

Sermon Outline

Last Supper – The Lord's Supper

Matthew 26:17-29

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Main Idea:

Though Jesus was betrayed by Judas, God was/is in control of everything. "The Son of Man goes as it is written of him ..." God's plan of redemption turned the crucifixion of Jesus into the means of salvation. So we can trust God with everything. And He has instituted the Lord's Supper so that we may remember what He has done for us.

Main Points:

1. Jesus is preparing his disciples for what is to come.
2. God is in control of everything!
3. God gave us the Lord's Supper to remind us of what He has done in saving us.

Fellowship Starters:

1. Read the passage.
2. Discuss the relationship between God's control of everything and human responsibility. Consider also Acts 2:23.
3. Consider the Westminster Confession of Faith. How is this definition helpful? Does this answer all the questions?

"God from all eternity did by the most wise and holy counsel of his own will, freely and unchangeably ordain whatsoever comes to pass; yet so as thereby neither is God the author of sin; nor is violence offered to the will of the creatures, nor is the liberty or contingency of second causes taken away, but rather established." (Westminster Confession of Faith)

4. Discuss the Lord's Supper in the light of the text. How do you understand this sacrament? See also *Systematic Theology* by Wayne Grudem for a helpful interpretation.