

Good morning, Church. Daily Reading, Luke 4.

Mark 14:22-24 "And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many." (ESV)

Jesus took something very common and made something very unique out of it. During the Passover meal, while reclining at the table with His disciples, Jesus took the bread and offered it as His body. Next He took the cup, representing His blood, beginning a new covenant. Each month, as we share communion, this is meant to be a solemn event, remembering the sacrifice of our Savior and also, remembering that one day, He will return. During the serving of the bread and cup, what was on Jesus's mind? Was He concerned about the events that would happen later that night with his arrest, trials, and execution? Was He bothered that one of His own would betray Him? Was He broken for His disciples knowing all they would face after seeing Him arrested?

What goes through your mind as we share communion? Do you think and focus on the death of Jesus? Are you dwelling on the return of Jesus? Are you thinking of your daily fellowship with Jesus? Do you pray and focus on your need for Jesus? Do you focus on how relaxed the whole process is, especially concerning what it represents.

Again, Jesus took something very common and made something very unique and something meant to be a reminder of His great love toward us.

May we never minimize the serving of communion. May we never take the event for granted. May we be grateful for the lesson of how Jesus often takes the familiar and makes it unique and memorable.