

Luke 22:19–30

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BIG SANDY, Texas—On April 7, 2020, many people among the Church of God will be commemorating the suffering and death of our Lord on a date representing the night that He was betrayed.

Many will be using symbols that the Son of God instituted in the New Testament. Those symbols are:

- Foot-washing
- Broken bread
- Small portion of wine

In this article, we will consider Luke 22:19-30 to see the value of the three symbols.

Broken bread

The Son of God mentioned the broken bread.

Luke 22:19—“And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, ‘This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.’ ”

The apostle Paul reiterated this comment in 1 Corinthians 11:23-24.

Cup of wine

The Son of God mentioned a taste of wine.

Luke 22:20—“Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you.’ ”

Paul reiterated this comment in 1 Corinthians 11:25.

Washing feet

Bible students are aware that the Son of God also set an example of washing feet on the night that He was betrayed (John 13:1-17).

I recommend that Bible students continue reading in Luke 22 to see the immense value of the specific foot-washing tradition and the general overall attitude of Christ’s example.

Luke 22:21-23—“ ‘But behold, the hand of My betrayer is with Me on the table. And truly the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to

that man by whom He is betrayed!' Then they began to question among themselves, which of them it was who would do this thing."

Luke 22:24—"Now there was also a dispute among them, as to which of them should be considered the greatest."

Luke 22:25-27—"And He said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those who exercise authority over them are called "benefactors." But not so among you; on the contrary, he who is greatest among you, let him be as the younger, and he who governs as he who serves. For who is greater, he who sits at the table, or he who serves? Is it not he who sits at the table? Yet I am among you as the One who serves.' "

Luke 22:28-30—"But you are those who have continued with Me in My trials. And I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed one upon Me, that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

Until He comes

Disciples of Jesus Christ are very happy to acknowledge and to appreciate the importance of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

However, those same disciples understand the importance of first remembering His suffering and His death—before He was raised from the dead.

Acts 2:23-24—"Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it."

1 Corinthians 11:26—"For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes."

Disciples remember the suffering and death with the New Testament symbols that Jesus taught on the night that He was betrayed.