



## The Words of Jesus Series

# The Last Supper

The Lord's Supper, Trinity, Jesus is the Vine

**Context:** Luke 22, Matthew 26, Mark 14, John 13-15

**Lesson 1 – The Lord's Supper** (Luke 22:1-38, Matt 26:20-35, Mark 14:12-31, John 13:1-38, 1st Cor 11:23-34)

**Lesson 2 – The Trinity** (John 14:1-31)

**Lesson 3 – Jesus is the Vine** (John 15:1-27)

Jesus institutes the Lord's Supper. He talks about the Father and the Holy Spirit and how the persons relate to Each Other. Jesus teaches about how we are connected to Him and what that means by using an analogy of a vine and a vinedresser.



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### Suggested methodology for each lesson:

1. Fellowship (Save most of this for the end of class.)
2. Take prayer requests (Try to keep it from becoming a competition to see who has the most or the worst.)
3. Pray (The idea here is to leave our troubles with God so we can give His word our attention with a clear mind.)
4. Read the lesson's text aloud from the Bible. (... or a few verses at a time as you answer the questions.)
5. Answer and *briefly* discuss the "fill in the blank" questions. (Let those who prefer to listen, listen. My answers on the next page are just one opinion; you may have a better answer if it is based on Scripture.)
6. On the final "Think & Pray" question everyone should take a few minutes to pray over it and jot down their own thoughts before the discussion. **This will give the Holy Spirit a time to speak.**
7. Discuss your "Think & Pray" answers. (Never force anyone to share theirs. As with the other questions, my answer is just one more opinion; you may have a better answer.)
8. Close in prayer (It is best to call on others to pray, but try to get their permission ahead of time.)
9. Fellowship (Leave this as open ended as possible for the time and place you meet.)

Depending on the number of people, each lesson is expected to take about one hour. Steps 4 thru 7 are about half of that. If you take longer, let each lesson take more than one meeting, or consider breaking into two groups. If you take less time, extra questions are provided for discussion called "For Further Thought"

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**Lesson 1 – The Lord's Supper** (Luke 22:1-38, 1 Corinthians 11:23-34)

Please read these scriptures and answer the associated questions:

[1A] Luke 22:14-18 When will Jesus next have Passover? \_\_\_\_\_

[1B] Luke 22:19 What is the bread? \_\_\_\_\_

[1C] Luke 22:20 What is the wine? \_\_\_\_\_

[1D] Matthew 26:27 What is the wine?  
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[1E] Luke 22:21-23 Was His betrayer present at this time? \_\_\_\_\_

[1F] Matthew 26:25 When Judas asked if he was the betrayer what did Jesus answer?  
" \_\_\_\_\_ "

[1G] John 13:21-30 What box did Judas have? \_\_\_\_\_

[1H] Luke 22:24-27 Who is greater? \_\_\_\_\_

[1I] John 13:1-4 What three things does John say Jesus knew as He prepared to wash the disciples feet?  
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[1J] John 13:5-11 What is it that someone who has bathed needs? \_\_\_\_\_

[1K] John 13:12-20 Who receives Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

[1L] Luke 22:28-30 Who are the apostles to judge? \_\_\_\_\_

[1M] John 13:31-35 How will people know we are His disciples? \_\_\_\_\_

[1N] Luke 22:31-34 Who wanted permission to sift Peter like wheat? \_\_\_\_\_

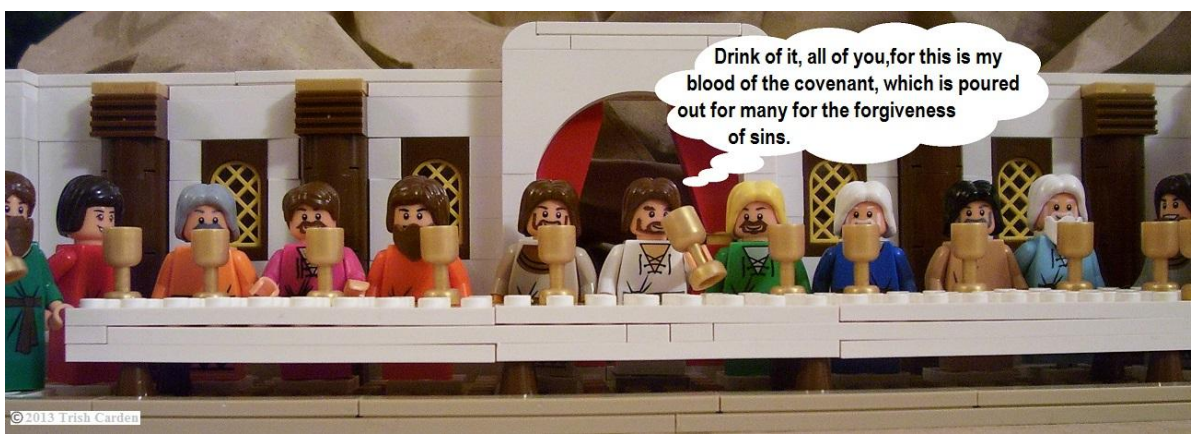
[1O] John 13:36-38 How many times did Jesus say Peter would deny Him? \_\_\_\_\_

[1P] Matthew 26:31-35 How many disciples would fall away that night? \_\_\_\_\_

[1Q] Luke 22:35-38 How many swords did they have? \_\_\_\_\_

[1R] What do we discover about the Lord's Supper in First Corinthians 11:23-34 that is not mentioned in the Gospel accounts?

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**Lesson 1 – The Lord's Supper** (Luke 22:1-38, 1 Corinthians 11:23-34)

[1A] Luke 22:14-18 When will Jesus next have Passover? When it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God

[1B] Luke 22:19 What is the bread? His body

[1C] Luke 22:20 What is the wine? The blood of the New Covenant

[1D] Matthew 26:27 What is the wine?

The blood of the New Covenant poured out for many for forgiveness of sins (See also Mark 14:24)

[1E] Luke 22:21-23 Was His betrayer present at this time? Yes

[1F] Matthew 26:25 When Judas asked if he was the betrayer what did Jesus answer?

"You have said it yourself."

[1G] John 13:21-30 What box did Judas have? the money box Jn 13:29

[1H] Luke 22:24-27 Who is greater? He who serves

[1I] John 13:1-4 What three things does John say Jesus knew as He prepared to wash the disciples feet?

God had given Him all things, He had come forth from God, He was going back to God. Jn 13:3

[1J] John 13:5-11 What is it that someone who has bathed needs? His feet washed Jn 13:10

[1K] John 13:12-20 Who receives Jesus? Those who receive His messengers Jn 13:20

[1L] Luke 22:28-30 Who are the apostles to judge? The twelve tribes of Israel

[1M] John 13:31-35 How will people know we are His disciples? Our love for each other

[1N] Luke 22:31-34 Who wanted permission to sift Peter like wheat? Satan

[1O] John 13:36-38 How many time did Jesus say Peter would deny Him? Three

[1P] Matthew 26:31-35 How many disciples would fall away that night? All of them

[1Q] Luke 22:35-38 How many swords did they have? Two

[1R] 1 Corinthians 11:26 What does "proclaim the Lord's death" have to do with eating and drinking?

1 Cor 11:27 We must take the Lord's Supper in a "worthy manner." What does "worthy manner" mean?

1 Cor 11:28 "A man must examine himself." What are we looking for when we examine ourselves?

1 Cor 11:29 What does "judge the body rightly" mean? What does "eats and drinks judgment" mean?

1 Cor 11:30-32 Is the weakness, sickness and death mentioned in verse 30 equivalent to the "disciplined by the Lord" in verse 32?

1 Cor 11:33-34 Does this mean that we can avoid weakness, sickness and death by being polite to each other during the Lord's Supper ceremony?

1 Cor 11:34 What do you suppose Paul meant by "remaining matters" in this context?

If you are having trouble with these questions you might want to notice the "For" at the beginning of verse 23 and therefore include 1 Cor 11:17-22 in what you consider here.

**For further thought:**

(1s) Thinking about Luke 22:7-13: Is this a miracle or simply evidence that Jesus had previously made secret arrangements because He knew they were trying to arrest Him?

(1t) Some say Judas was not present during the foot washing. What do you think about this theory? Why? See John 13:11 & John 13:27.

(1u) Compare Isaiah 53:12 with Luke 22:37. Why do you suppose Jesus quoted that passage in Isaiah?

(1v) Thinking about Luke 22:28-30: Is Judas one of the twelve judges? (I always thought it would be an interesting research project to try and figure out which apostle would judge which tribe.)

(1w) Compare Zechariah 13:7 with Mark 14:27. What did you learn?

**Lesson 2 – The Trinity** (John 14:1-31)

Please read these scriptures and answer the associated questions:

[2A] John 14:1 Who are we to believe in? \_\_\_\_\_

[2B] John 14:2 How many dwelling places are in our Father's house? \_\_\_\_\_

[2C] John 14:3-4 What did He go to do? \_\_\_\_\_

[2D] John 14:5-6 What three things did Jesus say He is? \_\_\_\_\_

[2E] John 14:6 How do come to the Father? \_\_\_\_\_

[2F] John 14:7 If we know Jesus, Who do we know? \_\_\_\_\_

[2G] John 14:8-11 If you see Jesus, Who do we see? \_\_\_\_\_

[2H] John 14:12 If we believe in Jesus what will we be able to do? \_\_\_\_\_

[2I] John 14:13-14 If we ask in Jesus name, what can we expect? \_\_\_\_\_

[2J] John 14:15 What will we do if we love Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

[2K] John 14:16-17 Who is the Helper? \_\_\_\_\_

[2L] John 14:18-21 Who keeps His commandments? \_\_\_\_\_

[2M] John 14:22-24 Whose words does Jesus speak? \_\_\_\_\_

[2N] John 14:25-26 Who is the Helper? \_\_\_\_\_

[2O] John 14:27-30 How is the world to know that Jesus loves the Father? \_\_\_\_\_

[2P] In John 14:14 Jesus says, "If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it." If this is true, why aren't we all very wealthy and in perfect health?

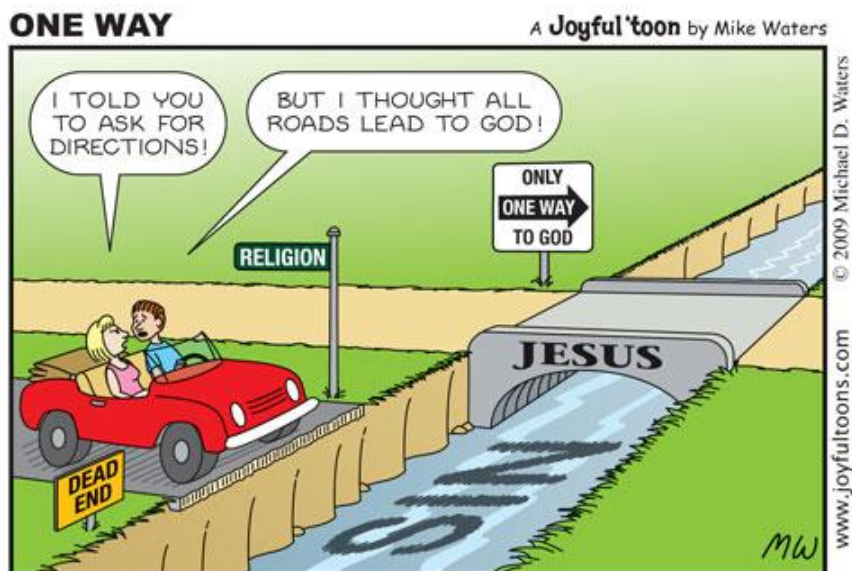
*Think & Pray* \_\_\_\_\_

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Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." — JOHN 14:6 NIV

**Lesson 2 – The Trinity** (John 14:1-31)

[2A] John 14:1 Who are we to believe in? God and Jesus Christ

[2B] John 14:2 How many dwelling places are in our Father's house? Many

[2C] John 14:3-4 What did He go to do? Prepare a place for us

[2D] John 14:5-6 What three things did Jesus say He is? The Way, the Truth, and the Life

[2E] John 14:6 How do come to the Father? Through Jesus

[2F] John 14:7 If we know Jesus, Who do we know? Our Father

[2G] John 14:8-11 If you see Jesus, Who do we see? The Father

[2H] John 14:12 If we believe in Jesus what will we be able to do? Greater works

[2I] John 14:13-14 If we ask in Jesus name, what can we expect? What we ask for

[2J] John 14:15 What will we do if we love Jesus? Keep His commandments

[2K] John 14:16-17 Who is the Helper? The Spirit of Truth

[2L] John 14:18-21 Who keeps His commandments? Those who love Him

[2M] John 14:22-24 Whose words does Jesus speak? The Father Who sent Him

[2N] John 14:25-26 Who is the Helper? The Holy Spirit

[2O] John 14:27-30 How is the world to know that Jesus loves the Father?

He did exactly as the Father commanded Him

[2P] In John 14:14 Jesus says, "If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it." If this is true, why aren't we all very wealthy and in perfect health?

[2P] This is a little difficult for us to understand today because of a culture shift in the last hundred years or so. Do you remember watching old movies where the posse' was chasing the bad guys and someone would shout "Stop in the name of the Law!" It meant to speak with the authority of the Law. Or perhaps you have noticed on movies about medieval times the king's men would say, "In the name of the King ..." It meant that you had been commissioned to carry out the will of the King. It was not something they took lightly. To claim to speak with the king's authority when you did not have it was to risk your life.

This authority was given only within certain bounds. They could put a criminal in jail or collect a tax, but they could not arbitrarily tell everyone around them what to do, although under a tyrant they sometimes did. Even then they must be circumspect around the tyrant's friends or favored class. I say all that to say, that if you ask in Jesus name, you must be asking for something He has commissioned you to ask for. Jesus explains this with more clarity in the next chapter when He says, "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you." -- John 15:7

**For further thought:**

(2q) In John 14:2 What does "My Father's house" mean? How do you know?

(2r) In John 14:6 What does "the way" mean?

(2s) In John 14:6 What does "the truth" mean?

(2t) In John 14:6 What does "the life" mean?

(2u) In John 14:6 What does "no one comes to the Father but through me" mean?

(2v) Thinking about John 14:15: Which commandments?

(2w) Thinking about John 14:15, 21, 23-24: Do you love Jesus Christ? How are you doing with that whole "keeping His commandments" part of the equation? Why?

(2x) Thinking about John 14:16-17 & John 14:26: Does this mean the Spirit of Truth = the Holy Spirit? Why or why not?

(2y) What does John 14:1-31 teach us about the Trinity?

**Lesson 3 – Jesus is the Vine** (John 15:1-27)

Please read these scriptures and answer the associated questions:

[3A] John 15:1 What kind of vine is Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

[3B] John 15:2 What happens to the branches that bear fruit? \_\_\_\_\_

[3C] John 15:3 What makes us clean? \_\_\_\_\_

[3D] John 15:4-5 What is required for us to bear fruit? \_\_\_\_\_

[3E] John 15:6 What happens to those who do not abide in Him? \_\_\_\_\_

[3F] John 15:7 If we abide in Him, what can we ask Him? \_\_\_\_\_

[3G] John 15:8 What does bearing fruit do? \_\_\_\_\_

[3H] John 15:9-10 How much does Jesus love us? \_\_\_\_\_

[3I] John 15:11 Why does Jesus say these things? \_\_\_\_\_

[3J] John 15:12 What is Jesus commandment? \_\_\_\_\_

[3K] John 15:13-17 What is Jesus commandment? \_\_\_\_\_

[3L] John 15:18-21 What does the world hate? \_\_\_\_\_

[3M] John 15:22-25 If someone hates Jesus, Who else do they hate? \_\_\_\_\_

[3N] John 15:26-27 Who will the Spirit of Truth testify about? \_\_\_\_\_

[3O] In John 15:1-16 it mentions "fruit" 8 times. What does "fruit" mean in this context? \_\_\_\_\_

*Think & Pray* \_\_\_\_\_

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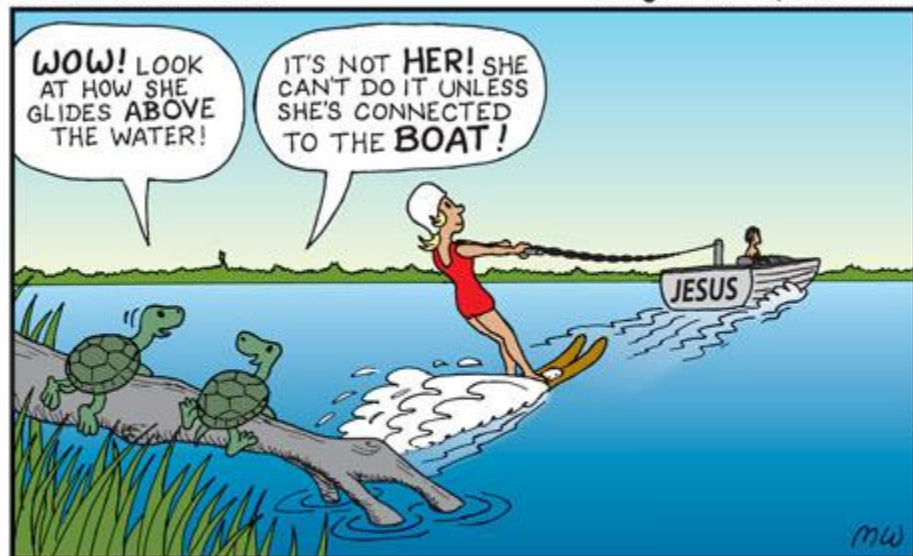
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**CONNECTION**

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I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.  
- JOHN 15:5 NIV

**Lesson 3 – Jesus is the Vine** (John 15:1-27)

- [3A] John 15:1 What kind of vine is Jesus? The true vine
- [3B] John 15:2 What happens to the branches that bear fruit? They are pruned.
- [3C] John 15:3 What makes us clean? The word which Jesus spoke
- [3D] John 15:4-5 What is required for us to bear fruit? We must abide in Him
- [3E] John 15:6 What happens to those who do not abide in Him.  
They are thrown away, dry up, and are burned.
- [3F] John 15:7 If we abide in Him, what can we ask Him? For whatever we wish.
- [3G] John 15:8 What does bearing fruit do? Glorifies the Father
- [3H] John 15:9-10 How much does Jesus love us? As much as the Father loves Him
- [3I] John 15:11 Why does Jesus say these things? To maximize joy
- [3J] John 15:12 What is Jesus commandment? That we love as we are loved by Him
- [3K] John 15:13-17 What is Jesus commandment? That we love one another Jn 15:17
- [3L] John 15:18-21 What does the world hate? Jesus and His followers
- [3M] John 15:22-25 If someone hates Jesus, who else do they hate? Our Father Jn 15:23
- [3N] John 15:26-27 Who will the Spirit of Truth testify about? Jesus Christ

[3O] Some relate it to the fruit mentioned in Revelation 22:2 and suggest it is a metaphor for eternal life. Some believe it is the fruit of righteousness mentioned in Phil 1:11, Heb 12:11, James 3:17-18. Some would have it be the fruit of bringing others in to the kingdom of God which seems to be what Romans 1:13, 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:23 & 16:15, and James 1:18 would suggest. Some say it is the fruit of the Spirit mentioned in Galatians 5:22-23. Some suggest it means an offering or sacrifice as in Romans 15:26-27 I think it means any of this and more. I think in John 15 the term "fruit" means any action, ability, or attitude that gives Him glory.

**For further thought:**

- (3p) What does the term "fruit" mean in Romans 7:4-5?
- (3q) What does the term "first fruits of the Spirit" mean in Romans 8:23?
- (3r) Thinking of John 15:2: In practical terms what does it mean when the Father "prunes" us? Has this ever happened to you? Explain.
- (3s) In John 15:4 what does "abide in Me" mean? How would you describe a person who was abiding in Him? What would they be doing and saying?
- (3t) Compare John 13:16 with John 15:20. What did you learn?
- (3u) In John 15:25 is Jesus quoting Psalm 25:19, Psalm 69:4, or is it just the accidental use of a similar phrase in three different places?
- (3v) What did you learn in this course that you would like to remember?
- (3w) If someone asked you what this course was about, what would you tell them?
- (3x) What scripture from this course would be best to memorize? Why?