

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP

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Opening Prayer: Lord Jesus, tonight you gather around the table with your disciples for the last time on earth. You are trying to teach them about service and love. But, they are still focused on earthly things. Forgive us when we too get caught up in *things and ourselves*. Remind us again what service and love looks and acts like in the Kingdom of God. In your name we pray. Amen.

Think of a time that you have shared around the Table together, with family and/or friends. What made it special? What meal was served?

- 1) Look up this scripture on The PASSOVER from Exodus Chapter 12. Did you learn anything new? Christ's death, resurrection, & ascension is the most important act in the New Testament, but the Passover/Exodus is the most important act of the Old Testament. Both ... remind us of God's actions of DELIVERANCE. Think of times when God has *Delivered you*.
- 2) The FOOTWASHING is only found in John's Gospel. (John 13). It is such a selfless act of LOVE. This new commandment "Love One Another". I've really been reminded of this with all of the "Hand Washing" I've been doing. *Write a love letter to your kids or grandkids this week.
- 3) THE KISS – Oh my, this is one of my favorites! The account of "THE KISS" is found in all four Gospels:
 - Matthew 26:47-56. – Mark 14:43-52
 - Luke 22:47-53 - John 18:1-11

Which Gospel has Jesus *Stepping Forward* to receive the KISS? The other four have *Judas Stepping Forward* to give the KISS. Did you catch that? Cool, huh?

- 4) Before Jesus takes the Disciples out to the Mount of Olives, he spends a great deal of time talking to them about "What's to come". In John's Gospel, Chapters 14-17 is what is called "Jesus Farewell Discourse" – all RED LETTERS. You can read if interested.
- 5) In several of our Gospel accounts of this Passover night, it tells us that Jesus and the Disciples SANG a hymn before leaving for the Olive Grove, just prior to His arrest. Not

uncommon, Jews sang what is called *THE HALLE: Psalms 113-118 before, during, after the Passover meal, or excerpts of*. Pay attention to: Psalm 118:17, 22-23 and Psalm 116:15. *What SONG would you sing?

LORD'S SUPPER – Luke 22:7-30.

*Feel free to partake with whatever bread/juice/wine you have. These are unsettled times and I think Jesus understands.

PETER & THE ROOSTERS – Matthew 26:31-46, 69-75 Mark 14:27-42, 66-72 Luke 22:31-38, 54-65 John 18:15-18, 25-27. *Cock-A-Doodle-Do!

Closing Prayer – Lord Jesus, I walked alongside you tonight. Thank you for reminding me of your *STEPS* and their heaviness you must have felt, as I felt only a portion. As I rest tonight, I thank you for loving me. Amen.