

“The LOVE Of God Pt. 2”
Mark 15:1-47
12/1/24
Message 38

Introduction

- Title Of The Message: “The LOVE Of God Pt. 2”

- **Thanksgiving**

- **The Origins of Thanksgiving**

- First began with the Pilgrims in 1621
 - And Became a National Holiday when Alan convinced President Abraham Lincoln in 1863
 - Thanksgiving a National Day of Gratitude and Unity!

- **We have SO Much to be Thankful for**

- Family
 - Friends
 - A nation that is still Free
 - BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY – We have the Cross Of Christ

- **Review –**

- **Mark 14:1-26 “Loved Poured Out”**

- The Plot To Kill Jesus vv. 1-2
 - Love Poured Out vv. 3-9
 - The Problem With Judas vv. 10-11
 - The Passover vv. 12-26

- **Chapter 14:27-72 “The Love Of God Pt. 1”**

- Jesus Predicts Peter’s Denial vv. 27-31
- Jesus’ Prayer In The Garden vv. 32-42
- The Perfidious Judas vv. 43-50
- The Purpose In Facing The Sanhedrin vv. 51-65
- Jesus’ Prediction About Peter Comes True vs. 66-72

- **Now This Morning 7 More Events That took Place with “The LOVE of God Pt. 2”**

- Jesus Before Pilate vv. 1-15
- Jesus Mocked & Beaten vv. 16-20
- Jesus Led To Calvary vv. 21-23
- Jesus Crucified vv. 24-26
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- Jesus’ “Death” & Burial vv. 38-47

Jesus Before Pilate vv. 1-15

- **First: Before Pilate vv. 1-5**

- **1st Immediately, In The Morning v. 1**

Mark 15:1 (NKJV)

1 Immediately, in the morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council; and they bound Jesus, led Him away, and delivered Him to Pilate.

- **Immediately, in the morning**
 - Before Dawn
- **Pilate**

- Pilate was
 - The governor from AD 26-36
 - Was a harsh man who did not like the Jews
 - Did not normally live in Jerusalem
 - His main residence was in the Roman city of Caesarea
 - Most likely in town to keep an eye on things during the Passover
 - He's probably staying at Herod's palace
- Delivered Him to Pilate
 - The Jewish leaders took Jesus to Pilate because
 - They did not have the legal right to execute their own criminals.
- **Trials – Keeping Them in Order**
 - Jesus endured a total of 6 MOCK TRIALS and Beatings before His crucifixion
 - The First 3 were Religious
 - He was examined by Annas
 - Then Caiaphas
 - Then the Jewish ruling council (the Sanhedrin)
 - Purpose
 - Pure – Innocent

- Jesus' three religious trials were symbolic of these examinations
- He was found to be perfect, without blemishes, spots, or defects
- The only thing they could accuse Him of was that He claimed to be God
- The Second 3 were civil trials Jesus was brought before
 - Pontius Pilate
 - Herod Antipas
 - A second time to Pilate
 - Purpose
 - To show us He is GOD
- **In-between His trials**
 - Jesus endured cruel Mocking's and Severe beatings
 - As we will see this a bit later
- **2nd Are You the King of the Jews? v. 2**

Mark 15:2 (NKJV)

*2 Then Pilate asked Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?" He answered and said to him, **"It is as you say."***

- **King Of The Jews**
 - The Jewish rulers knew
 - Claims to Be God
 - If they brought Jesus before Pilate on the charge of claiming to be God

- Pilate would merely walk away
- So What we have hundreds of Gods
- BUT to Say Jesus was A Political Leader – “King of the Jews”
 - Well that’s another story
 - Now Pilate would have to take Jesus seriously as a potential political threat
 - Because there could be no king except Caesar, and Pilate was Caesar’s representative.
- What Did Jesus Say – Deity
 - “It is as you say.”
 - Such a claim was synonymous to treason against Caesar
 - A crime punishable by death.
 - **3rd The chief priests accused Him of many things vv. 3-5**

Mark 15:3–5 (NKJV)

3 *And the chief priests accused Him of many things, but He answered nothing.*
4 *Then Pilate asked Him again, saying, “Do You answer nothing? See how many things they testify against You!”*
5 *But Jesus still answered nothing, so that Pilate marveled.*

- **Silence**

- Why didn’t Jesus
 - Say anything?
 - Defend Himself?

- He was the Lamb

Isaiah 53:7 (NKJV)

7 He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth.

- He was painting a picture of
 - A lamb being led to the slaughter.
 - There aren't many things that seem more innocent than a little lamb
 - As a lamb is being led to be slaughtered,
 - Whether as a dinner or as a sacrifice, the lamb doesn't complain.
 - It doesn't argue.
 - It doesn't defend itself.

- Jesus is The Lamb Of God

- JTB said

John 1:29 (NKJV)

29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

- The innocent One.
- The gentle One.
- The sacrifice for our sins.
- He opened not His mouth.

• Second: The Second Time With Pilate vv. 6-15

- **1st He was accustomed to releasing one prisoner to them vv. 6-10**

Mark 15:6–10 (NKJV)

- 6** Now at the feast he was accustomed to releasing one prisoner to them, whomever they requested.
- 7** And there was one named Barabbas, who was chained with his fellow rebels; they had committed murder in the rebellion.
- 8** Then the multitude, crying aloud, began to ask him to do just as he had always done for them.
- 9** But Pilate answered them, saying, “Do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?”
- 10** For he knew that the chief priests had handed Him over because of envy.

- **Now at The Feast**

- Passover

- **The Custom was to Release a Prisoner**

- Barabbas – “son of a father”
 - He was under arrest for having committed murder during an act of political terrorism
 - Fighting with the rebellion against the Roman occupation.
 - Matthew (Mat. 27:16)
 - Tells us he had quite a reputation (“notorious”).
 - John (John 18:40)
 - He was a Thief

- **Please NOTE**

- Pilate knew Jesus was an innocent man (Luke 23:14)

- I have found no fault in this Man
- Yet Pilate had a politically explosive situation on his hands.
 - Pilot Know this was out of Eveny
 - He had the choice between doing
 - What was right (free an innocent man)
 - What was politically expedient (execute a man brought before him by the Jews for treason)
- **Do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?**
 - Pilate believed he found a way to do what was right
 - Pilate thought Jesus could escape death if He were released according to the custom of releasing a prisoner every Passover season.
 - But this will not work
- **2nd They cried out again, “Crucify Him” vv. 11-15**

Mark 15:11–14 (NKJV)

11 *But the chief priests stirred up the crowd, so that he should rather release Barabbas to them.*

12 *Pilate answered and said to them again, “What then do you want me to do with Him whom you call the King of the Jews?”*

13 *So they cried out again, “Crucify Him!”*

14 *Then Pilate said to them, “Why, what evil has He done?” But they cried out all the more, “Crucify Him!”*

- **They cried out more exceedingly - “Crucify Him”**
 - Pilate was now in a dangerous place.
 - The crowd was almost a riot.

- There was one thing that would get him in trouble with his Roman superiors,
 - It was a riot.
 - With both the people and the Jewish rulers demanding the death of Jesus
 - Pilate was unwilling to oppose them both, and he began the process of execution by having Jesus scourged.
- **He delivered Jesus, after he had scourged Him, to be crucified.**

Mark 15:15 (NKJV)

15 So Pilate, wanting to gratify the crowd, released Barabbas to them; and he delivered Jesus, after he had scourged Him, to be crucified.

- **To be Beaten**

- **Show Pics**

- Cat o Nine Tail
 - Briefly Describe
- The goal of the scourging was
 - To weaken the victim to a state just short of collapse and death.

Jesus Mocked & Beaten vv. 16-20

- **First: Jesus Beaten & Mocked vv. 16-20**

- **1st Then The Soldiers Led Him v. 16**

Mark 15:16 (NKJV)

16 Then the soldiers led Him away into the hall called Praetorium, and they called together the whole garrison.

- **The governor's official residence in Jerusalem**

- Most likely located in the Fortress Antonia complex.

- **Show Pics**

- **2nd Clothed Him with purple... A crown of thorns v. 17**

Mark 15:17 (NKJV)

17 And they clothed Him with purple; and they twisted a crown of thorns, put it on His head,

- **Show Pics**

- **3rd And began to salute Him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" v. 18**

Mark 15:18 (NKJV)

18 and began to salute Him, "Hail, King of the Jews!"

- Mocking our Savior

- **4th Then they struck Him vv. 19-20**

Mark 15:19–20 (NKJV)

19 Then they struck Him on the head with a reed and spat on Him; and bowing the knee, they worshiped Him.

20 And when they had mocked Him, they took the purple off Him, put His own clothes on Him, and led Him out to crucify Him.

- **Matthew 27:29**

Matthew 27:29 (NKJV)

29 When they had twisted a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, **and a reed in His right hand.** And they bowed the knee before Him and mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!"

- A stick to hold as if it were a royal scepter.

- **Led Him out to crucify Him**

- After a scourging, a man to be crucified was forced to march in a parade
 - Led by a centurion on horseback and a herald who shouted the crime of the condemned.
 - This was Rome's way of advertising a crucifixion, and to make the people afraid of offending Rome.
- They also made Him carry His Cross – Crossbar
 - The weight of the entire cross was typically 300 pounds.
 - The victim only carried the crossbar, which weighed anywhere from 75 to 125 pounds.

Jesus Led To Calvary vv. 21-23

- **First: Jesus is led to (Golgotha) Calvary vv. 21-23**

Mark 15:21–23 (NKJV)

21 Then they compelled a certain man, Simon a Cyrenian, the father of Alexander and Rufus, as he was coming out of the country and passing by, to bear His cross.

22 And they brought Him to the place Golgotha, which is translated, Place of a Skull.

23 Then they gave Him wine mingled with myrrh to drink, but He did not take it.

- **1st To bear His cross**

- **Then Made to Carry His Cross**

- As Jesus was led to crucifixion - Forced to carry the wood He would hang upon.
- Jesus was beaten so bad that He - Could NOT carry His Cross

○ **2nd They compelled a certain man**

▪ **Simon was**

- A Jew
- He was from Cyrene in North Africa (Modern Day Libya)

▪ **Simon was just there to celebrate Passover**

- He was visiting Jerusalem as a Passover pilgrim from his native land
 - Some 800 miles away
- He probably knew very little if anything about Jesus
 - One can assume he had no desire to be associated with this Man who was condemned to die as a criminal

▪ **Was forced BY Roman Law**

- Simon was not given a choice

▪ **Changed his LIFE**

- We have reason to believe that Simon came to know what it really means to take up one's cross and follow Jesus
 - We know that his sons became leaders among the early Christians (Mark 15:21 and Romans 16:13)

Mark 15:21 (NKJV)

21 Then they compelled a certain man, Simon a Cyrenian, the father of Alexander and Rufus, as he was coming out of the country and passing by, to bear His cross.

Romans 16:13 (NKJV)

13 Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord, and his mother and mine.

- **Application**

- As Simon bore His cross...which was actually the Cross of Jesus...

- He found life...eternal life

Luke 9:23–24 (NKJV)

23 Then He said to them all, *“If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.*

24 *For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it.*

- A person who carries his cross daily...
 - Means dying to self in order to redeem another or bless another
 - The person who lives in that way will find real life
- But the Person who lives for himself –
 - To please himself / who puts himself first – is going to not have Life...Misery & Frustration
 - JOY – Jesus Others You

- **3rd To the place Golgotha**

- **Latin = Calvary**

- It was the Place of a Skull; it was the place where criminals were crucified.

- **Show Pic**

- **4th He did not take it**

Mark 15:23 (NKJV)

23 Then they gave Him wine mingled with myrrh to drink, but He did not take it.

- **Jesus refused any drug to numb His pain.**

- He chose to face the agony of the cross with a clear mind and without medication.

Jesus Crucified vv. 24-26

- **First: The Crucifixion Of Jesus Christ vv. 24-26**

Mark 15:24–26 (NKJV)

24 And when they crucified Him, they divided His garments, casting lots for them to determine what every man should take.

25 Now it was the third hour, and they crucified Him.

26 And the inscription of His accusation was written above: THE KING OF THE JEWS

- **1st They divided His garments**

- This was in fulfillment of the prophecy in Psalm 22

Psalm 22:18 (NKJV)

18 They divide My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots.

- **2nd Crucifixion**

- **Persians invited CRUCIFIXION**

- BUT the Romans perfected it
 - As a form of torture and capital punishment
 - It was designed to produce a slow death with maximum pain and suffering.

- **The Torture Described**

- The combination of scourging and crucifixion made death on the cross especially brutal.

- The victim's back was first torn open by the scourging
- Then the clotting blood was ripped open again when the clothes were torn off before crucifixion.
- The victim was thrown on the ground to fix his hands to the crossbeam
- The wounds on the back were again torn open and contaminated with dirt.
- Then, as the victim hung on the cross each breath caused the painful wounds on the back to scrape against the rough wood of the upright beam.
- When the nail was driven through the wrists, it severed the large median nerve.
- This stimulated nerve produced excruciating bolts of fiery pain in both arms, and often gave the victim a claw-like grip in the hands.
- Beyond the extreme pain, the major effect of crucifixion was to restrict normal breathing.
- The weight of the body, pulling down on the arms and shoulders, tended to fix the respiratory muscles in an inhalation state and hinder exhalation.
- The lack of adequate respiration resulted in severe muscle cramps, which further hindered breathing.
- To get a good breath, the victim had to push against the feet, and flex the elbows, pulling from the shoulders.
- Putting the weight of the body on the feet produced searing pain, and flexing of the elbows twisted the hands hanging on the nails.

- Lifting the body for a breath also painfully scraped the back against the rough wooden post. Each effort to get a proper breath was agonizing, exhausting, and led to a sooner death.
- "Not uncommonly, insects would light upon or burrow into the open wounds or the eyes, ears, and nose of the dying and helpless victim, and birds of prey would tear at these sites. Moreover, it was customary to leave the corpse on the cross to be devoured by predatory animals.
- Death from crucifixion could come from many sources:
 - Acute shock from blood loss
 - Being too exhausted to breathe any longer
 - Dehydration
 - Stress-induced heart attack, or congestive heart failure leading to a cardiac rupture.
 - If the victim did not die quickly enough, the legs were broken, and the victim was soon unable to breathe because of the posture of the crucified person.
- **How bad was crucifixion?**
 - We get our English word **excruciating** from the Roman word "out of the cross.
 - Consider how heinous sin must be in the sight of God
 - When it requires such a sacrifice!

Jesus Mocked & Numbered With The Transgressors vv. 27-32

- ***First: Jesus is Mocked on the Cross vv. 27-32***

Mark 15:27–32 (NKJV)

27 With Him they also crucified two robbers, one on His right and the other on His left.

28 So the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “And He was numbered with the transgressors.”

29 And those who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads and saying, “Aha! You who destroy the temple and build it in three days,
30 save Yourself, and come down from the cross!”

31 Likewise the chief priests also, mocking among themselves with the scribes, said, “He saved others; Himself He cannot save.

32 Let the Christ, the King of Israel, descend now from the cross, that we may see and believe.” Even those who were crucified with Him reviled Him.

○ **1st 2 Criminals**

Isaiah 53:12 (NKJV)

12 Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, And He shall divide the spoil with the strong, Because He poured out His soul unto death, And He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors.

- Isaiah 53:12 says that the Messiah would be number with the transgressors – TWO CRIMINALS

Jesus Last Words vv. 33-37

• **First: The Last Words of Jesus vv. 33-37**

○ **1st There was darkness over the whole land v. 33**

Mark 15:33 (NKJV)

33 Now when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour.

- **1st So "the sixth hour" would be 12:00 noon**

- Darkness

- From 12:00 noon until 3:00 in the afternoon there was a DARKNESS over all the earth.

- Now This IS NOT a solar eclipse because the Passover ALWAYS takes place at the 3rd full moon after the winter solstice
- It is totally impossible to have a solar eclipse during a full moon because the sun and the moons are on the opposite sides of the globe ...that's what gives you a full moon
- A Supernatural Darkness... With a lot of meaning

▪ **2nd Possible Reason for the Darkness**

- 1st Jesus said, I am the light of the World

John 8:12 (NKJV)

12 Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, *"I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."*

John 9:5 (NKJV)

5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

- But here the light of the world is dying on a cross
- How appropriate that God should DARKEN the earth at the time that man is extinguishing THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD
- Rejecting Jesus LEAVES a person in DARKNESS
- Receiving Jesus Bring us into the LIGHT
- 2nd Sins of The World being poured out on Jesus at this time
- **2nd My God, My God vv. 34-37**

Mark 15:34–37 (NKJV)

34 And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, *"Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?"* which is translated, *"My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"*

35 *Some of those who stood by, when they heard that, said, “Look, He is calling for Elijah!”*

36 *Then someone ran and filled a sponge full of sour wine, put it on a reed, and offered it to Him to drink, saying, “Let Him alone; let us see if Elijah will come to take Him down.”*

37 *And Jesus cried out with a loud voice, and breathed His last.*

▪ **“Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?”**

- “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”
- Quoting Psalm 22

Psalm 22:1 (NKJV)

1 *My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? Why are You so far from helping Me, And from the words of My groaning?*

- Jesus knew great pain and suffering (both physical and emotional) in His life but never knew separation from His Father.
- There was a significant sense in which Jesus rightly felt forsaken by God the Father at this moment.

▪ **A sponge full of sour wine**

- The drink was a mixture of sour wine or vinegar and water and eggs, an inexpensive beverage which the Roman soldiers were accustomed to drink.
- “A sour wine vinegar is mentioned in the OT as a refreshing drink (Numbers 6:3; Ruth 2:14)
- In Greek and Roman literature as well it is a common beverage appreciated by laborers and soldiers because it relieved thirst more effectively than water and was inexpensive.” (Lane)

▪ **Let us see if Elijah will come:**

- Sadly, Jesus was misunderstood and mocked until the bitter end.
- **Jesus cried with a loud voice and breathed His last:**
 - John 19:30 tells us what He said when He cried with a loud voice: it is finished
 - Tetelestai!
 - Means, “Paid in Full.”
 - All our Sins have been PAID in FULL

Jesus’ “Death” & Burial vv. 38-47

• First: What Happen When Jesus Died vv. 38-41

Mark 15:38–41 (NKJV)

38 *Then the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.*

39 *So when the centurion, who stood opposite Him, saw that He cried out like this and breathed His last, he said, “Truly this Man was the Son of God!”*

40 *There were also women looking on from afar, among whom were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the Less and of Joses, and Salome, **41** who also followed Him and ministered to Him when He was in Galilee, and many other women who came up with Him to Jerusalem.*

○ **1st The Veil Size**

- 60 feet tall / 30 feet wide / 10 inches thick
- It was so heavy it took 300 priest to move it & put it up

○ **2nd The Veil separated The Holy of Holies from the rest of the Temple**

- The veil stood for NO ENTRANCE...
- Only the High Priest one day a year

▪ Show Pic

- **3rd Now the veil is ripped in two – Top to Bottom**
 - God declaring OPEN HOUSE
 - Come in any time you want – Access Available
 - HOW?
 - Through the BLOOD OF JESUS
 - Only the Blood of Jesus – makes me Clean!!!
- **4th The centurion who was in charge of the execution testified,**
 - “Certainly this was a righteous [innocent] man, the Son of God” (Mark 15:39; Luke 23:47)
 - What affected Him so greatly?
 - No doubt it was seeing the way that Jesus Handled Suffering
 - Quiet Confidence – His Prayer of Forgiveness / The way that Jesus just seemed in Control
 - No one had to Break His Legs / He just breathed His last –

● **Second: The Burial Of Jesus vv. 42-47**

Mark 15:42–47 (NKJV)

42 Now when evening had come, because it was the Preparation Day, that is, the day before the Sabbath,

43 Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent council member, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, coming and taking courage, went in to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

44 Pilate marveled that He was already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him if He had been dead for some time.

45 So when he found out from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph.

46 Then he bought fine linen, took Him down, and wrapped Him in the linen. And he laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock, and rolled a stone against the door of the tomb.

47 And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses observed where He was laid.

○ **1st A man named Joseph**

▪ **Joseph of Arimathea.**

- Arimathea is believed to be another name for
 - Ramah
 - The birthplace of the prophet Samuel (1Sam. 1:1)
 - Ramah is about six miles directly north of the city of Jerusalem.

▪ **Joseph was a “council member”, or, a member of the Sanhedrin**

- Yet he had not voted to have Jesus crucified like the rest of the Sanhedrin.
- We think it's possible that he and Nicodemus were not even invited to the trial of Jesus.

▪ **The Other Gospel Writers**

- Luke tells us that Joseph was “waiting for the kingdom of God”
- John tells us that Joseph was actually a disciple of Jesus, but a “secret” one because of his fear of the Jews. (John 19:38).
- Matthew tells us that Joseph was also a wealthy man. (Mat. 27:57)

Isaiah 53:9 (NKJV)

9 And they made His grave with the wicked— But with the rich at His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor was any deceit in His mouth.

- **2nd This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus:**
 - Customarily, the bodies of crucified criminals were left on their crosses to rot or be eaten by wild animals.
 - But the Jews wanted no such horror displayed during the Passover season
 - The Romans were known to grant the corpses to friends or relatives for proper burial.
 - The Gals Paid Attention -

Closing

- This is What our SINS cost
- May we never take sin lightly at all
- All we can say is Thank you For Your Grace
- Stricken, smitten, and afflicted
See Him dying on the tree
'Tis the Christ by man rejected
Yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He
'Tis the long-expected prophet
David's Son, yet David's Lord
By His Son, God now has spoken
'Tis the true and faithful Word
- Tell me, ye who hear him groaning
Was there ever grief like his?
Friends thro' fear his cause disowning
Foes insulting his distress
Many hands were raised to wound him
None would interpose to save
- Yet the deepest stroke that pierced him
- Was the stroke that Justice gave
Ye who think of sin but lightly

Nor suppose the evil great
Here may view its nature rightly
Here its guilt may estimate
Mark the sacrifice appointed
See who bears the awful load
'Tis the Word, the Lord's Anointed
Son of Man and Son of God

- Here we have a firm foundation
Here the refuge of the lost
Christ's the Rock of our salvation
His the name of which we boast
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded
Sacrifice to cancel guilt
None shall ever be confounded
Who on him their hope have built

Communion

- First: Remember (Looking Back at what Jesus did)
- Second: Repent / Reflect (Looking Within) 1 Cor. 11:27-28
- Third: Rejoice (Looking Forward) 1 Cor. 11:26
- Fourth: Reconcile (Looking Around) 1 Cor. 11:29, 33-34

1 Corinthians 11:23–26 (NKJV)

23 For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread;
24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, *“Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.”*
25 In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, *“This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”*
26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death till He comes.