



In Memory of Jesus Christ

Text: **Matthew 26:26-30**

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INTRODUCTION: Memorials are made to honor America's greatest leaders, servants, and soldiers. We often forget that we were commanded to memorialize our Savior and honor Him. In a few moments we will spend some quality time memorializing Jesus. Why? Well, were going to study and see if we can answer that question. . . .

DISCUSSION:

I. JESUS INSTITUTED THE LORD'S SUPPER (Matthew 26:26-30)

The Context = Passover Meal

The Commands = Luke 22:19; I Corinthians 11:24-25

The Confidence = Death, Betrayal, Suffering, Sacrifice, Resurrection

II. PAUL INSTRUCTED US HOW TO TAKE THE LORD'S SUPPER (I Corinthians 11:17-32)

Look Around = Unity (I Corinthians 11:17-22)

* I John 2:9, I John 3:15, I John 4:20, I Corinthians 10:17

Look Back = Solemnity (I Corinthians 11:23-27)

* 1 Corinthians 1:18

Look Inward = Self-Examination (I Corinthians 11:28-32)

* 1 Corinthians 11:29-30

III. EARLY CHRISTIANS TOOK THE LORD'S SUPPER EACH SUNDAY

The Church in Jerusalem = Acts 2:42

The Church in Troas = Acts 20:7-11

The Church in Corinth = I Corinthians 10:16-17

CONCLUSION: On the first day of the week we surround the table with our lord and participate in breaking bread. We remember his body that hung on the cross. We remember His blood that was shed for the remission of sins. And we remember that His sacrifice was offered in our place. Have you accepted His sacrifice? What do you need to lay at the foot of the cross?

WORD OF THE DAY = "Jesus"