

Study on Luke 22:14-21 (NIV)
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Passage (New International Version)

14 When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. **15** And he said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. **16** For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God.”

17 After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, “Take this and divide it among you. **18** For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”

19 And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.”

20 In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.[a] **21** But the hand of him who is going to betray me is with mine on the table.

Footnotes:

Luke 22:20 Some manuscripts do not have *given for you ... poured out for you*.

Questions

- How does Luke 22:14-21 connect with Luke overall? With the Bible’s “big picture” story?
- What other passages in either Old Testament or New Testament address or comment on Luke 22:14-21? (Hint: Pay special attention to the Gospels and 1 Corinthians...)
- If we leave out Luke 22:14-21, what are we missing?
- What stands out for you as you read Luke 22:14-21 as you read it with “fresh eyes”? Why does it seem to be so significant?
- What in Luke 22:14-21 raises questions or concerns for you? What may be some answers to your questions or concerns?
- Jesus connects God’s saving acts in the liberation of the Israelites from bondage in Egypt with a much greater liberation through His body and blood and commemorates this greater liberation with a new sacrament. Exciting stuff? So why then do many of our observance of the Lord’s Supper seem so perfunctory and bland? What is missing?
- What is God showing to you about His interaction in your life in Luke 22:14-21? How should you respond?
- What is God showing to you about your interaction with Him in Luke 22:14-21? How should you respond?
- What is something you picked up through studying Luke 22:14-21 that you can share with a friend or a loved one? When? How?