

# I. The Institutor of the Lord's Supper

## *Scripture Reading*

*1 Cor 11:23-25* For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night in which he was betrayed took bread, and after he had given thanks he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, he also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, every time you drink it, in remembrance of me."

*Luke 22:19-20* Then he(Jesus) took bread, and after giving thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And in the same way he took the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."

*Matthew 26:26-29* While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat, this is my body." And after taking the cup and giving thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood, the blood of the covenant, that is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, from now on I will not drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

The The breaking of bread was instituted personally by the Lord Jesus, not ordained by the apostles. The apostles merely passed on to us what the Lord had established. Therefore, when we break bread, we are not only keeping that which the apostles delivered, but also accepting that which the Lord Himself instituted and ordained.

## II. Replace the Old Testament Passover

### *Scripture Reading*

*Luke 22:14-20* Now when the hour came, Jesus took his place at the table and the apostles joined him. And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves. For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." Then he took bread, and after giving thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And in the same way he took the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."

*1 Cor 5:6-7* Your boasting is not good. Don't you know that a little yeast affects the whole batch of dough? Clean out the old yeast so that you may be a new batch of dough - you are, in fact, without yeast. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.

In the Old Testament, the Israelites kept the Passover to remember how God delivered them in Egypt through the Passover lamb. That lamb was a type of the Lord Jesus, and its slaughter foreshadowed the Lord's death. When the Lord Jesus kept the Passover feast with His disciples for the last time, He was about to be slain and shed His blood to establish the New Covenant. It was then that He instituted the breaking of bread as a remembrance for the redeemed under the New Covenant, to take the place of the Old Testament Passover.

Since Christ and His death fulfilled all that the Passover and the Passover lamb typified, God set aside the Passover and established the breaking of bread in its stead. Just as He and His death fulfilled the foreshadowing of the Passover, so the breaking of bread which He instituted replaces the remembrance of the Passover.