

# Luke 22:1-30

## Toward the Cross (Part 4)

**Scripture:** Luke 22:1-30

**Memory Verse:** Luke 22:19 *“He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them saying, ‘This is My body which is given for you: do this in remembrance of Me.’”*

**Lesson Focus:** All of the kids are promoted into their new grades this weekend and we encourage you to carve out time in your classroom to get to know the kids (see second to last page of lesson with some ideas). For our Bible lesson, we will continue our journey with Jesus to the cross and teach the kids about communion.

**Activities and Crafts:** Last Supper Coloring Picture, Word Search of different terms from lesson, Bring it Home Discussion for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>.  
Craft for 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Who Am I

**Starter Activity:** Claim Your Kingdom

We will keep all of the kids in the Summit Room immediately after worship with an activity that should help welcome them into their new “kingdoms”. (This is what we call the area that each grade has all to themselves in the Summit Room just outside their classroom door).

Q: What are some things that you put your name on? (i.e. lunchboxes, Bibles, etc.)  
(**Teachers:** I plan to bring in a couple of things that have my name on it. \* I’d like to invite you to do the same. It can be something from your childhood or something that you still use today! I’ll invite a couple of you who bring something in to briefly “show and tell” during this large group introduction!)

Q: Why do you put your names on these things? A: Because they are YOURS! If it gets lost, you can better find it this way! \*

Well, in the same way the areas or “kingdoms” that you are all sitting in are YOURS! This is where you will be singing, worshipping, and learning at RMC kids ministry for the next year! So, take a few minutes to “claim your kingdom” by writing your name down on the floor! (**Teachers:** At this point we will pass out markers to kids and have them take a few minutes to write their names on the fresh white tape that we have laid down for them). \*

Now let’s continue walking with Jesus toward the cross as we go on in our study of the gospel of Luke. \* (**1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teachers:** Since this is the first lesson your kids will have had in Luke, please feel at liberty to teach a shorter lesson and spend extra time getting to know the kids and making them feel welcome for their first time in “big kid” class!

## **Bible Study:**

**Luke 22:1:** To review Jesus's journey to the cross so far, He first entered the city on "Palm Sunday" (the Sunday before Easter) on a donkey fulfilling prophecy. He then taught the people in the temple area for several days while silencing the sly challenges of the religious leaders. Now it is Thursday and the feast of Passover was drawing near.

Q: Does anyone know what the Jewish feast of Passover commemorates? A: The Jewish people celebrate this to remember how God delivered them from slavery from Egypt. \*

**Luke 22:2:** While Jesus handily defeated the religious leaders in public, now they resort to conspiring to kill Him in private.

**Luke 22:3-6:** And here is one of the saddest passages in all of Scripture!

Q: What does it mean to be betrayed? A: Someone very close to you that you trust decides you are their enemy turning their back on you in the most hurtful sort of way. \* Stop for a minute and think about who your best friend is. How would you feel if that friend started saying all sorts of mean and false things about you to others? \*

Judas was one of Jesus's closest friends, one of the twelve even! \*

Q: What did Judas betray Jesus for? A: Money! Remember the love of money is the root of all sorts of evil, including the betrayal of the Son of God! (**1 Timothy 6:10**) \*

**Luke 22:7:** Part of the Passover feast involved the killing and eating of a lamb. This sacrifice reminded the Jewish people how God "passed over" their sins after they killed the lamb and rubbed its blood on the doorposts of their home, while the Egyptians were punished for their sin (**Exodus 12:27**). After this Pharaoh let the Jewish people go! \*

**Luke 22:8-9:** This Passover celebration required a bit of work to get ready and Jesus puts Peter and John in charge of the preparations.

Q: Do you know how much time it takes your parents or grandparents to prepare the Thanksgiving meal for your family? Well, Passover required a lot of work too!

**Luke 22:10-12:** Whoa! These are some unusual instructions! There seems to be some secrecy in the meeting place and Jesus even appears to supernaturally know how and when Peter and John will enter the city! Jesus knew that Judas and the religious leaders were already scheming against Him so I suspect He organized this meeting place secretly so that Judas wouldn't know where He would be!

While Jesus knew that His death on the cross was near, it was very important that He celebrate this Passover one more time as we will see!

**Luke 22:13:** Imagine being Peter and John wondering how this is all going to work out! Yet, they trusted Jesus and everything happened exactly as Jesus said it would! (**1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teachers**: Consider pre-arranging the classroom adjacent to you with some "welcome snacks" and send two kids on a "mission to prepare a meal" in there for the class. After their discovery, invite the class in to finish the lesson there with the snacks!)

**Luke 22:14-18:** Jesus gathers the twelve, including Judas, and eagerly begins what He knew would be His last Passover feast, what we now call the Last Supper. As we said above, it was very important for Jesus to celebrate this Passover because He now shows how every single Passover celebration also pointed forward to His own sacrificial death on the cross which will happen the next day! \*

**Luke 22:19-20:** This night before He goes to the cross Jesus institutes the ordinance of communion. For 2000 years believers have taken the bread and drunk from the cup in faith and in “remembrance of Him”. (**Teachers:** Let me know if you would like an RMC communion sample with which to demonstrate eating the bread and drinking the cup for the kids) \*

Q: What do we remember when we take communion?

A: The broken bread reminds us of Jesus’s broken body on the cross for our sins

A: The wine or juice reminds us of Jesus’s blood that was shed for our sins

A: We remember how much it cost God to “pass over” our own sins!

A: We remember how much God loves us that He would send His only Son for us!

The Bible is clear that communion is **only** for believers in Jesus! If that is you, talk to your parents about whether you are ready to receive communion.

**Luke 22:21-23:** And Jesus now announces that one of them will betray Him and the disciples are all sent into a tizzy. \* Judas clearly disguised His betrayal well because it doesn’t appear anyone suspected Him! Note, however, that all of this was God’s pre-determined plan. Jesus was not surprised by any of this!

**Luke 22:24:** Though perhaps He **was** a little surprised over how the disciples could be so obtuse to be arguing about their own greatness, especially at this solemn moment! \*

**Luke 22:25-27:** Jesus lays it out plain and simple, as He has done already many times: If you want to be great, be a servant! If you want to be exalted, be humble! If you want to be first, be last! \* In John’s account of the Last Supper, he tells us that Jesus practices this principle by washing the disciples’ stinky feet! \*

Q: What are your least favorite chores? Well, imagine a King coming and doing that for you! Jesus commanded that His followers are to serve others just as He did! (**John 13:15**)

**Luke 22:28-30:** By now Judas has certainly snuck out to go plot with the religious leaders and Jesus encourages the disciples about the future kingdom. However, they still haven’t figured out Jesus’s death and resurrection for their sins must happen first!

**Key Point:** We are still looking forward to that future kingdom which Christ will establish when He returns! Until then we both look back and remember, through communion, what Christ did for us on the cross AND we look forward to His return in the future with anticipation and expectation! So, whether we are looking back to the cross or looking ahead to His return, let’s keep our eyes on Jesus this week! And just like Jesus, let’s pursue greatness by looking for ways to serve others.

**Small Group Time Afterwards:** Please take some time to get to know the kids better afterwards. We will provide a “get to know you game” and M&Ms that you can consider using to become better acquainted with the kids. \* We would also encourage you to introduce your class to the Compassion kid in your room and remind them about the giving jar that goes to that kid.

1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade leaders: See the craft which the kids can decorate and put their name on. Instead of sending them home with the craft consider collecting them and stapling \* them to the bulletin boards in your room!

3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grader leaders: We will supply your room with fresh prayer request sheets \* that kids can fill out and give to you. Take them home and commit to praying for your kids throughout the week!

# BRING IT HOME

Read Luke 22:19-20  
Are you ready to eat  
of the bread and drink  
of the cup?

Parent Signature:  
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Parent Challenge:  
How did the Passover  
foreshadow Jesus's  
death on the cross?

Read Luke 22:24-27  
How does Jesus  
describe greatness?

