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(Maundy Thursday, 4/9/20)

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Lead In – Jesus knew it was His final night. He knew the next day His hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father. So we can rightly assume, as purposeful as our Lord had always been, that what He did and what said on this night would be intentional and important. It is not that what He said and had done before was not important, but on this night what He did and said was the culmination of everything that had gone before. This is what He would leave His disciples with... Four things...

I. Jesus' Shared A Final Meal With His Disciples

- A. Christianity is relational, all about community...
- B. Meals / community, intimacy and conversation...
- C. Last meal associated with the Passover...

II. Jesus Instituted A Sacramental Meal

- A. To be sure a commemorative meal...
- B. "Do this"... blessing, breaking, giving, saying...
- C. Sacrificial, Communal, and Sustaining...

III. Jesus Taught of Humble, Loving Service

- A. The rather unexpected action of the host...
- B. Ever the teacher who used object lessons...

IV. Jesus Left A Final Commandment, A New One

- A. We might ask what was new about it...
- B. Not that common belief, teaching, and confession
- C. Doctrine's end is faith, and faith exhibits love...

Parting Shot – And so on His last night before His departure to the Father, Jesus shared a meal with His followers. He instituted a commemorative meal that would serve as the central sacrament of the ongoing life of the Church. He exemplified and stressed the importance of in humility providing loving service. And He left us with a new Commandment. A commandment that could only start to be obeyed by those first loved and forgiven by our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ac 10:41 not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

This is my body given for you.

This cup is the new covenant (testament) in my blood shed for you for the forgiveness of sins (Mt) and in (Mk) for many

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 ESV

The Lord's Supper

²³For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

John 13:12-35 ESV

A New Commandment

¹²When 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? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. ¹⁶Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.

³⁴A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

1 Cor 11:27 Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord.

Lev 19:18 ...You shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive the trespasses of others.

1 Cor 13:1-3 If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

1 Jn 4:19 We love because he first loved us.

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