

The Price

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[0:00] Luke 22. The price. Communion. Think of it.

Imagine you are there.! Back then. Note that he is with you.!

Go to Luke 22, verse 14. And when the hour was come, he sat down and the twelve apostles with him.

And he said unto them, With desire, I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. Again, imagine you are there around the table. He wants to be with you. His name is Emmanuel. God with us.

[1:02] He is with you right now. He is with us. With you right now. Right here, right now. As you are seated, if you can picture it, sitting around the table. Of course, they reclined around a lower table of sorts.

But imagine sitting around the table, having a meal with him. He knows that he is about to suffer. This fateful night. To suffer for you. For you. For you. Because of you.

For you. For you. He wants to be with you. For you. It's Passover time. The Lord wants to be with you. His disciples. He wants to eat with you. To share bread with you.

The cup with you. And every bit of the meal. It's a sign of his bitter death for you. This is all about him and you, really, isn't it?

As you gather around. Gather with him around the table, as it were. It's a reminder. It's the Passover. That season of Passover. It's a reminder of where we once were as his people in slavery.

[2:06] By the Passover, we give thanks. You give thanks to him. How God has delivered his people Israel out of their slavery in Egypt. Your Lord wants to be with you.

To commune with you. He wants your thankfulness. And sin is like an enslavement. The Lord shows how we were in Egypt. And you can be delivered from the slavery of sin.

And that deliverance is really by his body and his blood. Sin is real. And it's present. Even at the table. Even here at the table. At the table. As you sit there, a betrayer is there.

Even as you eat together. It's a shock that the Lord announces that one eating with you will betray him. It's not I, Lord, you say.

It's not I. It's not me. One whose feet he washed and dried is to hand him over to his death. One will betray the Lord.

[3:10] Yet even on this dread night, our sin would betray him. He says to you, his disciples, how he wants to be with you. With you. Really all will deny and desert him.

Judas failed. But really the whole lot failed. In a way. They all lacked the loyalty to hang in there.

To stay with him. When the test came, they ran. Note that he is with you, number one. And he speaks. Secondly, he speaks unto you.

It says here, for I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God. And he took the cup and gave thanks and said, take this and divide it among yourselves.

For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God shall come. I say unto you. Do we hear him?

[4:11] Do we hear his voice? He still speaks unto us. It's here. His very word. His very voice. In black and white and red. Especially the red.

It's his voice, isn't it?

His words. He still speaks. He speaks unto you. Do we hear his voice? He knows he is about to die. Picture it. You're there. He is about to die.

The cross. It's just a few hours away. And he says, I say unto you. I say unto you. All of this has meaning. It's something that he speaks unto you.

He wants you to hear him. He says, this is the last time he's going to eat with you like this. Think of that. Did they catch that? Did they fully comprehend? Think. Consider that.

This is the last meal. Until the kingdom of God shall come. His saving message is unto you. He speaks to you.

[5:07] Each of you need his grace. You must examine your own self. Judas is here at the table. He's taking part in an unworthy manner.

He's guilty in effect of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. He's guilty of eating and drinking damnation to himself. Not discerning the Lord's body. It's like he didn't really consider who he had betrayed.

What about you? Do you know who he is? He came unto you. He came unto his own. They rejected him. But as many as received him, he says they can become.

They've got the power, the privilege to become children of God. Who is he? He says unto you, I am. Think of it. He's the great I am.

He is the word. He says I am the word who was God and is God. The word made flesh dwelling amongst you. He says I am the good shepherd.

[6:07] He says I am the lamb of God. He says I am the deliverer. I am the rock in the wilderness. I am the fiery cloud and the pillar of smoke. I am the manna. I am the bread of life.

I am the true vine. He tells of the kingdom. He says unto you, I am the king of kings and the lord of lords. He says I am the alpha and the omega.

He says I am the light of the world. He says I am the door. He says I am the resurrection and the life. He says I am the way, the truth and the life. He says I am your redeemer.

He is with you and he speaks unto you. Hear his word, his voice. He speaks unto you. He says unto you. And he says this. All this is for you.

And he took the bread and he gave thanks and break it and gave it unto them and said, This is my body which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me.

[7:05] Like was also the cup. After supper saying this cup is the New Testament in my blood which is shed for you. This is all. All of this is for you.

It's for you. You that will believe. You that will trust him. This new covenant is for you. All of these symbols. All of these symbols right through the word way back from the garden.

All the symbols right through points to this one. All these symbols have a meaning, the significance, the fulfilment of all these symbols.

And think of it as you're seated there. All of these symbols, these symbols, these pictures, these signs of scripture. It's for you.

And sat right in front of you. As they took the bread. As they took the cup. The bread of life was right in front of them. Staring them in the face. The very bread of life.

[8:01] The very manna from heaven. The living bread. He is with you. And as they took the cup. Think of it. That he, the one.

Who would be the lamb of God. Who takes away the sin of the world. Is sat right in front of them. My body is given for you. My blood is shed for you. This was a costly meal.

A costly meal. This is a costly meal. There's a cost. But it's all been paid. My blood is shed for you, he says. A price was paid.

A redemption price. For you. For your soul. Judas is already betrayed. Your Lord. Jesus was sold. Betrayed by a friend.

Matthew 26, 15. Records the payment arranged. The price. The price. The price paid. Judas had traded Jesus for money.

[8:59] The price of Jesus was 30 pieces. 30 pieces of silver. The price of a slave. The price.

The transaction was made. The covenant. 30. Apparently 30 represents the blood and redemption. 30 has got a significance. The price of redemption. Yet for Judas, these wages of his sin meant death. He had traded the saviour for sin. He was paid in full with condemnation.

Of course, he was never saved. The Bible calls him the son of perdition. Judas was never saved. He just tagged along for the ride. But he was not a saved man.

It says the wages of sin is death. Christ has paid the price for you. The redemption price. The cost of his life's blood. Christ paid that wage for you.

[9:58] Paid it in full. His death. It was for you. So you can receive that great love gift of his saving grace. As you sit around the table, Judas has got 30 pieces of silver jangling in his pocket.

It was already arranged. It appears from how you read it that he was already paid. He already had the 30 pieces of silver jangling in his pocket as it were.

Later, he tried to pay it back, but he couldn't undo his sin. What is Jesus worth to you? What is his value?

Do you know him? In a short while after this, the Lord, your Lord, gave his body up for the sacrifice for your sin. Think of that.

It's shocking. For you. For me. The wonder of it all. And he wants to be with you. Do you want him in your life?

[11:09] He was despised and rejected of men. He says he came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the children of God.

Even to them, they believe on his name. He wants to be with you. Do you want to be with him? Do you want him in your life? And he speaks unto you by his word. If we would have ears to hear. He speaks unto you. Do you hear him? He speaks unto you. And he freely gives. Friendly gives for you. His body, his blood, his salvation gift.

For you. For you who will receive. Do you receive him? Receive him today by faith. The price.

That's the consideration today. We're going to have this time where we'd invite you to partake. The Bible says, let a man examine himself.

[12:09] And so let him drink. Eat and drink. And so the question is, do you know the price has been paid for you? It's unto you.

He came. It's with you. You can be. And it's for you. The very blood shed. His price paid. Your price. Your redemption price.