

Do This in Remembrance of Me

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BIG SANDY, Texas—As many Church of God congregations approach the spring feast days, I began a series of six articles discussing principles that can be rehearsed at this time of year.

Here is the list of articles in this series that have been written so far.

- March 23—"Overview of Passover in Book of Exodus"
- March 30—"The Night in Which He Was Betrayed"
- April 6—"Do This in Remembrance of Me"

Some have a meal

It is interesting to note that the Bible shows that a meal was included in the New Testament commemoration of the suffering and death of our Lord.

- John 13:1-13
- 1 Corinthians 11:20-26

Someone could ask: Is a meal required on the night picturing when Jesus was betrayed?

- No, it is not required.
- If it is important for a disciple to have a meal that night, it is likely that he would observe the event in his own home—with his family.
- Occasionally, a disciple may find some scattered brethren who organize a private meal with friends on the night picturing when Christ was betrayed.
- For the record, most congregations in our circle of the Church of God do not include a meal in their congregational observance picturing the night when Christ was betrayed.

Washing feet

Bible students are aware of the example that Christ set on the night that He was betrayed.

- John 13:2—Supper was ended.
- John 13:12-17—He washed the feet of the disciples.

It is true that the most important lesson a Bible student should derive from Christ's example here is to live a lifestyle of service.

Yet many Bible students use the opportunity of the commemoration of the suffering and death of the Lord to literally follow Christ's example.

Broken bread

The Son of God introduced the symbol for the broken body.

Matthew 26:26—"And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, 'Take, eat; this is My body.' "

The apostle Paul reminded the brethren in Corinth about what he had received from the Lord about the broken bread.

1 Corinthians 11:23-24—"For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, 'Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.' "

Cup of wine

The Son of God introduced the symbol for His shed blood.

Matthew 26:27-28—"Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you. For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.' "

Paul also reminded the brethren of Corinth about what he had received from the Lord about a cup of wine.

1 Corinthians 11:25-26—"In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes."