

Importance. Gravity. Why we must get it as right as we can. This isn't a game. This isn't an academic exercise. This isn't a hobby. It's about changing our lives to comply with the Bible today so we can have access to the kingdom of Yahweh tomorrow. Very serious. Yeshua asks if He will find faith when He returns. The only way He does is if He finds His servants doing the Master's will.

We aren't being chased. We aren't being hunted or persecuted. We are well fed and have a very nice place to fellowship. The world is falling apart all around us, but we are still pretty much fine. This is a hard place to stay true and disciplined. When we have time on our hands, we tend to stray and look for things to keep us occupied. The faith is not to be treated as a hobby. Particularly today's instructions and the topics at hand. These observances are tied to salvation, if not salvational themselves. So understand I take them really seriously.

Slide 2 For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Yeshua in the night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way He took the cup also after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me. For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord. But a man must examine himself, and in so doing he is to eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not judge the body rightly. For this reason many among you are weak and sick, and a number sleep. But if we judged ourselves rightly, we would not be judged." (1Co 11:23-31)

- Paul received this from Yeshua. It's a command.
- Yeshua told the disciples what to do the night before He was crucified.
- Proves this is a perpetual ordinance.
- Is a new annual ordinance.
- Repeated to the Corinthians about 60 AD. Well established practice.
- This observance is the primary identifier of those who follow Yeshua in Spirit and Truth. This was commanded. It sets us apart and shows our faith in Him.
- We include the washing of feet. He said they had to do it.
- Examining ourselves is very important. We are to judge ourselves. Very personal. Nobody can judge you. It's between you and Yahweh and Yeshua.

Slide 3 'In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at twilight is YHVH'S Passover. 'Then on the fifteenth day of the same month there is the Feast of Unleavened Bread to YHVH; for seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. 'On the first day you shall have a holy convocation; you shall

not do any laborious work. 'But for seven days you shall present an offering by fire to YHVH. On the seventh day is a holy convocation; you shall not do any laborious work.'" (Lev 23:5-8)

- The timing. Yeshua betrayed the night before Passover, technically the preparation day after sundown.
- Crucified on the 14<sup>th</sup> and died in the afternoon when the lambs were slaughtered. Had to die on Pesach to fulfill prophecy "Lamb of God". He was on the cross on Passover day and in the tomb before nightfall, which started Abib 15.
- NT writings confusing on timing. But it becomes clear when we do it year by year.
- Betrayed the night before, crucified Abib 14, in the tomb Abib 15 the high day, resurrected Abib 17.
- Complex and only works during certain years. Resurrected as first fruits. Days move around on the Gregorian calendar and also move around on the days of the week. It's part of the miracle that it happened the year it did so all could line up.
- Crucified on Wednesday, resurrected on what we call Saturday night.

#### Slide 4 Dates and activities for this year

- Run down the slide. Explain the how and when. Tell people you are explaining the how and when. Nuts and bolts.
- Outside the land, no temple, all in a New Covenant context
- Foot washing night is just scripture. As little man-introduced stuff as possible.
- Passover seder is patterned after Jewish seder but no pagan stuff, no place for Elijah, and we leave it "next year in the New Jerusalem!"
- We make our own matza. Kosher OK, but kosher not necessary. Prefer holy food made with our holy hands.
- Food doesn't need to be bad. Lots of neat recipes.
- You don't need to take the whole week off. We don't travel for this one so we can "do it our way" and also because of finances and scheduling.

#### Slide 5 Meanings

- These are the basics. Each day has plenty of meanings and hints of the future.
- The Night He was Betrayed is the fulcrum point between us and everyone else. The Jews do not observe this day. Christianity doesn't either. This is our marker. The wine and the bread represent his blood and body, given for us. Very important night.
- Foot washing shows humility. We must be servants.
- Passover has a lot of meaning.
- ULB – the bread of chaos. Likened to sin but not literally sin.