

Were You There in the Upper Room?

- ↪ Last time, we stepped back in time almost 2000 years to 33 A.D. to find ourselves there for Jesus' ride into Jerusalem. We saw that it was in fulfillment to prophecy in **Miciah 5:2** and also **Daniel 9** that predicted the events of that day 483 years in advance.
 - ↪ Today, we are going forward 3 days in that final, holy week. The night before Jesus was betrayed, He had a meal with His disciples, **verses 20-31**. What happens in this room that night is something that Christians have been reenacting for 2000 years. Here we are today about to reenact those same events. Why do we do that? What makes this meal so special? Why do we recreate the events of that night?
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1. The ingredients of that meal were based on a much older recipe.

- ✓ The Passover was a meal of remembrance handed to the Jews 1500 years before Jesus. God wanted them to remember how He saved them, and the blood of a lamb was the only thing that stood between them and death. He wanted them to remember that there was a time that they needed saving and that He had saved them. So, quite literally, they learned theology at the supper table.

2. That Passover was a meal to remind them of their past and an appetizer to make them hunger for the future.

- ✓ The recipe called for a spotless lamb to be sacrificed and that is exactly what God served up for them and all of us in His Son. God's Lamb would deliver us from death by dying in our place. He satisfied our hunger for life over death and changed the old recipe of the Passover by saying "take, eat this is My body" and "this cup is the new covenant in My blood." So, He built on God's old recipe a new meal to remind us that we needed saving and God saved us.

3. It's a meal that exposes our hearts.

- ✓ It was a heart exposition that first night; "one of you will betray Me." Each one of them asked, "Surely, not I?" They believed Him! They each thought it could be possible; they could each see their own weakness. This meal is a time when we expose ourselves to all that God has done for us and it shines the light on where we fall short. It's a meal where we remember our sins, our betrayals!! When we broke His Laws and broke His heart. Zechariah predicted this in **Zechariah 9:9**.

4. It's a meal that satisfies our deepest hunger.

- ✓ This meal that was first eaten this way 2000 years ago in the upper room is special because it reveals our deepest hunger: fellowship with God and longing for His forgiveness, love and guidance. St. Augustine affirmed the same things, he said, "Thou hast made us for Thyself and our hearts are restless without Thee."

This supper is special because it reminds us of the truth that all our hungers are satisfied in a relationship to Him.
