Lesson 25- Luke 22:14-71

The Last Supper, The Betrayal and Peter's Denial of Jesus Foretold, Agony in the Garden, Arrest of Jesus, Trial Before the Sanhedrin

1. Read Luke 22:14-20 and footnotes. Share any interesting footnotes with your group. How many times did Jesus take the cup of wine in these verses?

What does Jesus do before offering the wine and also before offering the bread?

Luke 22:14-20¹⁴ When the hour came, he took his place at table with the apostles. ¹⁵ He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, ¹⁶ for, I tell you, I shall not eat it [again] until there is fulfillment in the kingdom of God." ¹⁷ Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and said, "Take this and share it among yourselves; ¹⁸ for I tell you [that] from this time on I shall not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." ¹⁹ Then he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me." ²⁰ And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which will be shed for you.

2. Read Luke 22:14-20 again. Read also, CCC 611 and CCC 1365 below.

What events does Jesus foretell in these biblical verses?

What does the Catechism 611 say about the role of the Apostles in Church?

In the first century, the primary responsibility of the priests was to prepare sacrificial offerings. After the Temple was destroyed the Jewish faith had no more need for priests. How Catechism 1365 explain the role of "priest" given to the Apostles?

CCC 611 The Eucharist that Christ institutes at that moment will be the memorial of his sacrifice. Jesus includes the apostles in his own offering and bids them perpetuate it. By doing so, the Lord institutes his apostles as priests of the New Covenant: "For their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

CCC 1365 Because it is the memorial of Christ's Passover, the Eucharist is also a sacrifice. The sacrificial character of the Eucharist is manifested in the very words of institution: "This is my body which is given for you" and "This cup which is poured out for you is the New Covenant in my blood." In the Eucharist, Christ gives us the very body which he gave up for us on the cross, the very blood which he "poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

3. Read the Institution of the Covenant in Exodus 24:6-8. Only God can alter this covenant. What does this say about Jesus?

How are the actions of Moses and the actions of Jesus in the Last Supper similar?

Exodus 24:6-8 ⁶ Moses took half of the blood and put it in large bowls; the other half he splashed on the altar. ⁷ Taking the book of the covenant, he read it aloud to the people, who answered, "All that the LORD has said, we will hear and do." ⁸ Then he took the blood and splashed it on the people, saying, "This is the blood of the covenant which the LORD has made with you according to all these words."

4. Read Luke 22:21-30 and footnotes. Share any footnotes that pertain to verses 21-23. Does Jesus reveal who his betrayer is at this time?

Luke 22:21-30²¹ "And yet behold, the hand of the one who is to betray me is with me on the table; ²² for the Son of Man indeed goes as it has been determined; but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed." ²³ And they began to debate among themselves who among them would do such a deed. ²⁴ Then an argument broke out among them about which of them should be regarded as the greatest. ²⁵He said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them and those in authority over them are addressed as 'Benefactors'; ²⁶ but among you it shall not be so. Rather, let the greatest among you be as the youngest, and the leader as the servant. ²⁷ For who is greater: the one seated at table or the one who serves? Is it not the one seated at table? I am among you as the one who serves. ²⁸ It is you who have stood by me in my trials; ²⁹ and I confer a kingdom on you, just as my Father has conferred one on me, ³⁰ that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom; and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

 Read Luke 22:24-30 again. Share any interesting footnotes on these verses. What are the disciples arguing about? What does Jesus expect of the disciples? What promises does Jesus make to the disciples in verses 29-30.

6. Read Luke 22:31-38 and footnotes.

What does Jesus predict that Simon will do? How are Jesus' instructions to the Apostles different from those when he sent them out to preach about the Kingdom of God? (Luke 10:4-6)

Luke 22:31-38 ³¹"Simon, Simon, behold Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, ³² but I have prayed that your own faith may not fail; and once you have turned back, you must strengthen your brothers." ³³ He said to him, "Lord, I am prepared to go to prison and to die with you." ³⁴ But he replied, "I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me." ³⁵ He said to them, "When I sent you forth without a money bag or a sack or sandals, were you in need of anything?" "No, nothing," they replied. ³⁶ He said to them, "But now one who has a money bag should take it, and likewise a sack, and one who does not have a sword should sell his cloak and buy one. ³⁷ For I tell you that this scripture must be fulfilled in me, namely, 'He was counted among the wicked'; and indeed, what is written about me is coming to fulfillment." ³⁸ Then they said, "Lord, look, there are two swords here." But he replied, "I tis enough!"

7. Read Luke 22:39-46 and footnotes. How does Jesus tell his disciples to pray? How does Jesus pray? What comfort or reassurance does Jesus get from Heaven?

- 8. Read Luke 22:47-53, John 18:10 and footnotes. Who had an ear cut off and by whom? (See John 18:10 and Luke 22:50). What was Jesus' final act of healing?
- 9. Read Luke 22:54-65 and footnotes. How was Jesus interrogated in verses 63-65?
- 10. Read Luke 22:55-71 and footnotes. Where was Jesus taken this time? How does Jesus respond to their questions?