

THE FOURTH CUP AND THE DEATH OF JESUS

DID JESUS COMPLETE THE PASSOVER MEAL?

THE FOUR CUPS OF WINE OF THE PASSOVER MEAL

Note: the words of the prayers offered over the cup
the mixing of a little water with the wine

- Kiddush – cup of sanctification – introductory rite
- Haggadah – cup of proclamation - explanation
- Berakah – cup of blessing – after the meal (blessing of the unleavened bread probably during this time Christ instituted the Eucharist
- Hallel – cup of thanksgiving – Hallel psalms, the drinking of the Hallel cup concluded the Passover

JESUS AND THE PASSOVER RITUAL

Followed much of the regular ritual of the Passover, but also changed it. Proclamation was about God's deliverance in the new exodus.

Cup of blessing became the institution of the Eucharist.

This is my Body given over for you

This is the cup of my Blood poured out for you....

It says that the Hallel psalms were sung but no mention of drinking the Hallel cup... Therefore the Passover was no complete. Jesus said He would drink in at the coming of God's Kingdom.

Garden of Gethsemani – Jesus prays that this 'cup' may pass Him by but promises to drink it if that is the Father's will

He refused the numbing wine offered to those condemned to death

On the cross right before His death He cries out "I thirst" at that point

He takes a little of the sour wine....the Passover meal is complete.

Jesus celebrates the Passover but has many unique additions to it.

He institutes the Eucharist

He incorporates his passion and death on the cross into the Passover

He makes the former Passover the commemoration of the NEW

EXODUS -This has huge implications for our Eucharistic celebration, new Passover

THE JEWISH ROOTS OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

THE JEWISH PASSOVER AND THE NEW PASSOVER

Jesus transforms the Passover into the remembrance of the new Exodus that takes place through passion, death & resurrection.

Jesus is the new paschal Lamb, sacrificed for us and for our deliverance from sin and death. The lamb is both sacrificed and eaten for the life of the world. Do this in memory of me!

Jesus as the new Passover is strongly attested to in the New Testament especially the epistles and Revelations

Understanding the teaching of the Church today. CCC 1339-40 p. 178

THE NEW MANNA

The first manna was considered miraculous/supernatural; the New Manna even more so. It is bread from heaven, bread that nourishes not the body, but the soul. It is not mere bread, but truly the Body of the Lord given over for us.

Multiplication of loaves and fishes, anticipation of the Last Supper
Messianic banquet of natural food and supernatural food

Summary – page 183.

Jesus is recognized as the New Manna – the supernatural Bread that nourishes us throughout this life unto eternal life.

BREAD OF PRESENCE - Jesus in his personal presence is the abiding expression of God's fidelity and love. I will remain with you always!

"Behold God's love for you!" "Behold the Lamb of God"

Jesus leaves us with the Bread and Wine of His presence, His own Body and Blood. Abiding presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

JEWISH HOPE OF THE RESURRECTION – No dichotomy between body and soul; Salvation means the restoration of the whole person – body & soul. Importance of the resurrection of the body – Jesus' and ours

ROAD TO EMMAUS - Parallel on the Mass – scripture and breaking of the bread – the first name for the Eucharist. Recognized Jesus in the breaking Jesus vanishes, showing that his abiding presence will be through the Eucharist.