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Matthew 26:20-29

The Betrayer

- Although Jesus was fully aware that Judas would betray Him, He nevertheless chose him as one of the 12 (Matt. 10:2-4).

John 6:70-71 Jesus answered them, "Did I not choose you, the Twelve? And yet one of you is a devil. [...the son of perdition—John 17:12b]" 71 He spoke of Judas the son of Simon Iscariot, for he, one of the Twelve, was going to betray him.

John 13:11 ...[Jesus] knew who was going to betray Him...

- Jesus' decision to choose Judas was in keeping with the Father's eternal (Eph. 1:4) definite plan (Acts 2:23).
- Jesus also knew that God's purpose was the saving of life (Gen. 50:20).
- Jesus willingly and joyfully chose God's will at the cost of his own life.

John 6:38 I have come down from heaven not to do My will but to do the will of Him Who sent Me...

- Jesus was the consummate Spirit-filled Man, who lived perfectly within the will of the Father.

The Bread

- During the Meal, when Jesus took a loaf of bread and broke and distributed it to His disciples, we are reminded of His feeding the crowd in the wilderness.

John 6:1-5 After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee...2 And a large crowd was following Him...4 Now the Passover... was at hand. 5 Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward Him..., Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" ...10 Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." ... 11 Jesus then took the loaves, and when He had given thanks, He distributed them to those who were seated...12 And when they had eaten their fill, He told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." 13 So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets...

- In this feeding, Jesus was re-enacting the event of Ex.16 when YHWH caused manna to fall from Heaven to feed the people. Jesus explained the significance of the feeding:

John 6:32-35 Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true Bread from heaven. 33 For the Bread of God is He Who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world...35 Jesus said, I Am the Bread of Life...

- And like the loaf of bread, Jesus, *the True Bread from Heaven*, would have to die in order that His Life would be distributed to His people by the Spirit.

The Cup

Luke 22:20 this cup is the New Covenant in My blood...

The Cup of Blessing (1 Cor. 10:16)

Ps 116:13 I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord...

Ps 16:5 The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup...

Ps 23:5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows

The Cup of God's Wrath (Is. 51:17)

Ezek 23:33 A cup of horror and desolation...

Ps 75:8 For in the hand of the Lord there is a cup with foaming wine, well mixed, and he pours out from it, and all the wicked of the earth shall drain it down to the dregs...

Rev 14:10 ...the wine of God's wrath, poured full strength into the cup of his anger...

- A covenant was entered into on the grounds of an oath to keep the stipulations of the covenant. Obedience to these stipulations resulted in the blessings of the covenant and disobedience resulted in the curse[s] of the covenant.
- God created Adam to confer the blessing of His presence upon him as he walked according to the stimulations of the Covenant of Creation.

- However, if Adam disobeyed, the curse of death would ensue (Gen.2:17). And this is what happened in Gen. 3:6.
- During the Meal, when Jesus took the cup, He was saying that He would be drinking the wine of God's wrath (Rev 14:10) on behalf of His people so they would be able to drink the cup of blessing (1 Cor 10:16).
- Jesus drank the cup of the curse of death (Gen.2:17) so that we could drink the cup of the blessing of His Life: John 17:2.
- In this cup were gathered up all the curses of Deut. 28:15-45 each of which is an aspect of THE CURSE of death.

***Gal 3:10-13** For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them." ... 13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree"*

- This is the cup that Jesus willingly drank, knowing full well that He would become the curse Bearer for our sakes.

***2 Cor 5:21** For our sake [God] made [Jesus as to His Humanity] to be sin Who knew no sin [Heb.4:15], so that in Him we might become the Righteousness of God*

***Gal 3:14** ...in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised [blessing of the] Spirit through faith*

- Because Jesus drank the cup, all the blessings of God are ours in Christ [Eph.1:3], our great Covenant Keeper.
- My Father's Kingdom

***Cor 15:20** ...Christ has been raised from the dead... 24 Then comes the end, when He delivers the Kingdom to God the Father...*