

The Last Supper

Mark 14:1-25

- At the beginning of Mark 14 we see that the Passover festivities are underway in Jerusalem.
- Verse 1 says, ***“After two days it was the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take [Jesus] by trickery and put Him to death. But they said, “Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar of the people.”- Mark 14:1-2 (NKJV)***
- Remember, is the largest national holiday for the Jewish people
- At this time there was normally a population of about 400,000 that lived within Jerusalem...but during Passover, some scholars believe there was about 2.5 million people in town for the celebration
- Now, this was a big holiday, but it was also normally a time of tension and unrest
- Because what are they celebrating during the Passover? They’re celebrating God deliverance of the people of Israel from the 4 exiles, beginning with the most famous one which was the Exodus from Egypt.
- They’re celebrating their History of when God delivered them from being ruled by a foreign nation...This Holiday is all about Freedom!
- Now this would lead to unrest because they’re celebrating freedom WHILE being ruled by a foreign nation
 - This would be like us celebrating the 4th of July under Russian occupation
- Therefore the Roman Empire needed to up their security during this time because they would need to squash any rebellions or insurrections that might arise during this time

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- This is why Pilot was in town, this is why Herod was in town, which they normally weren't because they might be needed in a moments notice to handle any problems which might arise
- Now, within this time of tension, Jesus has already stirred the pot...you see, Jesus and His disciples are going to partake of the passover meal on Thursday, as we'll get into here in a bit
- But on Monday, Jesus had just been at the Temple, and we saw in chapter 11 where Jesus saw that the temple was full of vendors that were up-charging those wanting to buy their sacrificial animal
- People were being RIPPED-off in their place of worship... and so Jesus was TICKED-off and He turned over the tables and drove out those vendors
- And who this would have hurt the most were the Sadducees, the religious elite whose main revenue stream was the temple vendors
- So he hit the most powerful religious leaders in town right in the wallet... so needless to say, they really wanted Him dead!
- And they spend almost all of chapter 12 trying to find ways to accuse Him so they could get rid of Him
- And they finally found their way in, in verse 10, ***"Then Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Him to them. And when they heard it, they were glad, and promised to give him money. So he sought how he might conveniently betray Him."*** -Mark 14:10-11 (NKJV)
- So the plans to put Jesus in the ground are starting to take shape...But Jesus wasn't going to let that happen until He got a chance to celebrate the Passover and share one last sacred meal with His guys
- It's important for us to remember here as we study these passages over the next 2 weeks, that nobody took Jesus' life from Him. No one on earth had the power to do so.

- Many people say that the Jews killed Jesus...and that misguided theology actually led to Christians, centuries ago, that would make it an annual habit of raiding Jewish towns and villages on Easter weekend and as they killed those Jews with crosses around their necks, they would say “This is because of what your people did to our Lord...”
- So... we don't want things going to that kind of extreme so we say, well it was really the Romans who killed Jesus...because He was physically crucified by Romans on a Roman cross
 - Then we say, no no no....it was our sin that put Jesus on the cross!
 - But the reality is, He may have died for our sins, but our sin didn't put Him on the cross...The Jews and The Romans did not put Jesus on the cross...
- JESUS Put Jesus on the cross. In John 10:18, Jesus says, ***“No one takes [My Life] from Me, but I lay it down of My Own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from My Father.” -John 10:18 (ESV)***
- Make no mistake, No one took Jesus' life...HE GAVE IT...for you and for me
- Now, because ONLY He had the power to take His life, He also had the power to know exactly how it was going to happen.
 - You see, Jesus knew everything that was going to happen. He knew that He was about to be sweating drops of blood in the garden in anxiety over the anticipation of the coming torture He was about to endure
 - He knew that Peter, His most loyal guy was going to deny Him 3 times, He knew Judas was about to betray Him...
 - He knew that He was about to go through 6 expedited trials and be unjustly sentenced

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- With all of that before Him in His heart and Spirit...He still wanted to make sure He had one last special meal with His guys...Luke says it this way: ***“And when the hour came, He reclined at table, and the apostles with Him. And He said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.”- Luke 22:14-15 (ESV)***
- There’s something special about sharing a meal together, is there not?
- The Bible, over and over again seems to put a heavy emphasis on the act of sharing a meal with people.
 - Jesus’ relationships were almost defined by who He would eat with
 - One of the main Characteristics of the early church was their “Breaking of bread together.”
- We here, especially in the south, have somewhat adopted this meal emphasis...
 - *I remember one time talking to a lady who had moved to North Carolina from California, and she explained that one of the biggest differences between the two lifestyles is the people here plan their days around meals*
 - *“What’s for breakfast?” “I’ll get to that after lunch,” “Who are we going to eat with?”*
 - *Then she explained in California, they planned their days around the gym and their workouts*
 - *My thought was, “Well, that’s why we’re in the Bible Belt and you’re not...”*
 - *1 Timothy 4:8 says that while bodily exercise is of some value, godliness is valuable in EVERY way*
 - *And there is Godliness is sharing a meal....AMEN??*
- I say that in jest...but there really is truth to this!

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- God took out the time in His law that He gave to Moses so set up 3 annual Festivals for His people to observe together every single year
 - The root word for Festival...is the word FEAST
- So it was important to God that He set up 3 annual celebrations where His people would come together every year and FEAST together.
 - These 3 festivals were the Passover, Pentecost, and the Feast of Tabernacles
 - And we are seeing the Passover feast today
- The Passover festivities would take place in the month of Nisan.
 - Like we discussed the other week: On the 10th day of the month, each family would go out and select a Lamb and separate it from all of the rest of the sheep. They would then have to get it inspected for blemishes to make sure it was pure.
 - Then they would keep that Lamb for 4 days, hopefully not around the house with the kids...that would get awkward, because on the 14th day they would take that lamb to the temple to be killed and prepared for the meal that would take place at sundown, which would technically be the 15th because the Judean calendar day begun at sun-set rather than sun-rise.
- What is interesting to me, is that the 10th day of the month was the day that Jesus rode into Jerusalem for the Triumphal entry. He was then questioned in the temple, almost as if He was being checked for blemishes
- And on the 14th we see in verse 12, ***“Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they killed the Passover lamb, His disciples said to Him, “Where do You want us to go and prepare, that You may eat the Passover?” And He sent out two of His disciples and said to them, “Go into the city, and a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him. Wherever he goes in,***

say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, "Where is the guest room in which I may eat the Passover with My disciples?" Then he will show you a large upper room, furnished and prepared; there make ready for us." So His disciples went out, and came into the city, and found it just as He had said to them; and they prepared the Passover.' -Mark 14:12-16 (NKJV)

- Now it's important to note that this is still Thursday, and most people aren't going to be eating their meals until the Friday the 15th. So Jesus and His disciples are celebrating a day early.
 - One speculation for the reason of this is because the Galileans, like Jesus and His disciples were, had adopted a more modern calendar day so their days were sun rise to sunrise, while the Judean's were sun set to sun set
 - But either way the timing of this is important as we'll see a little bit later.
- We see from Luke 22 that it was Peter and John specifically that were tasked with setting up the Passover meal and they had a lot of work to do!
 - They have an entire lamb to roast and meal to prepare, places to set, wine to get...its a large shopping list!
- The passover meal is referred to as the Seder Meal, (Seder means "order") so there was a specific order for this meal and it was actually based around 4 cups of wine.
 - Now there are various forms and different ways the seder is uniquely celebrated and there is a lot of symbolism and meaning that we won't go through today. But we're going to stick to the basics.
- The four cups of Passover are an integral part of the Passover celebration. They stand for each of the four promises the Lord makes to His people in Exodus 6:6-7.

- Wine Cup 1- ***The Cup of Sanctification: “I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.” -Exodus 6:6a***
 - Host would say a blessing over the food, drink, and holiday to sanctify the meal before God
 - Normally the blessing would start off with something along the lines of...“*Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the Universe, Who creates the fruit of the vine...*”
 - And after the blessing, that would lead to:
- Wine Cup 2- ***The Cup of Deliverance : “I will rescue you from their bondage.” -Exodus 6:6b***
 - Wash the hands
 - A parsley-like vegetable is dipped in salt water and eaten....symbolic of the tears shed while in slavery
 - Then one of the pieces of Matzah, or unleavened bread would be ceremoniously broken. Then one piece would be put back on the table, and the other would be wrapped in a cloth and set aside
 - The youngest child at the table would then ask the question, “*What makes today different? Or special?*”
 - The host would proceed to tell the story of the exodus from Egypt and the first passover while the second cup of wine, or the cup of deliverance is drunk
 - Another blessing is recited
- Wine Cup 3- ***The Cup of Redemption: “I will redeem you with an outstretched arm.” -Exodus 6:6c***
 - Wash the hands

- Dip unleavened bread into a variety of different bitter herbs to symbolize the bitterness of slavery and would make little sandwiches with the bread and herbs to symbolize the mortar made by the slaves
- The main course is eaten
- After the meal, The Broken piece of unleavened bread is hidden in the house for the children to find the morning after the sabbath
- Say a blessing...drink wine cup #3
- Wine Cup 4- ***The Cup of Praise: "I will take you as My people, and I will be your God." -Exodus 6:7***
 - Last cup of wine is drunk while singing a hymn in conclusion of the meal and the host would make a statement or prayer asking the Messiah to come before the next year.
- Many would also leave out a 5th cup of wine that would not be drunk. It would be left out for Elijah who was to precede the coming Messiah.
- This Holiday was the longest standing tradition among the Jewish people
- God gave the instructions for this in Exodus 12 even before the actual passover takes place!
 - And Jesus, has the audacity to take this sacred, long-standing, traditional holiday, and seemingly change almost everything about it.
- Now, this is already starting off strange because, traditionally only families would eat the passover together...
- Now you might be with another family or two for the celebration but it was completely unheard of for a group of 13 guys to be away from their immediate families during this celebration.
- It even says in Exodus 12, ***"Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. And if the***

household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons..” -Exodus 12:3-4 (ESV)

- So this was a family oriented event, so this is not the way that things are supposed to be done
- But what this tells me, is that:
 - **JESUS MAKES US FAMILY**
 - Tim Keller argues that believers who share the same faith actually have more in common with each other than they do their own siblings.
 - He says this, ***“When you grasp the cross of Christ it puts you in an experience that creates a deeper commonality with others who have had that same experience than the ones you were raised with.”- Tim Keller***
- Think about all of the things that we share in common!
 - *We share the same Salvation, we share the same Hope, we’ll have the same Eternity, we share the the same Spiritual Heritage, we have the same Heavenly Father, the same Holy Spirit.*
 - *We share the same mission, we share the same purpose,*
 - *We share a greater identity than we had before. We begin to share more and more of the same values as we grow in our faith.*
- *One of my best friends coaches JUCO Basketball down in Florida*
 - *And he comes from an Indian heritage and he is the only Christian in an entire family of Hindu’s*
 - *Now, his family has not excommunicated him or anything like that*
 - *But he has shared multiple times the disconnect that he feels from his family and how the connection that he has with his Christian friends is*

a much deeper and real connection than he has even with those who share the same blood and heritage

- Jesus was getting at something whenever His mom and brothers were looking for Him and He made the point in Mark 3:35
- ***“For whoever does the will of God, he is My brother and sister and mother.”- Mark 3:35 (ESV)***
- In John chapter 1 he tells us that to ALL of us who receive Jesus and Believe on His Name, we have been given the right to be called children of God...siblings
- Paul tells us ***“So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.” -Ephesians 2:19 (ESV)***
 - What I would love to see is more churches and more Christians that don't treat each other like strangers.
 - Which isn't something we're very good at here in the south. Because here in the south we may keep it friendly but rarely do we keep each other close.
 - And to be fair, more often than not we're scared to, or we're reluctant to, because we've had previous church experiences that didn't go so well.
- But a lot of times, it was over menial things: Another christian or church member got under your skin, annoyed you, said something that you took offense to, didn't handle a situation very well that made you mad, called you out in a way you didn't appreciate
 - Which sounds exactly like a sibling doesn't it??
 - ME & MATT: What do we do, never talk to each other again? No we get past it, we grow up

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- But there are others of us, that have gone through some real serious hurt in the church. Some have been cheated, stabbed in the back, betrayed, led astray, lied to, deeply deeply hurt by others claiming to be your Christian brothers and sisters.
 - And if you have experienced that, I sincerely and apologize and I truly hurt for you, but I would plead with you to not allow that experience to keep you at a distance from your church family.
 - Because our family is defined less by who we are to each other and more by who He is to us.
- When Jesus is our Savior and our ALL, we see each other in a completely different light.
 - Only if Jesus is our focus, can we truly bear one another's burdens
 - Only if Jesus is our everything, will we look out not just for our interests but also to the interests of others
 - Only if Jesus is our priority, can we count others more significant than ourselves
 - Only if Jesus is our Savior and our All, can we love one another JUST as He has loved us
- If we lose sight of Jesus we will lose complete sight of our Spiritual family
 - And here's another important note to make that I learned this week. Later on in this chapter, as Judas betrayed Jesus, and as they are coming to arrest Him, Peter cuts off a man's ear trying to protect his Lord. And we know from the other Gospels that Jesus rebukes Peter, makes him put his sword away, picks up the man's ear and puts it back on his head.
 - Why do I reference that? Because the last recorded miracle that Jesus does before He goes to the cross...is healing a person that one of His disciples hurt.

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- If you have been hurt by one of Jesus' disciples, there is healing for you. And you don't have to allow that experience to keep you from doing life with your spiritual family that Jesus died in order for you to have and introduced here at this dinner.
- Next we see in verse 17, ***“And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them and said, “Take, eat; this is My body.” Then He took the cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, and they all drank from it. And He said to them, “This is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many. Assuredly, I say to you, I will no longer drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.” -Mark 14:22-25 (NKJV)***
- It's interesting to me that the Lamb portion of the meal is not highlighted in any of the accounts of the last supper. Because the 3 main elements of this meal was the Wine, the Bread, and the Lamb.
- These 3 elements symbolized three important things
 - **1. The Lamb- Sacrifice**
 - **2. Wine- Joy**
 - **3. Bread- Relationship**
- But the one element that we do not see on the table is the Lamb.
- *However, as one pastor stated, the lamb on the table doesn't have to be highlighted because the Lamb AT the table is.*
- Remember when Jesus comes out to the Jordan to be baptized, John 1:29 says, ***“John [The Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” -John 1:29 (NKJV)***
- Keep in mind that Jesus did not come to abolish the law, but to fulfill the law.

- Jesus wasn't here to abolish the passover meal, He was here fulfilling the passover meal.
- The Lamb: **JESUS HAS FULFILLED THE SACRIFICE**
 - We have already seen Him begin to do this.
 - On the 10th day, He rode in during the triumphal entry, to separate Himself as the sacrificial lamb. Furthermore the people shouted Hosanna as He rode in showing similarity to the people choosing their sacrificial lamb.
 - He was tested in the temple, as if He were being checked for blemishes
 - Then He stayed among the people for 4 day until He was taken back to the temple, tried, and the amazing, heart wrenching truth of it is, is that Jesus was put on the cross at 9am on Friday, at the precise time the people would be bringing their sacrificial lambs to the temple to be slaughtered
- The entire passover had been all about Him ever since the very first one!
 - If you're not familiar with the first passover, it came on the 10th and final plague of Egypt.
 - Pharaoh had enslaved the people of Israel and enacted genocide on their first born sons. So God sent Moses to lead the people out, and 6 times, God gave Pharaoh opportunity to let His people go and even through the plagues that were sent, Pharaoh's heart remained hardened.
 - So with the final plague, Pharaoh was going to get a taste of his own medicine and God was going to send the angel of death through the land of Egypt and kill the first born sons.
 - So God told Moses to give the people certain instructions that would protect them when the angel of death would come.

- He told them to get a lamb on the 10th day of the first month, make sure it is without blemish, and at twilight on the 15th day of the month, they would offer it as a sacrifice to the Lord and put the blood on both door posts and the lintel above the door.
- And He says in verse 13, ***“Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are.” -Exodus 12:13 (NKJV)***
- Now it’s interesting that He says the blood shall be a sign FOR YOU. Because you would think that the blood would be a sign for the angel... not them.
- But what we fail to realize is that this had always been so much more about faith. It was an act of faith that the people would follow these instructions and that they would trust that everything would happen according to what God said would happen.
- *It wasn’t the blood on the doors that would save them it was the faith in their hearts.*
- ***“For the Lord will pass through to strike the Egyptians; and when He sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the Lord will pass over the door and not allow the destroyer to come into your houses to strike you.” -Exodus 12:23 (NKJV)***
- That’s the Gospel isn’t it? Because we accept in faith, the shed blood of the Lamb, the destroyer will never be able to come and strike us.
- That’s what this was all about this entire time
- **VIDEO**
- Jesus is our sacrificial Lamb. Whenever we accept by faith, His shed blood for us, death has no choice but to pass over us when that time comes because we are marked for eternity as children of God.
- Did you know that Lamb is not even used at the Seder meals anymore, even by the most orthodox Jews who do not believe that Jesus was their Messiah. They don’t do the sacrificial Lambs anymore

- The Lamb is no longer a part of the menu because Jesus IS the Lamb and has fulfilled that sacrifice once and for all.
- ***“Under the old covenant, the priest stands and ministers before the altar day after day, offering the same sacrifices again and again, which can never take away sins. But our High Priest offered Himself to God as a single sacrifice for sins, good for all time...For by that one offering He forever made perfect those who are being made holy.” -Hebrews 10:11-14 (NLT)***
- The sacrificial aspect of the Passover has been fulfilled. But also,
- The Wine: **JESUS HAS FULFILLED THE JOY**
 - Jesus took the cup and said this cup poured out for you is the NEW COVENANT. Whenever you partake of this meal and these elements, you’re no longer thinking about the old covenant. You’re no longer thinking about being rescued from Egypt, this is now all about how I have rescued you from sin, death, and darkness.
- If you remember the 4 cups were based on the 4 promises made in Exodus 6
 - **The Cup of Sanctification**: “I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.”
 - **The Cup of Deliverance**: “I will rescue you from their bondage.”
 - **The Cup of Redemption**: “I will redeem you with an outstretched arm.”
 - **The Cup of Praise**: “I will take you as My people.”
- Jesus is now saying that whenever you take this cup, you celebrate:
- **The Cup of Sanctification**
 - You celebrate how My blood has brought you out from the burdens of sin.

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- We say it at every baptism: “We are no longer defined by our sin, but we are made NEW in His Love.”
- Paul says, “But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.” -1 Corinthians 6:11 (ESV)
- Secondly, Whenever we take the cup we celebrate:
- **The Cup of Deliverance** as we remember:
 - That because of His blood, Colossians 1:13 says, “[God] has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of His dear Son” -Colossians 1:13
- Thirdly, Whenever we take the cup we celebrate:
- **The Cup of Redemption:**
- Because Ephesians 1:7 says,
 - “In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.” -Ephesians 1:7
- Lastly we continually celebrate:
- **THE CUP OF PRAISE:** Because the blood of Jesus has enabled us to be:
 - “...a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.” -1 Peter 2:9
- And we can still celebrate that 5th cup as well that isn't to drink yet, not because we're waiting for Elijah, but because we know that Jesus is coming again.
- Jesus has fulfilled the sacrifice, and in doing so He has fulfilled the joy, and lastly:
- The Bread: **JESUS HAS FULFILLED THE RELATIONSHIP**

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- For the life of me I will never understand how someone could not see Jesus in this
- Remember when we discussed, that in the middle of the passover meal. A piece of the bread, would be broken in two. One half would be put back on the table. The other half would be wrapped in a cloth and hidden somewhere in the house on Friday night.
- Then the next day would be the sabbath, so it would stay wrapped up and hidden that whole day until sunrise on Sunday when the children would run to find that piece of hidden bread.
- And whenever the child would find it, they would raise it up and wave it to heaven and present it to God as the first fruits offering.
 - Jesus says, this is My Body which is broken for you.
- His body was broken, wrapped up and hidden in a tomb on Friday, stayed there hidden all day Saturday, and then was raised up Sunday and presented to God
 - And as a result, our relationship with God has been restored.
- Peter tells us, ***“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring us to God” -1 Peter 3:18 (ESV)***
- Paul tells us, ***“Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” -Romans 5:1 (ESV)***
- John tells us ***“See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God.” -1 John 3:1 (ESV)***
- The temple veil was torn in two...there is no longer any separation between us and God...IF and ONLY If we accept through faith the shed blood of Jesus.
 - There's no such thing as a one way relationship

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- He has fully offered the relationship to us, He chose us! We have to choose Him back and value that relationship above all else
- Earlier in the chapter we see someone who really values their relationship with Jesus.
- ***“And being in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, as He sat at the table, a woman came having an alabaster flask of very costly oil of spikenard. Then she broke the flask and poured it on His head. But there were some who were indignant among themselves, and said, “Why was this fragrant oil wasted? For it might have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor.” And they criticized her sharply.” -Mark 14:3-5 (NKJV)***
- Now, essentially this bottle of perfume would have been valued today at about \$60k.
- And the NKJV says they criticized her sharply, other translations say they scolded her. And the phrase in the original language can be translated, to snort with anger.
- Like a bull seeing red, pawing the ground with its hooves, snorting with anger about to take off toward the matador...that’s the word picture we get here
- Make no mistake, your relationship with Jesus will make some people around you snort with anger
 - They’ll be mad you don’t want to hang out the same way that you used to
 - They’ll lash out because you see the world differently than they do
 - They’ll bull rush you for standing for truth and a God-prescribed way of life
 - They’ll criticize and scold you for believing the Bible and the power of prayer

- But your relationship with Him has got to mean more than their opinions
 - John gives us the detail that it was Judas, specifically that was berating this woman here.
 - The thief, the betrayer, the one who had been skimming off the top
- *You know, you'll notice the ones who have such strong opinions and criticize your personal relationship with Jesus are normally the ones who are off in theirs.*
- And then Jesus puts the criticizers in their place:
- ***“But Jesus said, “Let her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a good work for Me. For you have the poor with you always, and whenever you wish you may do them good; but Me you do not have always. She has done what she could. She has come beforehand to anoint My body for burial. Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her.” -Mark 14:6-9 (NKJV)***
- “She has done what she could”
 - That to me is one of the most encouraging things that Jesus has ever said.
 - Because there is never enough money that we could give, or good works that we could do, to ever fully appreciate and repay Jesus for what He has done for us!
 - How many times do we get overwhelm feeling like we're not doing enough for God?
 - Sometime we are the biggest criticizers and scolders of ourselves!
 - And I can't help but wonder if God would answer, “Leave yourself alone, stop troubling yourself...you're doing what you can.”

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- John also gives us the detail that this was Mary of Bethany that anointed Jesus. The same Mary who was scolded by her sister for not serving enough...but Jesus says no, Mary has chosen that good thing.
- God always values the relationship over the works
 - He's proud of the works
 - But He is less concerned with what you can do for Him, and more concerned with you just being with Him
 - And taking the time to value the relationship, like He took the time when instituting the first communion,
- That's what we're remembering whenever we partake of this communion.
- We remember that Jesus valued a relationship with us so much, that:
 - He fulfilled our sacrifice.
 - He fulfilled our Joy
 - He fulfilled our Relationship
 - And He's coming again
- If you would like to grab your communion cups in front of you
- Pastor Tony Evans once said it this way when speaking of communion. He said, ***"We'll remember His death for us in the past and utilize its power and provisions for us in the present, until He returns for us in the future."*** -Tony Evans