I. Introduction

A. Passover in Old Testament

A longstanding Israelite tradition was to keep the Passover of the Lord to commemorate when the Lord brought them out of Egypt. The Lord instructed them concerning it:

Ex 12:1-14 And the Lord spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, 2This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the *first month* of the year to you. 3Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house: 4And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next unto his house take it according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb. 5Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats: 6And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening. 7And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it. 8And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it....11And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the Lord's passover. 12For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods [princes] of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the Lord. 13And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt. 14And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the Lord throughout your generations: ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever.

The Israelites were to kill a lamb without blemish and apply the blood to the door posts. When the destroying spirit came through Egypt, it would bring judgment on the people and their gods. However, it would pass over the families that had blood over their doors. This is a foreshadow of Jesus, the sacrificial lamb, shedding His blood for the remission of sins.

B. Passover in the New Testament

Jesus said He desired to eat the feast with His disciples before He suffered.

<u>**Lk 22:15-16**</u> And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer: 16For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

Jesus said that He would not eat or drink of the Passover until it is fulfilled in the Kingdom of God. The focus of this study is to discuss the Lord's Supper, various aspects of the event, significance of it, and the implications it has for Believers today.

II. The location was revealed supernaturally and was by invitation only.

A. Jesus supernaturally revealed location of Lord's Supper to His Disciples.

<u>Mk 14:13-15</u> And he sendeth forth two of his disciples, and saith unto them, Go ye into the city, and there shall meet you a man bearing a pitcher of water: follow him. 14 And wheresoever he shall go in, say ye to the goodman of the house, The Master saith, Where is the guest chamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples? 15And he will shew you a large upper room furnished and prepared: there make ready for us.

B. Jesus' Supper was only for His Disciples.

<u>Mt 26:20</u> And he said, Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him, The Master saith, My time is at hand; I will keep the Passover at thy house with my disciples.

Jesus ate the Passover at an undisclosed location with His Disciples only. It is by invitation only to Kingdom Believers.

III. The elements of the Lord's Supper revealed.

A. The Bread

<u>Mt 26:26</u> And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body.

B. The Wine

<u>Mt 26:27-29</u> And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; 28For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. 29But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

The elements of the Lord's Supper include bread and wine, representing the body and blood of Jesus respectively.

C. The True Meaning

<u>**Lk 22:20</u>** Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.</u>

Jesus' body was broken, His blood shed, so that we could be forgiven of our sins. We have a New Testament signed in the Lord's own blood!

D. The Importance

Lk 22:19 ... This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.

Jesus <u>asked</u> us to remember Him in <u>this way</u>.

E. The Symbol

The Lord's Supper symbolizes the Marriage Feast of the Lamb in Heaven.

1. <u>Lk 22:16, 29-30</u> ... I will not any more eat thereof, *until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God.* 29And I appoint unto you a kingdom as my Father hath appointed unto me; 30That *ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom*, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Jesus said that He would not eat the Lord's Supper again until it was fulfilled in the Kingdom of God with His followers.

2. <u>Rev19:9</u>...Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb....

Passover-Lord's Supper-Types and shadows of the marriage Feast of the Lamb.

IV. Jesus washed the Disciples feet at His supper.

A. Jesus taught a lesson on humility.

Jn 13:2, 4-5, 12- And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him....4He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel and girded himself. 5After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to was the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded....12So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you? 13Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. 14If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. 15For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

When Jesus washed His Disciples feet, He was modeling and teaching humility.

B. Jesus washed the feet of those who would betray and deny Him.

1. <u>Jn 13:26-27</u> Jesus answered, He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it. And when he had dipped the sop, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon. 27And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him, that thou does, do quickly.

Jesus had just washed the feet of the man who was going to betray Him to death.

2. <u>Jn 13:37-38</u> Peter said unto him, Lord, why cannot I follow thee now? I will lay down my life for thy sake. 38Jesus answered him, Wilt thou lay down thy life for my sake? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, The cock shall not crow, till thou hast denied me thrice.

Jesus knew that Judas would betray him and Peter would deny Him, but He humbly washed their feet anyway!

V. Summary

Jesus asked that we remember Him with the Lord's Supper:

*Not a birthday celebration that is more a pagan holiday

*Not by focusing on Jesus as a baby

*Not by an event that is so watered down in meaning that even pagans join in

*Not by a merchandizing event where people go into debt for the wrong reasons

*Not by an empty tradition and ritual

We are to remember His sacrifice with the Lord's Supper where we celebrate God's forgiveness of our sins, and our glorious invitation to the Marriage Feast of the Lamb, that will happen at His Second Coming. We should rejoice that by His blood we are saved, and have inherited God's promises, including eternal life with Christ.

VI. Conclusion

Partake of the Lord's Supper as He commanded.

1. Examine yourself

I Cor 11:27-30 27Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. 28But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. 29For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himdelf, not discerning the Lord's body. 30For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.

2. <u>I Cor 11:23-26</u> For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: 24And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. 25Aftehr the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. 26For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

Conclude in Prayer.