

The Last & First Supper

Gospel of Mark Series – Part 44

Scripture text – Mark 14:12-26

Introduction

- It's now _____ of Passion Week. On this day, it was customary for Jews to eat the _____ meal.
- The Jews had been celebrating Passover for _____ years. Each family was expected to follow a _____ or prescribed order.
- Jesus followed the script, but with _____ departures.

Departure #1

- By announcing a betrayal, Jesus shattered the _____ of the occasion.
- Perhaps Jesus wants us to consider our own propensity to _____ him.

Departure #2

- Earlier in the meal, Jesus would have wrapped some bread in a napkin and _____ it. This piece of bread is called the *afikomen*.
- Near the end of the meal, the *afikomen* would have been brought out, broken into pieces, distributed, and eaten. As it was being eaten, it would have been shocking to hear Jesus claim “This is my _____.”
- Symbolic meaning:
 1. Like the *afikomen*, Jesus' body would be broken & hidden in the _____.
 2. Like the *afikomen*, Jesus would be _____ and, through the Holy Spirit, live _____ each of his followers.

Departure #3

- Explanation:
 1. For 1,500 years, the Jewish people had been living under the _____ covenant with its _____ laws or commands.

2. From the outset, the Jewish people did not _____ by the terms of the covenant, so God promised a _____ covenant. However, the world would wait for it for _____ years.
3. With & by his words on this Passover night, Jesus is _____ the new covenant.

Departure #4

- The departure was that they all drank from _____ cup.
- Doing so symbolized one's willingness to share the same _____.

Departure #5

- The departure was that Jesus _____ the 4th & last cup of wine.
- The 4th cup symbolizes _____.
- Jesus' followers will all drink the 4th cup when he _____.