

Re:Easter Blog – 12th April

Remembrance

Breaking bread in remembrance of what Jesus has done for us is a distinctive of our 'tradition' of church and we are right to do this often, in whole church services and in small groups. Our House Group shared communion together last week and it was a lovely and worshipful expression of our thanks to the Lord Jesus and of our identity in Him. There is a wonderful simplicity about making a focus of remembering while we eat and drink together that 'works' for all cultures and for most people.

“The Lord Jesus... took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.”

In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.” Luke 22:19-20

However, we can at times appreciate so much more of what Jesus has done for us if we also remember the context of that first 'Last Supper' which was in a Passover meal. Jesus and his disciples were themselves remembering, in a very special and prescribed way, the events concerning Moses and Pharaoh some 1500 years earlier and it is in that context that Jesus institutes the breaking of bread.

Passover brings to mind:-

- The mighty victory God won over those who arrogantly opposed him;
- That God provided a way of escape for all those who trusted in him, demonstrating their trust by coming under the covering of the blood of a lamb;
- and that through the Passover events, God formed for himself a chosen people to model the greatness and love of God to the whole world.

Breaking bread is so simple and yet it helps us call to mind the scope and profundity and wonder of God's amazing rescue plan. Let's recognise and remember all that King Jesus achieved through the giving of his body on the cross.

Prayer

“Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner.”

Action

Please try to come to one of either Maundy Thursday or Good Friday Communion services (or both if you are able) to recognise the body of Christ and to remember the Lord Jesus in his death for us.

Next blog on Good Friday 14/4.