



# Communion is Only Part of the Story

## truth about the eucharist

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The sacrament of communion is a man-made tradition that has been ripped from the context of the New Testament to actually detract from the true Gospel message. Most believe that communion is in remembrance of the body and blood of Christ, but this meal really copies a tradition that was in place long before the Savior walked the earth. The idea of "god-eating" was practiced by followers of Adonis, Attis, Osiris, and other pagan gods of mystery religions as a way to bond worshippers to their supreme being. Today, churches everywhere continue the error of long ago when they administer the small wafer and juice. The modern Eucharist is never what the Savior intended when he "took bread, and gave thanks, and broke it, and gave unto them, saying, this is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me," Luke 22:19.

On the night before his death, the Savior commemorated the Passover with His disciples as seen in Matthew 26:17-24. During this Passover meal the Savior said, "This bread is my body," and "this cup is the new testament in my blood," Luke 22:7, 19-20. The Messiah wasn't instituting the service of "communion" at this point. These words were actually spoken during and about the Passover service. With the cup and unleavened bread, the Savior was placing His seal of approval on the Passover Seder. He was in essence saying, "when you keep the Passover, do it in remembrance of me."

Since the time of Moses, the Hebrew people have celebrated the exodus from Egypt through a commemorative meal. This meal traditionally includes wine, unleavened bread, bitter herbs, and lamb. According to Leviticus 23 and Exodus 12, Passover is a commanded remembrance for all Bible believers. "And ye shall observe this thing (Passover) for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons for ever," Exodus 12:2:24.

The Messiah kept Passover before His death and Paul celebrated the Passover after the resurrection of Christ. Luke 22:8 explains, "And he sent

Peter and John, saying, Go and prepare us the Passover that we may eat.” Here, the Redeemer was instructing his disciples to remember Him when they took the Passover once a year. Paul said, “For Christ is our Passover also has been sacrificed. Let us (Christians) therefore celebrate the feast, not with the old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth,” 1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Passover was observed by the early church until the Roman Catholic leaders separated the bread and the wine to create their own sacrament to mirror surrounding religions. The idea of transubstantiation was later adopted into communion to appease the nations that were accustomed to offering goblets of human blood to acquire the virtues of the dead person. Though the Protestant Reformation brought many changes, Christians everywhere now partake of wafers and wine without truly recognizing the Passover meaning behind the service. The error of communion continues. This should not be. Instead of Easter and communion, the Bible teaches Passover as a commanded practice. This year, Passover begins at sundown on Monday March 29, and can be observed by simply following the pattern given in Matthew 26 and Exodus 12. Communion is a fabrication that often stops people from experiencing the holiness of Passover. Don't be misled by settling for only part of the Passover meal with communion. Keep the feast of Passover and experience the joy and freedom it brings. To learn more about Passover from a New Testament perspective visit [www.emetministries.com](http://www.emetministries.com).