off a servant's ear because he wanted to protect Jesus. John 18:10.
9. Jesus went away willingly because He knew this was the Father's plan. John 18:11.

LIVE the Word

Suppose someone asks you if believing in God and taking Communion at church every week is enough to make him a Christian. **What could you say?**

Being a Christian includes believing in God and taking Communion, that is for sure. But it also means knowing Jesus and following Him. In fact, Jesus once told the people that if they didn't know Him they couldn't know God the Father! So, people who say they believe in God, but they aren't sure about Jesus, aren't really Christians! Only people who know and trust Jesus and believe all that the Bible says about Him can be Christians. True Christians have turned away from their sins and turned to Jesus. Christians are sorry that they sin and don't want to sin again. Christians believe that Jesus Christ is the only way to heaven. And He took the punishment for sinners who would believe in Him! And when Christians celebrate communion, they remember all that Jesus Christ did—His life, His death, and His Resurrection. And they rejoice in the salvation Jesus brought to them through their faith!



SHUFFLE THE SPACES

Someone put the spaces in the wrong places! It's your job to figure out where the spaces are supposed to go. When you know what it says, write the sentence on the line provided. Then read it to a friend so he'll know about it, too.

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ANSWER: Jesus wanted the disciples to remember His death with bread and wine. That is why the church still celebrates the Lord's Supper today.



Why did the troops arrest Jesus? What charge did they have against Him? Come next week to find out!