

Luke 22:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.

Analysis

Jesus institutes the Lord's Supper using unleavened bread from the Passover meal to symbolize His body 'given for you' (Greek 'didomenon'—present passive participle, emphasizing ongoing giving). The command 'this do in remembrance of me' (Greek 'anamnēsin'—remembrance/memorial) establishes a recurring ordinance for the church to regularly remember Christ's sacrifice. This parallels the Passover's memorial function, now pointing not backward to Egyptian deliverance but forward to the cross and backward from the post-resurrection church. Luke's account emphasizes the sacrificial nature ('given for you') and the memorial purpose, making Christ's death personal, substitutionary, and perpetually significant for His people.

Historical Context

Instituted during the Last Supper on Passover evening, Thursday of Holy Week (around 30 AD), in an upper room in Jerusalem. This transformed the Passover meal by giving it new meaning centered on Jesus as the true Passover Lamb (1 Corinthians 5:7), whose death would accomplish the ultimate exodus from sin.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does the command to 'remember' Christ's sacrifice affect your understanding of regular communion participation?
2. In what ways does Jesus' body being 'given for you' personally challenge you to respond with gratitude and devotion?

Interlinear Text

καὶ λαβὼν ἄρτον εὐχαριστήσας ἔκλασεν καὶ διδόμενον·
And he took bread and gave thanks and brake And gave
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αὐτοῖς λέγων, τοῦτο ἐστὶν τὴν σῶμά μου τὴν ὑπὲρ
unto them saying This is which body my which for
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ὑμῶν διδόμενον· τοῦτο ποιεῖτε εἰς τὴν ἐμὴν
you gave This do of which me
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ἀνάμνησιν
in remembrance
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Additional Cross-References

1 Corinthians 10:16 (Parallel theme): The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

Luke 22:20 (Parallel theme): Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.

1 Corinthians 10:4 (Parallel theme): And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

Psalms 111:4 (Parallel theme): He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered: the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

Titus 2:14 (Parallel theme): Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

Ephesians 5:2 (Parallel theme): And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

John 6:51 (Parallel theme): I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

Luke 24:30 (Parallel theme): And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them.

Galatians 1:4 (Parallel theme): Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:

1 Peter 2:24 (Parallel theme): Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.