

Remember

Luke 22:19

Rock Hill Baptist Church
605 Rock Hill Road
Lexington, Tennessee 38351

Pastor David Buffaloe
731-845-6104
online at bibleteacher.org



FOCAL Read Together Luke 22:19 And 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 remembrance¹ of me.**

God - in His infinite Wisdom - has given us four Gospels on the Life of our Lord Jesus Christ. Each Gospel was written from a different perspective for a different audience by a different man. These men, moved by the Spirit of God, wrote as God led them. Matthew and Mark wrote that Jesus said **"take, eat, this is My body"** (Matthew 26:26; Mark 14:22). John never mentioned the Lord's Table in his Gospel, though he recorded these precious words of our Savior:

John 6:47-51 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life. {48} I am that bread of life. {49} Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. {50} This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. {51} I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

We have life because Jesus is the Source of our Life. He is the Bread of Life. The blessed Physician Luke would - as inspired by God - add to **"this is My Body"** the words **"which is given for you; this do in remembrance of Me"**.

¹ G364, ἀνάμνησις, anamnēsis, an-am'-nay-sis, From G363; *recollection*: - remembrance (again).

The Lord's Table is given to us as a remembrance. When we take of this Table we who are Gentiles remember that God remembered us. Luke's Gospel was written to the Gentile world. His genealogy traces the humanity of Christ all the way back to Adam. Adam chose Satan over the Savior. He chose to walk away from perfection and a perfect world. He chose his own selfish way over his own children's benefit.

We need to remember that Jesus chose us over Himself.

1. Jesus Chose Us Over Himself

FOCAL Luke 22:19 And 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.

The Bible tells us "He took bread". Jesus Christ took the bread. He willingly took the penalty of sin on Himself for each and every one of us. Jesus told us:

John 10:17-18 ... I lay down my life, that I might take it again. {18} No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. ...

No one forced Jesus to do what He did. **He took Bread.** Jesus Christ - Eternal God - became flesh for us. Jesus chose His parentage. He chose **Mary** to be His earthly mother and **Joseph** to be His earthly father. Jesus chose His **lifestyle**. He chose to come from a throne in Heaven, "a throne that is forever and ever" (Hebrews 1:8), to

a place on this earth that had no reputation. The God Who said:

Isaiah 66:1 ... The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool ...

is the God Who lowered Himself to a manger and to Nazareth. **Jesus Christ chose to live in submission to the Father.** He said:

John 8:29 And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.

The Father was always with the Son. "The Father hath not left Me alone". Everywhere Jesus walked and taught the Father was with Him.

John 14:10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

There was only one time in the whole of His life that the Father was not with the Son. It was on the day that Christ hung on that Cross for you and I. Jesus cried out, "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?" (Mark 15:34). He knew why, yet the pain of our sin on Him caused Him to cry aloud. Dear friends, Jesus

FOCAL Luke 22:19 And 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.

He took the Bread and *thankfully* broke it. Though it was the hardest thing that God ever had to do, He willingly and thankfully **broke Himself for you and for me.**

Everything that happened to Jesus was something that He chose. He chose Mary, Bethlehem, Nazareth, poverty, and Calvary. Jesus Christ chose the nails! He chose you and your needs over His needs. He chose you!

We are told in the Scripture that:

1 Peter 1:18-20 ... ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; {19} But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: {20} Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,

Your redemption was not a hastily cobbled together thing, but was **foreordained before the foundation of the world.** Before the world was ever made, before Christ spoke anything into existence, He knew that we would fall. Before He formed Adam of the dust of the ground Jesus Christ knew - and willingly chose - that He would have to be broken for our sins. He chose to be the covering for our sins. He chose to be the covering **"for the sins of the whole world" (1 John 2:2).**

2. The Table Belongs To "You"

FOCAL Luke 22:19 **And 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.**

The Bread was broken and then **given to them.** We are all on the same footing, all saved by the same Lord.

ILLUSTRATE A man is rescued from a desert island. Before leaving he showed his rescuers his "one man town", buildings that he had built over the last fifteen years. He said "here's my house. And this building's my store, and this third building is my Church". One of the rescuers asked, "What's this fourth building for?" The man replied, "That's where I used to go to Church"².

Christians fragment and fall away from one another when they fail to understand *we're all the same.* We're all equally saved by Christ. We're all of the same Spiritual Family.

The disciples did not seize the Bread. **It was not earned, it was not deserved, but it was all of Grace. We are saved not by our works, but by His work. We are saved because Jesus offered and we answered. Every disciple had the right to receive or reject that bread. The Bible tells us that Judas Iscariot left the Table before the Lord ever served it. "This is My body which is given for YOU".** The Lord's Table was **not given to**

2 John Ortberg, *Everybody's Normal Till You Get To Know Them*

the Pharisees who had their own righteousness. It was **not given to Judas Iscariot** who, for love of money, sold his soul for thirty pieces of silver. The Lord's Table was not even given to angels, fallen or otherwise.

The Lord's Table is given to people who have received the free Grace of Christ. It is not given to Pharisees, nor to Judas Iscariots and other unbelievers. It is given to YOU who have believed on Him.

He and He alone saved us. He and He alone was broken for us. He and He alone chose to lay down His life for us. Someone once said "**We are not merely imperfect creatures that need improvement. We are rebels that need to lay down our arms**".

Those who gather around the Lord's Table are rebels that have laid down our arms. There was a time when each and every one of us were at war with God. We thought we knew what was best for our lives, and we lived life according to our own pattern. We were, as the Scripture says, "**dead in trespasses and in sins**" (Ephesians 2:1). We who *honestly* take the Lord's Table were brought to a place in our lives when we were *broken* and *realized that we were broken*.

Look around the Lord's Table. Who do we see?

We see **Levi**, a tax collector and a thief. Levi was sitting at his tax tables one day, defiling his family name, when Jesus passed by. Jesus looked at Levi and said "**follow**

Me" (Matthew 9:9). Levi repented, and walked away from his tax tables to follow Jesus as "**Matthew - who's name means *The Gift of God***". Matthew would write the Gospel to Israel.

We see **John Mark**, a man led to Christ by Simon Peter (1 Peter 5:13), and an evangelist in the early Church (Acts 13:5). John Mark followed Jesus and served Him alongside of the Apostle Paul. But one day John Mark *put his hand to the plow and looked back*. He failed the Lord out of fear (Acts 13:13), but the Lord is ever faithful. He was lifted up from his faithlessness, and - using his Roman name "Mark" - John Mark would write the Gospel to the Romans.

We know little of **Luke** other than he was a doctor who left his medical practice (Colossians 4:14) to follow the Apostles. The fisherman **John** is known in the Scriptures as "**the disciple whom Jesus loved**". John sat next to Jesus at the Last Supper, the Bible tells us, "**leaning on the breast of Jesus**" (John 21:20). John stood at the foot of the Cross and, at the Lord Jesus' direction, took Christ's earthly mother to be his own.

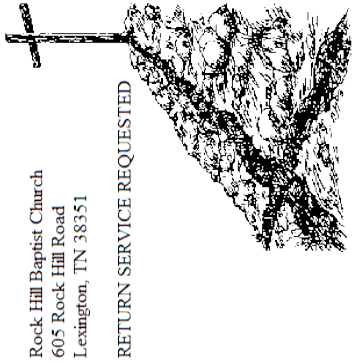
Every one of these men were all *broken* and surrendered to the Lord. God calls broken people to serve Him. God Himself was broken for us, so we should be broken for Him.

Everyone who receives the Lord's Table in a way that honors God is a sinner undeservedly saved by the Body and Blood of Christ. We are all equal around this Table. We are all equally undeserving, but we are all equally

saved because we all took of the same Body and Blood.

We are all saved by the same Christ.

Let's now worship Him around this Table.



Rock Hill Baptist Church
605 Rock Hill Road
Lexington, TN 38351

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED