

# Communion – Week 4

## Intro

Last 3 weeks: 1. Ade – History, terms, sacrament, 2. Marcus – warnings, seriousness of, healing, 3. David – Remembrance (5 senses). [Roe Green: “the morning meeting”]

## Today’s Theme – “The last supper”

Read: Matt. 26 v 26-30

When? – Thursday evening. Part of Passover meal.

Passover celebration – remembering Israel’s deliverance from Egypt. The last of the 10 plagues - Israel had to do something this time (Exodus 12)

- Exodus 12 v 1-3, 5-6 Lambs: in their prime, without defect
- Lambs: taken on the 10<sup>th</sup> of month – take care of them, slaughtered on 14<sup>th</sup>. Compare Palm Sunday and Thursday Passover meal.
- Ex.12 v 7 Blood of the lamb on the doorposts and lintel – cf. the cross
- Ex.12 v 8, 12-13 application of blood, faith involved, deliverance and salvation
- Ex 12 v 46 No bone broken – cf. John 19 v 36

## The meal

1. Prayer of thanksgiving. **1<sup>st</sup> cup** (Luke 22 v 17)
2. Eating bitter herbs. (prob. John 13 v 26)
3. Father and son dialogue.
4. Singing first part of Hallel (Psalm 113 – 114)
5. Wash hands. **2<sup>nd</sup> Cup**
6. Eating lamb and unleavened bread. During this, Jesus initiated “Communion”. **3<sup>rd</sup> cup**
7. Singing last part of Hallel (Psalms 115-118). **4<sup>th</sup> cup** (Matt. 26 v 30)

## Application (of Matt. 26 v 26-30)

1. Fellowship with Jesus and each other (U-shaped table, can see each other)
2. Bread – body. Blood – wine. Disciples had heard something similar before (John 6 v 52-56). Both are symbols, not to be taken literally – we are what we eat/drink!
3. Remembrance – (David’s talk - 5 senses)
4. Points forward as well as back. Not just remembering His death, but also His resurrection and His return (1 Cor. 11 v 26)
5. New covenant (Jer. 31 v31-34) – daily sacrifice of lambs in O.T. (Ex.29 v 38-39) cf. Jesus, “once for all” (Heb 7:27)
6. Repeat it, often. (1 Cor. 11 v25-26, Acts 2 v 42, 46)

Ask Elders what they “do” during Communion.

Prepare ourselves to take Communion.

Remember the warnings that Marcus spoke about.

Read: Isa 53:6-7