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**1 Cor. 11:23-26** For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, <sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup>In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." <sup>26</sup>For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Luke 22:7-20** Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. <sup>8</sup>Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover." <sup>9</sup>"Where do you want us to prepare for it?" they asked. <sup>10</sup>He replied, "As you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him to the house that he enters, <sup>11</sup>and say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' <sup>12</sup>He will show you a large upper room, all furnished. Make preparations there." <sup>13</sup>They left and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover. <sup>14</sup>When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. <sup>16</sup>For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God." <sup>17</sup>After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. <sup>18</sup>For I tell you I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." <sup>19</sup>And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." <sup>20</sup>In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.

"At Passover Jews all over the world retell the story of the plagues and the Exodus and thus proclaim the central fact on which their peoplehood is founded (see 5:6–8). Likewise, members of

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the Messianic Community are to **proclaim the death of the Lord** as their exodus from sin and as the basis for their existence. Both proclamations look not only back toward a past redemption but also forward to a future one; hence the proclamation is **until he comes** the second time.

1 Cor. 5:6-8 Your boasting is not good. Don't you know the saying, "It takes only a little *chametz* to leaven a whole batch of dough?" <sup>7</sup>Get rid of the old *chametz*, so that you can be a new batch of dough, because in reality you are unleavened. For our *Pesach* lamb, the Messiah, has been sacrificed. <sup>8</sup>So let us celebrate the *Seder* not with leftover *chametz*, the *chametz* of wickedness and evil, but with the *matzah* of purity and truth."

—*The Jewish New Testament, (Clarksville, MD: Jewish New Testament Publications) 1996*

"Our Lord Jesus, in the night wherein He was betrayed, instituted the sacrament of His body and blood, called the Lord's Supper, to be observed in His Church, unto the end of the world, for the perpetual remembrance of the sacrifice of Himself in His death; the sealing all benefits thereof unto true believers, their spiritual nourishment and growth in Him, their further engagement in and to all duties which they owe unto Him; and, to be a bond and pledge of their communion with Him, and with each other, as members of His mystical body (1 Cor 10:16, 17, 21; 11:23-26; 12:13)."

—*The Westminster Confessions 29:1*

"The Lord's Supper is a monument sacred to the memory of Jesus Christ. "This do in remembrance of me." In Bethany Jesus had spoken as if He desired that Mary should be kept in remembrance in the preaching of His Gospel; in the supper chamber He expressed His desire to be remembered Himself. He would have Mary's deed of love commemorated by the rehearsal of her story; He would have His own deed of love commemorated by a symbolic action, to be often repeated throughout the ages to the end of the world."

—*The Training of the Twelve, A. B. Bruce 1871*

**1 Cor. 10:16-17** Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? <sup>17</sup>Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.

### **What does the Lord's Supper mean for us today?**

- The Lord's Supper is a memorial of Christ's love.
- The Lord's Supper is a proclamation of the death of Christ.
- The Lord's Supper celebrates deliverance from sin by Christ's death.
- The Lord's Supper is a time of renewed commitment to Christ's purpose for our lives.
- The Lord's Supper is a time to remember that our commitment to each other.