



When Jesus wanted to explain to his followers what his forthcoming death was all about, he did not give them a theory, a model, or a metaphor: he gave them a meal.
~ N.T. Wright (The Day the Revolution Began)

John 1:29; 1 Corinthians 15:3; 2 Corinthians 5:21

Week 6: *Losing My Religion*

APPETIZER: How God Meets Our Need to be Valued

How Jesus interpreted his own death:

1. A ransom for our FREEDOM (**Mark 10:45**)
2. A source for our HEALING (**John 3:14-15**)
3. EXPOSING the ways of the world (**John 12:31-33**)
4. EXPELLING the Prince of the world (**John 12:31-33**)
5. REVEALING the heart of God (**John 12:45**)
6. An inspiring EXAMPLE (**John 12:23-26**)
7. A compelling INVITATION (**John 12:32**)
8. The cutting of a NEW COVENANT (**Luke 22:20**)

Acts 20:28; Galatians 2:20; Mark 10:45; Peter 1:18-21

JESUS IS GOD WITH US, COME TO



SHOW US
GOD'S LOVE,



SAVE US
FROM SIN,



SET UP GOD'S
KINGDOM, AND



SHUT DOWN
RELIGION,

SO WE CAN SHARE IN GOD'S LIFE.

DINE IN: Jesus as the Passover Lamb

Luke 22:7-20

“PASSEOVER” pointed toward three events in one...

1. The PASSEOVER brings life → Christ's death saves us
2. The EXODUS brings freedom → Christ's resurrection frees us
3. The COVENANT is law → The New Covenant is love

So, for Jesus to offer people forgiveness of sins, apart from their religious rituals, was to slay their captures and free the slaves!

We see the early Christian movement not as a “religion” in the modern sense at all, but as a completely new way of being human in the world and for the world.
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By calling this covenant “new,” he has made the first one obsolete; and what is obsolete and outdated will soon disappear. (Hebrews 8:13)

TAKE OUT: Rest in the Knowledge of Your Worth

Deuteronomy 5:15

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”
~ Jesus (**Matthew 11:28-30**)

NEXT WEEK... Conclusion: Q & A & Communion

Home Church Questions

NOTE: This or next week, it might be good to have communion together as a Home Church.

HANGOUT [Warming Up to the Topic – in one Large Group]

1. Do you have any lingering questions or thoughts of encouragement that are connected to this week's teaching?

HEAR [Listening to God through Scripture – in Discussion Groups]

2. Read **Luke 22:1-21**.
 - a. What are your first impressions of this passages?
 - b. Forget your notes and go by memory – why do you think did Jesus choose Passover as the Jewish religious festival to die? Why not the Day of Atonement or another religious holiday? List as many reasons as you can.
 - c. It was the religious leaders who took the lead in orchestrating Jesus' death. Why is that? How does this relate to how we might explain the gospel to people?
 - d. The man who helps the disciples get set up for Passover stands out because he bucks cultural gender stereotypes. Is there any lesson for us in this?
 - e. Jesus self-identifies as "The Teacher" here and other places in the gospels. Why is might this be a good way for non-Christians to first approach Jesus?
 - f. Jesus references "the kingdom of God" a couple times at the Last Supper. What is the kingdom of God?
 - g. Look at **verse 20** again. What is the significance of each of these two word phrases: "new covenant"; "my blood"; and "for you"?

HUDDLE [Making It Personal and Praying Together – in Huddles]

3. What is God saying to you, convicting you of, or encouraging you about this week? How are you responding?