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Churchy Words 2: Communion

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KEY PASSAGES

Mark 14:12-26 (NIV)

On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the Passover lamb, Jesus' disciples asked him, "Where do you want us to go and make preparations for you to eat the Passover?" So he sent two of his disciples, telling them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. Say to the owner of the house he enters, 'The Teacher asks: Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there." The disciples left, went into the city and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover. When evening came, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. While they were reclining at the table eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me - one who is eating with me." They were saddened, and one by one they said to him, "Surely you don't mean me?" "It is one of the Twelve," he replied, "one who dips bread into the bowl with me. The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born." While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it. "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many," he said to them. "Truly I tell you, I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

FIVE KEY POINTS

1. **The Lord's Supper began as a meal of rescue.** Before the last plague in Egypt, God told Israel to sacrifice an unblemished lamb, mark their doorposts with its blood, and keep that meal every year.
2. **Jesus steps into both halves of that meal.** John the Baptist called him the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and in John 6 Jesus calls himself the bread from heaven that anyone may eat and not die.
3. **The Latin behind communion is about something shared and something owed.** Its roots point to what a group holds in common and to duty or service: people joined by a purpose and acting on it.
4. **Where the King James says communion, the NIV says participation.** Both are translating koinonia in 1 Corinthians 10:16, the same Greek word Acts 2:42 uses for the fellowship the first church devoted itself to.
5. **Nothing we do earns what this table offers, and it still sends us out.** Understanding it calls us to live in a way that honours it, working alongside Christ in a hurting and broken world.

STORIES & ILLUSTRATIONS

Bread for people on the run. The first Passover bread had no yeast so it could be made fast, eaten quickly and carried out of Egypt. He pictured a frantic night, hearts racing, everyone getting up to run.

Did you hear it? He read 1 Corinthians 10, asked everyone to listen for the word communion, then read it again, and it was not there. The King James has it, which he said only means it was translated when people still used the word.

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