

Announcement of the Lord's Supper 2018

Soon, the annual celebration of the Lord's Supper will be.

According to the Jewish calendar, the annual Jewish Passover was celebrated on 14 Nisan after sunset.

14 Nisan is translated into the current official calendar: **March 30, 2018 after sunset.**

Pesach is for the Jews the celebration in which the liberation from Egypt is commemorated. The Pesach/Passover celebration is directly followed by the (week)-feast of unleavened bread. The Jewish Passover was to be celebrated in Jerusalem, where the temple stood with the altars.

The slaughtered lamb was the foreshadowing of Jesus sacrifice. (John 1:29, 1 Cor. 5: 7, 1 Peter 1:19)

Jesus is the Bread from heaven, the Manna who has descended from heaven for all people:

NKJV (John 6: 30-31) 30 Therefore they said to Him, "What sign will You perform then, that we may see it and believe You? What work will You do? 31 Our fathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

NKJV (John 6: 48-50) 48 I am the bread of life. 49 Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. 50 This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die.

NKJV (John 6:54) 54 Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.

NKJV (John 6: 57) 57 As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me.

Many of His Jewish disciples had a difficulty when Jesus spoke about eating His body and drinking His blood and left Jesus:

NKJV (John 6:52) 52 The Jews therefore quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this Man give us His flesh to eat?"

NKJV (John 6:60) 60 Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard this, said, "This is a hard saying; who can understand it?"

NKJV (John 6: 66-68) 66 From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. 67 Then Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you also want to go away?" 68 But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

Unfortunately, not all people will eat of the heavenly Manna, only those who believe in Jesus words and are dedicated and baptized disciples.

Later, during His last Jewish Passover celebration, it became clear what Jesus meant by eating His flesh and drinking His blood by taking symbols for these, unleavened bread and wine:

NKJV (Matthew 26: 26-28) 26 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." 27 Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. 28 For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

The Lord's Supper was set on the evening when Jesus was betrayed, immediately after the Passover meal:

NKJV (1 Corinthians 11: 23-25) 23 For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; 24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." 25 In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The apostles had not yet been sanctified when they participated to the Lord's Supper. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit occurred later during Pentecost. (Exodus 23:16 the Feast of the harvest, of the first fruits of your work). In Acts 2: 1-7 , this outpouring of the Holy Spirit is described.

All circumcised Jews, the offspring of Jacob, had to celebrate the Passover and eat the lamb, along with the added non-Jews, circumcised slaves and circumcised strangers. (Exodus 12: 44, 48)

The circumcised non-Jews fell under the exact same law as the circumcised Jews:

NKJV (Exodus 12:49) 49 One law shall be for the native-born and for the stranger who dwells among you."

All Christians have been circumcised in a spiritual sense through their conscious assignment and baptism:

NKJV (Romans 2: 28-29) 28 For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh; 29 but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God.

Celebrating the Last Supper by using bread and wine, the celebration to Jesus' remembrance, is not something that is only for priests, pastors, elders, or saints, but it is something where all believers throughout the entire Christian community in participate:

NKJV (Acts 2:44) 44 Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common,

It is the basis of the New Covenant for all Christians:

NKJV (Matthew 26:28) 28 For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

According to Jesus (John 6:54) it is a guarantee for all baptized Christians for their resurrection.

Do not believe all the interpreters of Scripture with sometimes distorted explanations, but examine the Scriptures yourself. Believe the word of the Son of God, from who without any doubt can be said, that there has come no lie over His lips. Jesus is also the Head of the worldwide Christian community:

NKJV (Colossians 1:18) 18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

The Lord's Supper is thus meant for every consciously baptized Christian, and Paul warns us in Colossians not to let this price be deprived of us:

NKJV (Colossians 2: 18-19) 18 Let no one cheat you of your reward, taking delight in false humility and worship of angels, intruding into those things which he has not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, 19 and not holding fast to the Head,.....

As a baptized Christian, take of the symbols the **30th of March after sunset** under prayer and in all humility, as Jesus has asked us.

God's blessing for all our Christian brothers and sisters to take part in the Lord's Supper.

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