



## Sermon

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THE WHOLE STORY EMPHASIZES THE  
DRAMATIC CONTRAST BETWEEN THE KINGDOM OF  
GOD AND THE AUTHORITIES OF THIS WORLD.

Jesus recalls the liberation of Israel and the covenant made at Sinai, he is anticipating the fulfillment of the Passover in God's kingdom. His words point forward both to the heavenly feast and to his resurrection. Luke has a distinction of two cups, first cup, then bread then second cup after the meal.

At the Last Supper, Jesus models his self-giving love. At the table He is quite literally among his disciples as the one who serves.

-GIVES THANKS AND OFFERS THEM WINE—

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Commanding them to Share (diamerizo) the first cup among themselves, just as the first Christians will have all things in common, distributing (diamerizo) their goods.

-He gives thanks and breaks bread saying this is My body which is being given for you. Keep doing this for My remembrance.

Remembrance is the anamnesis which connect the past with the present and the future. CHRIST CONTINUES TO BE AMONG HIS FOLLOWERS AND STILL GIVING HIMSELF FOR THEM.

Jesus is asking not only breaking bread together but offering their bodies in witness to his love.

The new community that Jesus forms is created through the new covenant in His poured out blood.

EVEN THEN AS Jesus pours Himself out for them, the disciples fail to live in Jesus' way.

The one who rewards Jesus' giving by giving Him over to the religious authorities.

The serious dispute over who among them is the greatest.

AGAIN JESUS CONTRASTS WORLDS

BE SERVANT LEADERS AT HIS TABLE IN HIS KINGDOM.

Yet, even as He pours Himself out for them, the disciples fail to live in Jesus' way. At the table with Him reclines one who will reward Jesus' giving (*didomî*) by giving Him over (*paradidomî*) to the religious authorities, who will bring Him to Pilate, who will give Him over (*paradidomî*) to be crucified.

When Jesus announces this fact, the other disciples react first by arguing about which one of them it is and then by getting into a serious dispute over who among them is greatest (compare 9:46-48). Jesus uses the occasion to contrast God's reign with earthly authority and calls them to continue His ministry by taking their places as servant leaders at His table in his kingdom.

Though Jesus appoints them to positions of authority, they are about to learn their weakness and their need for strength beyond their own.