

The purpose of the Lord's Supper is to receive from Christ the nourishment and strength and hope and joy that come from feasting our souls on all that He purchased for us on the cross, especially His own fellowship.

John Piper

At the heart of the present significance of the Lord's Supper is our communion or fellowship with Christ, hence the term "communion service." In coming to this service the believer comes to meet with Christ and have fellowship with Him at His invitation. The examination takes place because it would be hypocrisy for us to pretend that we are in communion with the Holy One while actually cherishing known sin in our hearts.

James Montgomery Boice

We should remember that it is through Christ's death that we are reconciled to God *and* each other. He has made us one, and we set our hearts on pursuing unity in love. The Lord's Supper is a great time to pray and plan for oneness with our brothers and sisters. It is a time to explore new ways to be kind, compassionate, and forgiving.

Edward T. Welch

God did not demand that we first demonstrate our allegiance to Him before Christ would agree to die in our place. To demand that we somehow show ourselves deserving of forgiveness in order to regain our status as His children would have been futile. What can ungodly, rebellious sinners offer God that would move the holy Creator of the universe to sacrifice His only Son on their behalf? So God acted first, motivated solely by his own sovereign love, to grant mercy to His people as the ultimate expression of his grace. Christ died for us because the Father and the Son loved the unlovable.

Scott Hafemann

He hideth our unrighteousness with His righteousness, He covereth our disobedience with His obedience, He shadoweth our death with His death, that the wrath of God cannot find us.

Henry Smith

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# Kids Notes

## The Passover and the Cross

### The Questions

Answer the following questions. The answers are on the back.

1. *The plan to arrest and crucify Jesus was facilitated by:*

- A. Judas.
- B. The religious leaders of the day.
- C. Satan.
- D. all of the above.

2. *Jesus told his disciples to:*

- A. prepare a place for us to eat the Passover meal.
- B. forget about eating the Passover meal this year.
- C. eat the Passover meal with their families.
- D. none of the above.

3. *Jesus re-interpreted the Passover meal so that:*

- A. it became an illustration of His death on the Cross.
- B. it helped them understand the meaning of His death.
- C. it looked forward, rather than backward.
- D. all of the above.

For Family Discussion: Are you and your family ready to “stand” before Jesus the King when He comes back to judge all mankind?

Space to Doodle

## Did You Hear It?

Mark the times you hear these key words:

<b>PASSOVER</b> _____	<b>TOTAL:</b> _____
<b>SATAN</b> _____	_____
<b>JUDAS</b> _____	_____
<b>PLAN</b> _____	_____
<b>CROSS</b> _____	_____
<b>REDEMPTION</b> _____	_____

## Word Search

Find the following words in the scramble below. Letters are sometimes used twice, and words may go around corners.

REDEMPTION PASSOVER UNLEAVENED BREAD SATAN JUDAS  
 PLAN PETER JOHN JESUS CROSS FEAST BREAD CUP BLESSING  
 MEAL DISCIPLES TWELVE APOSTLES BETRAYAL HAND TABLE  
 SONG SUFFER CROWD ISCARIOT ROOM PITCHER WATER HOURS

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N J I F V U H P V H J L L R B N V
J I T A B L E Q O U J W A V L O K
O B I D Z Z D U D D C W E A E I I
W Y S W R T R A E L E A M I S T A
L V G U S S S N B V T T J S S P K
L A Y A R T E B L R F E V S I M D
H O E H K V R E C T E R T O N E T
J F A N A P W F A R O A B R G D P
K I O E H T A P S R O I D C R E S
N A L P X O O S C U O W R O E R A
C N Y L M S J N S Z S O D A H B T
U Y P D T Q T D J O O E M R C O A
P X N L S U F F E R V S J A T S N
G A E R D I S C I P L E S E I P I
H S R E T E P S O N G W R G P K C
  
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