

Matthew 26:24-35 - ALONE, DISOWN & HOME

INTRO - The observance of the Lord's Supper is a special time in the life of the local church. It is a time for *reflection* and *remembrance*. We are to remember our gracious Lord & His great work on our behalf. We remember His work but we are also to reflect upon our own unworthiness. The only thing we bring to The Table is our sin. Jesus plays the Savior part, and we play the sinner part (very well). This meal is also *rehearsal*...a dress rehearsal for a meal that is to come. For one day the Lord of glory will come from glory and receive us to Himself and we will have a feast...and oh what a Day...what Feast that will be! We are going to take 3 stages in our preparation to partake of this Supper today. After each stage we are going to take a time for prayer. We didn't have our Call to Prayer in its normal slot because it will be incorporated into the sermon time. *ALONE* *DISOWN* *HOME*

ALONE

1. This Meal reminds us that Jesus did His saving work ALONE
 - a. He had no helpers or contributors
 - b. The weight of *salvation* fell squarely and entirely upon His shoulders
 - i. Isaiah 59:16-17
 - ii. Jesus is an army of ONE. He conquered sin alone & won salvation alone
2. The Meal before us is a very simple meal (It reminds us of *monergism*)
 - a. It is not an elaborate meal or an extravagant meal
 - i. A small piece of bread symbolizing Jesus' body
 - ii. A small cup of juice/wine symbolizing Jesus' blood
 - b. This meal has not extras. This meal has no garnishments
 - i. There is nothing to distract or detract from the central/only Figure
 - c. *What can wash away my sin?...* *What can make me whole again?...* *For my pardon this is see...* *for my cleansing this my plea...*
3. John 16:32
 - a. Christ did the work of salvation Alone
 - b. He not only did all the heavy lifting...He did ALL the lifting - ~~helpers/contributors~~
4. Time of Prayer (led by Chris)

DISOWN

- The night Jesus instituted this meal was a night of abandonment
 - Jesus was disowned by everyone. He was alone and He was disowned
 - 1 Cor. 11:23
- Judas betrayed Him with a kiss and for a few coins
 - It fulfilled scripture and fit his evil heart Matt. 26:24-25
- Judas was not the only disciple to desert Jesus
 - Matt. 26:31
 - All His friends proved to be fickle...even His best friends - Matt 26:33-35

- This meal is a reminder of our blunder (instituted the night He was betrayed)
 - We are to remember Christ *alone*
 - And to reflect that we all *disowned*
 - We are to see our sin in this Supper And that Jesus is the only Savior
 - Sin is the only thing we bring to our relationship with God
 - We supply the sin. He supplies the salvation
 - We all disowned Him
 - But He is so gracious not to disown us!
- Time of Prayer (led by Daniel)

HOME

1. The final stage in our preparation this morning is to remember that THIS MEAL IS NOT THE FINAL STAGE!
 - a. This meal is just a dress rehearsal
 - i. It is a reminder to us of the full-blown extravaganza to come.
2. 1 Cor. 11:26
 - a. He has gone to prepare and place for us John 14:1-3
 - b. He has also gone to prepare a party for us! Matt. 26:29
 - c. Jesus promises us in this Meal that there be a future Meal
 - i. What a day and a date that will be...to have supper with the Savior!
3. This life is not all there is...this Supper is not all there is
 - a. There is more to come
 - b. There is HOME our eternal home
 - c. Home is where you rest and relax
 - i. Home is where you eat and fellowship around a table
 - d. This Meal reminds us that this place is not our HOME
 - i. This Supper is a reminder and a rehearsal for the eternal
 1. Eternal life...eternal fellowship...a perpetual party/kingdom feast
 2. This meager meal points to a magnificent meal
4. Time of Prayer (led by Roger)

	Open Communion	Fencing the Table
Examining yourself	Discerning the Body	Celebrating the Supper
<i>What can wash away my sins?....</i>	<i>What can make me whole again..?</i>	<i>What can make me whole again..?</i>
<i>For my pardon this I see....</i>	<i>For my cleansing this my plea....</i>	<i>For my cleansing this my plea....</i>
<i>Nothing can for sin atone....</i>	<i>Naught of good that I have done...</i>	<i>Naught of good that I have done...</i>
<i>This is all my hope and peace...</i>	<i>This is all my righteousness...</i>	<i>This is all my righteousness...</i>