



EASTER '26 | THE TABLE & THE ALTAR | PASTOR RYAN ROBERTS

LUKE 23:44-46;50-53

LUKE 24:1-7;36-53

THE BIBLE IS FULL OF STORIES INVOLVING MEALS...

JESUS ASKS THE QUESTION "GOT ANYTHING TO EAT?"

FIRST-CENTURY JUDAISM, SHARED FOOD SYMBOLIZE:

RECONCILIATION (Genesis 31:54)

MARKED COVENANT (Exodus 24:11)

JOYFUL FELLOWSHIP (Isaiah 25:6-9)

IMAGINE THAT YOU HAVE BEEN INVITED TO THE LORD'S TABLE.

- **-WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE**
- **-WHAT DO YOU FEEL LIKE**
- **-WHAT JESUS MAY FEEL LIKE HAVING YOU AT THE TABLE**

GOD, MEALS AND TABLES:

PALM 23:5-6

MATT 9:10-13 CEB

LUKE 9:12-17

GENESIS 2:15-17

**WHEN GOD CREATES MAN HE TELLS HIM TO EAT FREELY
(ALL NEEDS MET) WITH INSTRUCTIONS**

GEN 3:1-7

SIN: "MISSING THE TARGET" FAILING TO OBEY GOD

IT STARTED WITH A MEAL.

**THE PRICE FOR SINNING AGAINST GOD WAS AND IS
DEATH. (ROM 6)**

**GOD ALWAYS PERSUED HIS CREATION... AND HE PUTS IN
PLACE A SYSTEM OF ANIMAL SACRIFICES AND LAWS**

BUT THIS SYSTEM HAD FLAWS

- **-BASED ON HUMAN OBEDIENCE**
- **-RITUALS & SACRIFICES THAT HAD TO BE DONE &
OVER AGAIN**

**SO GOD CHOSE TO COME IN THE FORM OF A MAN, HIS
SON, JESUS CHRIST. TO BE THE FINAL SACRIFICE FOR
SIN!**

JUST BEFORE JESUS WOULD PAY THE PRICE ON THE CROSS, HE SITS DOWN TO EAT A MEAL.

THIS MEAL WAS A SPECIAL MEAL, WHICH WAS A PART OF THE FESTIVAL CALLED PASSOVER.

LUKE 22:14-20

THIS WAS SOMETHING THAT CHANGED THE WORLD!

TRUTH: The Passover Meal wasn't just about remembering what God did.. **it was about reinforcing identity.**

TRUTH: Jesus uses this Passover Meal to explain how He is now the sacrificial lamb, and this will be a better redemption. **It was about giving identity.**

BUT WHAT IF I DON'T FEEL WORTHY TO COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE???

ROMANS 5:6-10

TRUTH: JESUS CAME AND DIED AT THE RIGHT TIME, SHOWING US GOD'S LOVE, THAT EVEN AS A SINNER WHO DESERVES GOD'S WRATH HE CHOSE TO COME AND DIE SO THAT WE CAN BE RECONCILED TO GOD!

GOD ASSIGNED YOUR VALUE.. how?

BY PAYING FOR YOU ON THE CROSS!

MARK 15:2-32

MARK 16:1-7

The Lord's table is now an altar.

Altar: a place of sacrifice

Formally, where animal sacrifices were made... **but now the sacrifice is Jesus.**

WE GIVE UP OUR OLD LIVES, AND IN EXCHANGE WE GAIN NEW ONES THAT PROMISE EVERLASTING LIFE IN JESUS CHRIST.

HE IS INVITING YOU TO PARTICIPATE.

Participation in what? The family of God.

TODAY THE ALTAR IS WHERE WE LAY DOWN OUR LIFE IN EXCHANGE FOR JESUS...

WHATEVER YOU HAVE DONE, WHOEVER YOU HAVE BEEN, WHATEVER YOU SHOULD HAVE DONE... DOES NOT CHANGE THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE.

WHAT CHANGES THE INVITATION IS AN UNWILLING HEART.

LUKE 14:15-24

THE ALTAR WILL BE THE TABLE AGAIN.

Revelation 19:9

HOW DO I ACCEPT THE INVITATION

- **-ADMIT THAT YOU NEED A SAVIOR, A WAY TO GET BACK TO GOD**
- **-REPENT FROM YOUR SINS (TURN AWAY FROM YOUR SINFUL LIFE TOWARDS A LIFE LIVED FOR GOD)**
- **-ACCEPT THAT JESUS IS WHO HE SAID HE WAS, AND ASK FOR FORGIVENESS IN HIS NAME**
- **-SIMPLY, RECEIVE GOD'S GRACE AND MERCY**

THE INVITATION IS NOW. YOU DON'T HAVE TO EARN A SEAT AT THIS TABLE, GET CLEANED UP, OR HAVE EVERYTHING FIGURED OUT. JUST COME.

POST SALVATION INSTRUCTIONS:

-LIFE WILL NOT BE PERFECT, AND WE WANT TO HELP YOU.

-GET PLUGGED INTO A BIBLE-BELIEVING CHURCH.

-START OUT BY READING YOUR WORD, AND WE HAVE SOME RESOURCES FOR YOU.