



This Calls For A Feast

Exodus 12; Psalm 104; Luke 14

Bottom Line

The meal became the mass. The fast became the feast. The table is a celebration of His faithfulness forever.

Introduction:

Throughout the history of the Judeo-Christian faith, there sits a dining table.

“Eating and Drinking” was once considered by those in the early church, and is still considered by many today, a spiritual discipline – even as prayer, scripture study, confession, and sabbath are spiritual disciplines (i.e. “the love feast”).

There was something special about a meal, somehow attesting to God’s faithfulness to his people.

Struggle

The world has become gluttonous, gorging on the delicacies of all that surrounds us and idolizing what was meant to be delighted in.

On the other hand, for the fear of idolizing food, we have abandoned this gift that is the Jesus-meal.

Truth:

Exodus 12 – The Israelites, God’s chosen people, are commanded to remember their freedom in God’s salvation through a meal together.

*“This day shall be for you a memorial day,
and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD;
throughout your generations, as a statute forever,
you shall keep it as a feast.”*
– Exodus 12:14 ESV

When the psalmist recounted God’s faithfulness, he remembered three things: bread, oil, and wine (Psalm 104:14-15).

Of all things Jesus could give us to remember him, he gave us a meal (Luke 22:14-15).

Communion is about our new life *and* our new family (1 Corinthians 10:16-17). The word for “participation” also translates, “fellowship.” Somehow, Paul is implying that we are actually dining with Jesus. This was a belief and common practice of the Early Church for centuries.

The Jesus-meal is an event by which past, present, and future meet all at the same time (1 Corinthians 11:26). This is the ultimate testament of His faithfulness to us in the person and work of Jesus Christ.

The beauty of the table is that we are all invited to feast with the Master (Luke 14). All who thirst and all who hunger can come and be satisfied at the table.

Conclusion:

This meal is a celebration of sorts. All meals can be a remembrance of God's faithfulness to your life. Even communion is to be remembered with joy and thankfulness of heart. We were carried to a table that we have no right to dine at. Let's remember that as we dine with Christ today.

Next Steps:

- Invite some people over for a meal and reflect on God's faithfulness together as a way in which we can actually engage God.
- Read N.T. Wright's short book, *The Meal Jesus Gave Us: Understanding Holy Communion*.