

**The Eschatological Meal**  
**Matthew 26:26-30**

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**The Passover Bread**

Matthew 26:26 (NASB)  
While they were eating, Jesus took some bread, and after a blessing, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, **%ake, eat**; this is My body.+

- ▶ The bread foreshadows Christ's death on the cross
- ▶ This is Semitic realism -- Matthew 13:38
- ▶ **%ake Eat**+is **imperative** in the Greek

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**The Cup of Blessing**

Matthew 26:27 (NASB)  
And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, **%rink** from it, all of you;+

- ▶ This is the third cup of the Passover
- ▶ **%rink**+is **imperative** in the Greek
- ▶ The 4 cups of Passover correspond to the 4 promises in Exodus 6:6-7a

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### The Blood of the Covenant

Matthew 26:28 (NASB)

for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins.

- ▶ The blood of the covenant refers to the New Covenant (Hebrews 10:29)
- ▶ The ~~many~~ is an allusion to Isaiah 53:12
- ▶ ~~Release~~ from sins is a New Covenant promise (Jeremiah 31:34)
- ▶ This is foreshadowed in Matthew 1:21.

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### The Eschatological Promise

Matthew 26:29 (NASB)

~~But~~ I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom.

- ▶ Here is a promise of a future Messianic Banquet
- ▶ The 4<sup>th</sup> cup awaits that day
- ▶ This anticipates Jesus' departure and return
- ▶ Amos 9:13-15 is about the Messianic kingdom

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### Praise From a Hallel Psalm

Matthew 26:30 (NASB)

After singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

- ▶ After the 3<sup>rd</sup> cup they would sing Psalm 115-118
- ▶ These Psalms are prophetic, particularly Psalm 118

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### New Covenant Promises

Jeremiah 31:33-34 (NASB)

But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord, I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. They will not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, declares the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.

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### Release From Sins

Isaiah 53:10, 11 (NASB)

But the Lord was pleased To crush Him, putting Him to grief; If He would render Himself as a guilt offering, He will see His offspring, He will prolong His days, And the good pleasure of the Lord will prosper in His hand. As a result of the anguish of His soul, He will see it and be satisfied; By His knowledge the Righteous One, My Servant, will justify the many, As He will bear their iniquities.

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### The Beginning of a Hallel Psalm

Psalms 115:1-3 (NASB)

Not to us, O Lord, not to us, But to Your name give glory Because of Your lovingkindness, because of Your truth. Why should the nations say, Where, now, is their God?+But our God is in the heavens; He does whatever He pleases.

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