MESSAGE OUTLINE Blessed - Given

Matthew 26:17-30 (NIV)

¹⁷On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Where do you want us to make preparations for you to eat the Passover?"

¹⁸He replied, "Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, 'The Teacher says: My appointed time is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house.' "¹⁹So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them and prepared the Passover.

²⁰When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve. ²¹And while they were eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me."

²²They were very sad and began to say to him one after the other, "Surely you don't mean me, Lord?"

²³Jesus replied, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. ²⁴The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born."

²⁵Then Judas, the one who would betray him, said, "Surely you don't mean me, Rabbi?"

Jesus answered, "You have said so."

²⁶While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body."

²⁷Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. ²⁸This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

³⁰When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

1. Coming to the table as we are.

When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve.

2. Receiving what Jesus offers at the table.

This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! John 1:29 (NIV)

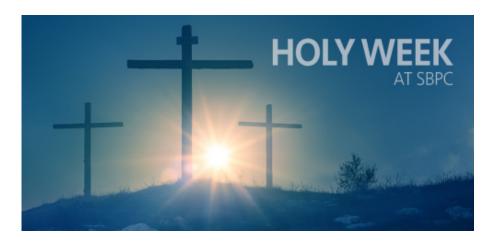
I am the bread of life. John 6:48 (NIV)

3. Living as people of the table.

Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples.

As the Beloved ones, our greatest fulfillment lies in becoming bread for the world. That is the most intimate expression of our deepest desire to give ourselves to each other ...as a Christian, I am called to become bread for the world: bread that is taken, blessed, broken and given. - Henri J.M. Nouwen, Life of the Beloved: Spiritual Living in a Secular World

NOTES:



It feels like Christmas was just yesterday, but Easter is almost upon us! While we try to make every day a celebration of Jesus' resurrection, the Easter season is special because many people will show up who don't have a relationship with Him.

We invite you to pray for the people God will be sending to us this Easter. We don't want to get so caught up in planning a great experience that we neglect to pray for God's blessing. Here are some specific areas where we'd love for you to join us in prayer:

- Pastor Mike as he prepares the message, sets the theme, and
- leads our staff.
- Paula Mazza and the Children's Ministry staff as they work with volunteers to minister to our kids this Easter.
- Lisa Pittman and Aaron Burgett as they lead our band and choir in worship through music.
- For our many volunteers who will be serving during Easter and the weeks beyond.
- For people who are far from God who will be walking onto our campus this Easter. We pray especially that God will soften their hearts toward the message and that they will hear the gospel clearly and accept it.
- For wisdom and strength to deal with difficulties as they arise.
- For JOY to fill all of our hearts as we celebrate the resurrection of our Savior, Jesus!
- For God to open the hearts of many and for them to come to know him!

Thank you so much for praying with and for us! We're looking forward to seeing how God answers these prayers in the coming weeks.

GOOD FRIDAY

7:00PM in the sanctuary

Join us for this worship service that focuses on the cross and the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus for all the people of the world. At this service we will spend time hearing the scriptures that record the final moments before Jesus' death and reflecting on what that means for us and our world.

Holy Week - Personal Reflection - Chapel and Lawn

The chapel will be open and available during Holy Week. Stop by for a time of personal reflection and journey along the prayer walk on the path and lawn near the chapel.

Chapel Hours - Monday-Friday: 7AM-7PM



EASTER SUNDAY

All are invited to join us for a great celebration of the resurrection of Jesus!

English Services - 9:00AM and 11:00AM

The services will be held outside on the campus of SBPC

Childcare is available for birth–3 years of age. Children 4 years and older, and students will stay in the worship service with their families. We will have special activity bags for children available to pick up when you arrive on the patio.

Spanish Service - 9:00AM

The service will be held at lower San Dieguito Park.

We will also be live streaming our Easter services as well! If you are not able to be with us in-person, please join us online!

