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## **The New Covenant** **Mark 14:12-31**

### **Context**

The Passover was a busy time in Jerusalem. Jesus and his disciples are no different. However, this Passover is Jesus's passover. Everything is about to change.

### **Betrayal**

Betraying a close friend is an especially despicable act in Israel. Psalm 41:9 says, "Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted up his heel against me."

The Old Testament prophecies claim the Messiah will be betrayed but do not name "Judas" specifically (Ps. 41:9; 55:12; Zechariah 11:12-13).

None of us are immune to Judaitis.

Note that Jesus still eats with his betrayer. What does that say about the way we love others?

### **A New Meaning**

The symbolism in this passage is provocative. Jesus reinterprets these symbols to establish a new covenant, one based on his death and resurrection.

The blood, in particular, would have reminded the disciples of several things:

Blood would have reminded the disciples of the sacrificial system.

Blood would have reminded the disciples of God's covenant with Israel (Ex. 24:8)

“Jesus’ sacrifice seals a covenant, but it brings about something that is completely new. It establishes a covenant that brings redemption for the many that now makes all other sacrifices unnecessary (David Garland).”

## **Conclusion**

Psalms 113-118

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”