

# The Lord's Supper

## Mark's Interview with Peter based on Mark 14

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CHARACTERS: Mark and Peter

COSTUMES: Biblical.

PROPS: None specified

SETTINGS: None specified

RUN TIME: 4 minutes

SCRIPTURES: Based on Mk 14

MARK: Peter, tell us about the last supper you had with Jesus

PETER: It was the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

MARK: When it was customary to sacrifice the Passover lamb?

PETER: Yes. Jesus sent John and I into the city to meet a man carrying a jar of water.

MARK: A man carrying water?

PETER: Yes, very unusual. That was women's work so he stuck out of the crowd.

MARK: I guess it would be hard to miss such a man. Then what?

PETER: We followed him then said to the owner of the house he entered that the Teacher asks: 'Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?'

MARK: Sounds like he was expecting you.

PETER: Correct. He showed us a large upper room, furnished and ready. We made preparations there.

MARK: What kind of preparations?

PETER: We needed a year-old male lamb without defect. Bitter herbs, unleavened bread, wine.

MARK: What were the herbs for?

PETER: To remind us of how bitter our ancestors lives as slaves in Egypt had been.

MARK: How about the unleavened bread?

PETER: Because the Israelites departure from Egypt had been so abrupt, they had to take the bread along just as it was.

MARK: Did that seem especially significant at the time?

PETER: Not at first, while we set up. I mean, I'd celebrated Passover once a year for my entire life.

MARK: But when you were actually eating the food and participating in the Passover some thoughts came to you?

PETER: Yes. Jesus had called himself the Bread of Life one time when he was talking to the crowds.

MARK: Wasn't that when many people rejected what he said?

PETER: Yes, they thought it was far-fetched and strange. But then it all fell together for me at the last supper. When Jesus took the bread, gave thanks and broke it, saying, "Take it; this is my body, I thought about him being the bread of life.

MARK: What did he mean by bread of life?

PETER: I remember him saying that "he who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty."

MARK: So that reminded you of the Israelites leaving Egypt?

PETER: Yes. I remembered Jesus saying "Your forefathers ate the manna in the desert, yet they died. But here is the bread that comes down from heaven (meaning Jesus himself), which a man may eat and not die.

MARK: He was comparing himself to what happened in Egypt.

PETER: Yes. He had said "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." I know now he was planning to sacrifice himself.

MARK: So when you took the bread at the last supper you thought about that time he said he was the living bread?

PETER: Yes, and during the wine too. Jesus had said "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him.

MARK: So when you take communion you feel the connection between Jesus' sacrifice and the sacrifices under the law?

PETER: Yes and no. The old law could not take away sins forever. Every year the same sacrifice was made. Jesus, on the other hand, sacrificed himself for us once and for all, because he was perfect.