

# Thanksgiving Communion



## Scriptures, Questions, & Assignment

1. What did you learn from Matthew 26:17-30, Mark 14:12-26, Luke 22:7-38, John 13 - 17, and 1 Corinthians 11:17-34?
2. What have you learned from Footwashing you can apply to everyday living?
3. What are you most thankful for right now even in the middle of the mess we're in?

**Genesis 3:15 (NLT):** *"And I will cause hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."*  
([Genesis 3:15](#), NLT)

**Isaiah 53:4-6 (NLT):** *... We thought his troubles were a punishment from God, a punishment for his own sins! But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed. All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the Lord laid on him the sins of us all.* ([Isaiah 53:4-6](#), NLT)

**John 6:53-58 (NLT):** *"I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you cannot have eternal life within you. But anyone who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise that person at the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink ... I am the true bread that came down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will not die ... but will live forever."* ([John 6:53-58](#), NLT)

**Communion Selections:** *At the proper time Jesus and the twelve apostles sat down together at the table. Jesus said, "I have looked forward to this hour with deep longing, anxious to eat this Passover meal with you before my suffering begins. For I tell you now that I won't eat it again until it comes to fulfillment in the Kingdom of God."*

*He took some bread in His hands. Then after He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is my body, which is given for you. Eat this and remember me."* (Selections from [Luke 22:14-20](#); [Mark 14:22-26](#); & [1 Cor. 11:23-26](#), NLT)

**Communion Selections:** *After supper he took a cup of wine and said, "This is my blood, poured out for many, sealing the covenant between God and his people. I solemnly declare that I will not drink wine again until that day when I drink it new in the Kingdom of God." "Drink this and remember me!"* (Selections from [Luke 22:14-20](#); [Mark 14:22-26](#); & [1 Cor. 11:23-26](#), NLT)

**John 17:25-26 (NLT):** *"O righteous Father, the world doesn't know you, but I do; and these disciples know you sent me. I have revealed you to them, and I will continue to do so. Then your love for me will be in them, and I will be in them."* ([John 17:25-26](#), NLT)

## Assignment

As we get ready to begin the Christmas season, spend some time considering these passages that help us understand what Jesus was before He became a human and was born as a baby: [Genesis 1:1](#), [John 1:1-18](#), [Philippians 2:5-11](#), and [Colossians 1:15-20](#).

Next week's sermon will be about Zechariah, the father of John the Baptist. You may also want to read about him. You can find his story in [Luke 1:5-25](#) & [57-79](#).

- This week, read [Genesis 1:1](#), [John 1:1-18](#), [Philippians 2:5-11](#), and [Colossians 1:15-20](#) through several times – perhaps even in different translations.
- What do you find comforting in these passages?
- Is there anything about these passages that make you uncomfortable? Why do you think that is?
- What did Jesus give up to become human and to secure your salvation?
- What does this tell you about your value to Jesus and the Father?
- What is the most important message you see?
- How will what you have learned affect the way you live your life? Why?