

THE NIGHT IN WHICH HE WAS BETRAYED

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*6-Part Series About the Spring Feast Days

* On 3/23 -- Part 1 -- Overview of Passover in Book of Exodus

* Today -- Part 2 -- The Night in Which He Was Betrayed

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* For many decades, Church of God brethren have observed New Testament symbols (foot-washing, broken bread and a dose of wine) in their homes or at a service picturing "the night in which Christ was betrayed"

* Most of the people in my circle of friends call the event "the Passover" and a few of the people in my circle of friends refer to the event as "the Lord's Supper" -- (I prefer to call it "the last supper" -- because it actually was His last supper)

* Both names are found in the Bible

Luke 22:7-13 Passover

1 Cor. 11:20-26 Lord's supper

* Some religious people say the Apostle Paul was instructing the Corinthian brethren to avoid calling the event by the name "Lord's Supper"

* I believe that Paul was actually criticizing the poor behavior of the people -- and not criticizing the name

* In like manner, I believe that God criticized the behavior of His people at assemblies in the Old Testament--without criticizing the name of those assemblies (Isaiah 1: 12-15)

Isaiah 1:12-15 "your appointed feasts My soul hates"
15 their hands were full of blood

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*There are two schools of thought among my circle of friends about the timing of Passover -- Here they are in a nutshell

* Some say that the "night in which He was betrayed" was the same as the Old Testament Passover

* Others say that when Christ died (at 3:00 p.m. on the next day) began the timing of the Old Testament Passover -- This belief is based upon the fact that Christ was the Passover Lamb (1 Corinthians 5:7) and could not eat a meal at the time that

He was fulfilling the action of the Passover Lamb

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* Scriptures about "last supper"

John 13:1-13 a meal
1 Cor. 11:20-26 a meal

* Someone could ask: Would it be wrong to have a meal on the night picturing when Jesus was betrayed? -- Certainly not, as long as the behavior did not imitate the mistake of the Corinthians

* Someone could ask: Is a meal required on the night picturing when Christ was betrayed? -- No

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* Traditional meal

* It is interesting that many people among the Church of God have a traditional meal, but not on the day picturing when Jesus was betrayed -- This traditional meal occurs on the next day (on the day picturing when Christ died)

* This traditional meal is not instructed in the Scripture

* This traditional meal is not found in Leviticus 23 -- unless people view this meal as the Old Testament Passover

* The name for this traditional meal comes from Exodus 12:42

* King James -- "A night to be much observed unto the Lord"

* New American Standard -- "A night to be observed for the Lord"

* Revised Standard -- "A night of watching by the Lord"

* Moffatt -- "A night when the Eternal was on the watch"

* New King James -- "A night of solemn observance to the Lord"

* Recommendation -- When you participate in the traditional meal, please focus more upon the New Testament scenario than upon the Old Testament scenario

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* Recommended studies

* Focus on the symbols -- as you have done for decades

1. Foot-washing -- John 13:1-11

2. Broken bread -- 1 Corinthians 11:23-24

3. Wine -- 1 Corinthians 11:25-26

* Remember -- 1 Corinthians 5:7

1. Purge out old leaven

* behavior, before symbols -- Psalm 51

* behavior, after symbols -- Romans 6:1-2

2. Since you are truly unleavened * by the Passover

Lamb

- * remove bread -- can be a helpful exercise
- * remove bread -- not Pharisaical obsession

3. Christ (our Passover) was sacrificed for us