

## Maundy Thursday: Two Key Events Which Define the Church

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### Jesus Institutes the Identity and Purpose of the Church

- The sacrificial body and blood of Jesus on the Cross defines who we are as God's children and His Church.

Matthew 26:26-29 ESV

26 Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body."

27 And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, 28 for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

29 I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

*Hebrews 10:19-22 ESV*

*19 Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus,*

*20 by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh,*

*21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God,*

*22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.*

- *We are saved by the body and blood of Jesus to know Him individually; to live and walk with Him in a loving, growing, personal relationship.*

*Ephesians 2:21-22 ESV*

*21 in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord.*

*22 In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.*

- *We are saved by the body and blood of Jesus to know Him corporately; individual members of Christ's Body united together as a dwelling place for God.*

### Jesus Institutes How the Church is to Function

- On earth, authorities have to govern by law and enforcement. We need the military and police because of the pride and rebellion of man's heart.
- Although necessary, those positions of authority are greatly abused by those who occupy them.

John 13:1-17 ESV

1 Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

2 During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him,

3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God,  
4 rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist.  
5 Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him.  
6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?"  
7 Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand."  
8 Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me."  
9 Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!"  
10 Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you."  
11 For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."  
12 When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you?"  
13 You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am.  
14 If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.  
15 For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.  
16 Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.  
17 If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

*Matthew 20:20-28 ESV*

20 Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came up to him with her sons, and kneeling before him she asked him for something.  
21 And he said to her, "What do you want?" She said to him, "Say that these two sons of mine are to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom."  
22 Jesus answered, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am to drink?" They said to him, "We are able."  
23 He said to them, "You will drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father."  
24 And when the ten heard it, they were indignant at the two brothers.  
25 But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them.  
26 It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant,  
27 and whoever would be first among you must be your slave,  
28 even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

*1 Peter 5:5 ESV*

5 Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

*Ephesians 5:21 ESV*

21 submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.