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New Testament 4

Law/Gospel

I betray my Lord when I sin.

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. With His very body and blood, He grants me forgiveness, life, and salvation.

Bible Words

Jesus took bread . . . and He took a cup. Matthew 26:26–27

Fun Facts

Jesus and His disciples did not sit in tall chairs for the meal, as we might imagine. It was common at the time to lie on one’s left side during special meals.

From the Catechism

What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.

The Lord’s Supper

Luke 22:1–23

Luke is the only Gospel writer to mention two cups in his account of the Lord’s Supper, one before the distribution of bread and one after (22:17, 20). This reflects Luke’s more detailed account of the way the Passover meal was likely observed.

The more significant cup is the second one, which is mentioned also by the other evangelists and which Jesus refers to as “the new covenant in My blood” (v. 20). In light of the original Passover story (Exodus 12), one sees that this new meal involves the blood of Jesus as the once-for-all Passover Lamb. And it is a meal of a “new” covenant of grace and mercy sealed once for all by the death and resurrection of God’s Son for the life of the world.

It is critical to emphasize the word *is*, which occurs twice in these verses: “This is My body” (v. 19); “This cup . . . is the new covenant in My blood” (v. 20). Though it is a mystery how this can be, we believe the clear word of Scripture that the word *is* truly means “is” and that the bread and wine of the Lord’s Supper do not represent the body and blood of Jesus, but they truly are that body and blood.

Sing

What higher gift can we inherit?
It is faith’s bond and solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit,
The covenant of hope and grace.
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!
LSB 618:5

Prayer

Lord God, You make a new promise to us in Jesus, Your Son. Thank You for the forgiveness You give us because of the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. In His name we pray. Amen.

