23T07d Last Supper Remembrance (Part 4)

Hello my friends. Thanks for joining me today @ the PUNLA coffee table.

Let me begin with a prayer, **Heavenly Father thank you.** Thank you Jesus for your sacrifice for us. Bless our time together as we remember. and I pray all these things in your name Lord Jesus. Amen.

Today I would like to share one of our family's new traditions. What we call this the Last Super Remembrance on Passover. This is a very fun time with family and friends. It is meant to be shared with one another and I want to share it with you today.

Before we get started. This is a party. A Celebration of what Jesus has done for each of us. This is going to be a lot of fun. Thank you for allowing us to share this with you. I really like this painting by Walter Rane, titled In Remembrance of Me. I like the way it captures the way they sat. I hope this helps us to get in the proper state of mind before we begin tonight.

We have just concluded our Maggid or our story from the gospel of Matthew in Part 3.

This is Part 4, the final part of our celebration. Let's pick up just after the 3<sup>rd</sup> Intermission and we have served four different appetizers by now. We have also already drank the 1<sup>st</sup> cup, the cup of sanctification.

#### <<< INTERMISSION #3>>>

# Step 6: The Cup #2 of Deliverance (or the Makkot, Cup of Judgement)

Exodus 6:6 (NKJ) "I will redeem you with an outstretched arm."

Now we arrive at what is called **Makkot** *(ma-got)*, the second cup: the cup of deliverance. This cup is also referred to as the Cup of Judgement or Cup of Plagues.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> cup is a reminder of God's mighty deliverance of His people and God's judgement to Egypt in the form of plagues in Exodus.

What does the 2<sup>nd</sup> cup have in parallel with our Christian faith?

Matthew 26:39 (NKJ) He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will."

There are parallels for Matthew 26:39 in Mark 14:36 and Luke 22:42. This is the cup of God's wrath upon man's sin which was about to be poured out on Jesus. In the Old Testament the cup is used as a symbol of God's wrath or judgement:

Jeremiah 25:15-16 (NIV) <sup>15</sup>This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, said to me: "Take from my hand this cup filled with the wine of my wrath and make all the nations to whom I send you drink it. <sup>16</sup>When they drink it, they will stagger and go mad because of the sword I will send among them."

*Isaiah 51:17(NKJ)* Awake, awake! Stand up, O Jerusalem, You who have drunk at the hand of the LORD The cup of His fury; You have drunk the dregs of the cup of trembling, And drained it out.

The cup however is also used as a symbol for experiencing God's salvation in the Psalm 116 which is part of the **Hallel** *(hah-lel)* which is traditionally read or sang at the end of the Passover meal, here are a couple verses, Psalm 116:12-14 (NLT) <sup>12</sup>What can I offer the LORD for all he has done for me? <sup>13</sup>I will lift up the cup of salvation and praise the LORD's name for saving me. <sup>14</sup>I will keep my promises to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

Jesus endured the wrath of God or drank the cup of God's wrath so that our sins could be forgiven. Let's drink the cup of deliverance and remember that our deliverance came about through our Savior Jesus who drank the cup of God's wrath toward sin.

# <DRINK CUP #2 DELIVERANCE>

# Step 7: Redeemed Matzoh (Afikomen/Communion)

# <HAVE KIDS GO FIND THE AFIKOMEN MATZOH. GIVE KIDS A COIN TO PURCHASE IT BACK OR REDEEM IT. THEN UNWRAP MATZOH.>

The **Afikomen** (*uh-fee-kuh-muhn*) is often thought to be the Greek word for "dessert," to be eaten at the end of the meal. But there is another Greek word, so similar that some believed it to have been the original intent. The word is **epikomen-os** (*e-pee-kuh-muhn-os*), meaning, *'the one we have waited for, in the fullness of time, has arrived.'* Jesus' last Passover on earth was held in Jerusalem, hours before he became the ultimate Passover Lamb for all of us. Let's share the **Afikomen and the Cup of Redemption** just like Jesus and His disciples did that night.

Let us read the Last Supper account again first from Matthew.

Matthew 26:26-30 (NKJ) <sup>26</sup>And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." <sup>27</sup>Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. <sup>28</sup>For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. <sup>29</sup>But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom." <sup>30</sup>And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Just as Jesus did after dinner. Jesus took bread, he blessed it, and broke it, and gave it to his disciples. But what bread? He most likely took the **Afikomen** (*uh-fee-kuh-muhn*), the special loaf which was broken, hidden and redeemed. The **Afikomen** which means, "*I will come again.*" This bread that represents His body was bruised & broken, wrapped and buried, and as it is named "*will come again or return*" at the end of time.

# <DIVIDE THE AFIKOMEN AND SHARE IT AROUND THE TABLE>

# <PRAY FOR THE BREAD>

*Luke* 22:19 (*NKJ*) *And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.* 

#### <<<EAT THE BREAD>>>

#### <SERVE CUP#3>

#### Step 8: Cup #3 of Redemption (Communion)

Exodus 6:6 (NKJ) "I will redeem you with an outstretched arm."

In the traditional seder, the next part of the feast is the **Ha-Geulah** (*ha-goo-lah*) or The Third Cup: The **Cup of Redemption.** This is also called the Cup of Blessing or **Ha-Geulah**. It is a celebration of God's promise that He will redeem us. The Jews used this cup to symbolize the blood of the Passover Lamb. Jesus used this cup and said in Luke 22:20 (NKJ) *"This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you."* 

Hebrews 9:22 tells us that without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin. In His passion and death, Jesus completed the atonement for our sins. Anyone who places their trust in Jesus and His work of redemption on the cross, passes from death to Eternal life.

#### <PRAY FOR THE CUP #3- REDEMPTION>

Luke 22:20 (NKJ) <sup>20</sup>Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you.

#### <DRINK CUP #3 - REDEMPTION>

Now I'm going to blow you away. Remember a Hebrew day begins at sunset, so night is first, followed by day. Jesus rose from the dead on Sunday morning about dawn.

Well, this year Passover is after dusk on a Wednesday. That night was the last super, the over-night trial, and eventually on Thursday the day of preparation for the HIGH DAY or special Sabbath, Jesus was condemned, tortured, crucified and buried all

before sunset on Thursday. Remember Hebrew days start at sunset. Thursday at dusk would begin the special HIGH DAY for the festival of unleavened bread. Therefore,

- Thursday dusk to dawn Friday was night 1.
- Friday dawn to Friday dusk was Day 1.
- Friday at dusk would begin the regular sabbath day. So Friday dusk to Saturday dawn was Night 2.
- Saturday dawn to Saturday dusk was day 2.
- Saturday dusk to Sunday Dawn was night 3
- Sunday at Dawn on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day Jesus rose again.

Amen, 3 days and 3 nights. The reason Mary and the other women had to wait until Sunday morning was two back-to-back sabbaths. Just like this year. Jews will observe their Passover tonight. This is the beginning of the day of preparation and tomorrow at dusk will begin the HIGH DAY or special sabbath for the festival of unleavened bread. Then at dusk on Friday night begins the weekly sabbath day which ends at dusk on Saturday evening. Then at dawn on the third day, Sunday morning, Jesus rose from the dead. Sunday morning resurrection Sunday morning. But it is more amazing than that. The day after the first regular sabbath day of the festival of unleavened bread is the feast of first-fruits. Jesus rose again as the first-fruits of the resurrection on the day of the feast of first-fruits. Can it be more beautiful than that?

And I know some of you are going to ask, so here it is. Many have actually back calculated to determine the dates of Passover in the time of Jesus. From 26AD to 34AD the most likely date range for the crucifixion. Two dates stand out. Passover was on Wednesday April 28<sup>th</sup>, 28AD and Wednesday April 25<sup>th</sup>, 31AD. Both possible dates of the crucifixion. Also, so you know, in this range of years, Passover also fell on Sunday twice, Friday twice, Monday twice and Thursday once.

#### <SERVE DESSERT>

I'm actually not sure what dessert we will have this year. We've done dessert like cheesecake and pie, or cookies or even fruit and jello. We try to stay with finger foods but you don't have to. Small servings just help the meal to progress. Again, I'll post the recipes if you want to see ours.

#### Step 9 Praise and Blessing

(Exodus 6:7 NKJ) "I will take you as my own people and I will be your God".

The Fourth Cup is the cup of Praise or Consummation. This is usually consumed after the Jewish prayer Hallel or prayer of Praise which is a verbatim recitation from Psalms 113-118 that is recited by observant Jews on Jewish holidays as an act of praise and thanksgiving. In fact, in Matthew Jesus and His disciples did this in Matthew 26:30 (NKJ) *And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.* 

Tonight, for our Hallel *(hah-lel)* or our prayer of praise, let's sing Psalms just like Jesus and his disciples did that night. We will use Psalms 113, 100, 117, 121 to praise the Lord.

# Psalm 113 The Majesty and Condescension of God

Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord, Praise the name of the Lord! Blessed be the name of the Lord From this time forth and forevermore! From the rising of the sun to its going down

The Lord's name is to be praised.

The Lord is high above all nations, His glory above the heavens. Who is like the Lord our God, Who dwells on high,

# Psalm 100 (NLT) Thanksgiving

Shout with joy to the LORD, all the earth!

Worship the LORD with gladness. Come before him, singing with joy. Acknowledge that the LORD is God! He made us, and we are his. We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

# Psalm 117 Praise the Lord

Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples! For His merciful kindness is great toward us,

# Psalm 121 Help comes from the Lord

I lift up my eyes to the mountains where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot slip he who watches over you will not slumber;

indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

Who humbles Himself to behold The things that are in the heavens and in the earth?

He raises the poor out of the dust, And lifts the needy out of the ash heap,

That He may seat him with princes— With the princes of His people. He grants the barren woman a home, Like a joyful mother of children. Praise the Lord!

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the LORD is good. His unfailing love continues forever, and his faithfulness continues to each generation.!

And the truth of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord!

The Lord watches over you the Lord is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all harm he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

#### <SERVE CUP #4 -PRAISE >

We lift this fourth cup in praise to God for His completed work of redemption. This is also the cup which Jesus will drink anew with his disciples in his kingdom.

### <DRINK CUP #4 -PRAISE >

# <CLOSING PRAYER>

I want to end our evening with this amazing praise from Numbers 6:24-26 (NKJ) *The* LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. **THE END** 

That is the end of our Last Super Remembrance.

<u>Let's Pray.</u> Jesus, thank you. I pray we never minimize or fail to remember what you did for each of us. I love you Lord with all I have. Thank you for this time prayerfully remembering you and your sacrifice. I pray in your name, Lord Jesus Amen

Let me leave you with this. We need to be purposeful in our remembrance of what Jesus has done for us. I hope you will take time out of your busy schedules to spend time with your loved ones remember Jesus. Starting with this his last meal, his sacrificial death, burial and resurrection victory 3 days and 3 nights later on Sunday morning. Resurrection Sunday morning.

I hope you will join me for the rest of our Last Super Remembrance. If you liked the message, please share a link with a friend. I will attach some recipes we have used for the appetizers and desert. We like the having things that might be appropriate at a seder but you can use anything for your bread, drinks and food. The point is to remember what Jesus did for us. Our family loves this and I hope you will too.

Thank you for joining me @ the PUNLA CoffeeTable. You can contact me at <u>kip@punla.org</u> if you have comments or questions. So, until next time @ the PUNLA CoffeeTable. God bless.

# FOOD LIST

**Grape Juice or Wine (STEP 2 thru END)** *{enough for several cups each}* **Matzah minimum two (2) sheets per quest plus three (3)** 

Appetizer #1 (Chips & Dips & Matzah) & CUP #1 (STEP 3 end) Appetizer #2 (Salad Skewers / Cut veggies & fruits/ Cheese & (STEP 4 end) salami) (STEP 5 Maggid-1) Appetizer #3 (Quesadilla) (STEP 5 Maggid-2) Appetizer #4 (Potato Kugel) (STEP 5 Maggid-3) Appetizer #5 (Empanada) **CUP #2** (STEP 6) (STEP 7) Afikomen Shared (Communion) CUP #3 Redemption (Communion) (STEP 8) (STEP 9 Hallel-1) **Dessert** (STEP 9 Hallel-2) CUP #4 (Closing)

Possible worship videos to use for Psalms

**Psalm 113** 

Who is Like the Lord (Psalm 113) • Official Video - YouTube

#### <u>Psalm 100</u>

Chris Tomlin - Psalm 100 (Lyrics & Chords) - YouTube

<u>Psalm 117</u>

Sons of Korah Psalm 117 LIVE All You Peoples All you Nations - YouTube

<u>Psalm 121</u>

Casting Crowns - Praise You In This Storm (Official Lyric Video) - YouTube