

Problem:

Grace is a difficult concept to remember - read the following article and discuss:

<http://www.crosswalk.com/blogs/dr-james-emery-white/mastering-in-ungrace-11643764.html>

Text:

His Timing (Matthew 26:17-19)

-getting the date of the passover is pertinent and here is an article that explains it:

<http://www.torahclass.com/other-studies/47-other-studies-text/985-the-passover-problem-solved-by-tom-bradford>

-This is important to show because Matthew 26:1-8 is about the fact that Jesus' timing of the event was important to Him.

His Terms (Matthew 26:20-25)

-Read Psalm 41:9 - how did this verse comment on what was happening right then as they shared a meal?

-When Judas called Jesus Rabbi (26:25) he identified with the previous references to Jesus as a teacher rather than a Lord.

-notice who called Him Lord: Matt 8:2, 5-6, 8, 21, 25; 9:26; 14:28, 30; 15:22, 25, 27; 20:30-31, 33; John 20:28

-notice who called Him teacher: *Matt 8:19; 12:38; 19:16; 22:16, 24, 36*

-When Judas asked Him this question he did so likely in mockery - read John 13:1-3, 27.

-Jesus knew and had come for this purpose - John 1:29

-Jesus went to His death in His timing, on His terms not anyone else's. Read: John 10:17-18.

His Table (Matthew 26:26-30)

-The covenant spoken of was being made in reference to the nation that was about to murder Him- Read Jeremiah 31:31-40; 32:37-40; (also Ezekiel 36:22-32; Zechariah 12:9-11)

-how does this illustrate grace?

-notice that the scenario was similar as when Jeremiah spoke of the New Covenant- both time the nation was about to be disciplined but God was showing that He would save them anyways by His GRACE

-the blood (Hebrews 9:11-28) demonstrates that it was His sacrifice, His service, His blood. In short, it was His table for He was the lamb of God.

Christ our passover Lamb has been slain (1 Corinthians 5:6-8)

-so if this New Covenant was between Christ and the nation of Israel how is it that we, the church, enjoy it?

-we enjoy it because we are united with the mediator Himself- literally we are IN Him- Read Ephesians 3:1-12 (also see Ephesians 1:3-14; 2:11-16 as well as 2 Corinthians 3:4-6; 5:16-21; Galatians 3:26-28)

Christ is the true and better passover lamb who came in His timing, on His terms, to His table to serve us His sacrifice.

Main Idea:

The Lord's table defines our identity

His Table - Sermon Study Matthew 26:17-30

Implication:

The Lords table defines the reality of Christian life

The Lamb of God, on the night He was betrayed, instituted the central means for repentant people to regularly identify with the past, present and future work of God in their lives.

Memorial - 1 Cor 11:23-25- remembrance (24, 25)

we look back to see our justification - its cost and its finished payment - and identify with it

Mirror - 1 Cor 11:17-22, 27-34 - when you come together (33)

we look around to see our sanctification - its effect and its corporate reality now - and identify with it- a worthy manner - is for repentant believers to identify with the body of Christ

Map - 1 Cor 11:26 - until He comes

we look forward to see our glorification - its promise and expectation of the future - and identify with it

Media: - 1 Cor 11:26 - a visual proclamation of the gospel

proclaims His death - non believers to see it and repent and believe the Gospel and become a Christian

Remember - He was in charge. It was His table. He served.

Never forget - He is still in charge. It is still His table. He is still serving.

trade off reading and discussing the following article regarding the Lords Supper

<http://www.gracegems.org/Ryle/pr06.htm>

Discuss specifically how to apply this sermon to your ives- this is the MAIN GOAL of the study and it is hard work.