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## A Week of Love - Part 6

Luke 22:14-20, "When the hour came, Jesus and His apostles reclined at the table. And He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God." After taking the cup, He gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after the supper He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.

The day of Unleavened Bread was the day the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. It began on Thursday evening and would end on Friday evening. Jesus made a point to take the Passover meal with His disciples, His brothers, His friends. Normally, people would gather around the table with their family. But you remember these men and Jesus Himself had left the comforts of home to go and to tell the important news that God loves people.

There was no greater time than this for Jesus and His brothers to gather together in one room to take the Passover meal together. It was a time to remember what God had done and a time to consider what He was about to do. Jesus links the past, present, and future with the provision of God for all people. The old covenant God had made with Abraham and the people of Israel has now become a covenant for all people. God was making a covenant for all who will believe; for all who will come; for all who will trust; for all who will receive His body and His blood. His body that would be bludgeoned, beaten, battered, and broken for you and for me. His blood that would be poured out for you as sacrifice and atonement for the sins of the whole world. 2 Cor. 5:21 God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so in Him we might become the righteousness of God. Let this verse soak into the very depths of your soul. Let it settle in the midst of your very being. Let it speak to you of a love that is like no other love ever given. It is the very love of God Himself. John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish, but shall have eternal life.

Dear Father, how could You love that much? How could You give that much? It is a miracle of love. It is an act of love. It is a provision of love. It is Who You are. Oh Lord it is overwhelming to think that You would die for me; for us; for this whole world. My heart cries out to You. You are love. Thank You. In Jesus Name, Amen