October 17th

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:14-26:68

Memory Verses: Matthew 26:26-29 Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

Song: “The Old Rugged Cross”

Jews had remembered the Passover since the days of Moses and the deliverance in Egypt, but now there was a new memorial meal. It was not of a physical deliverance from an evil ruler and his army. It was rather a spiritual deliverance for all who believe. God delivered Moses and Israel with a mighty arm, but God has delivered you and me with the sacrifice of a body and blood.

This memorial meal remembers the ultimate sacrifice of the righteous Son of God, who gave Himself as a ransom for many. He did not have a quick or easy death. No, for hours He hung between heaven and earth with His hands and feet nailed to a cross. In extreme anguish of body, He gave Himself lovingly and fully. Bearing the sins of all mankind, He remained on the cross.

Though He could have called twelve legions of angels, the Lord Jesus remained on the cross to the very end. No one could give so much, so lavishly, and so lovingly. Each taste of bread and each drink of the cup calls to our minds this exquisite sacrifice of a righteous man for an unrighteous mankind.

The blood He shed for our sins established a covenant of reconciliation between God and man. Because He died for us, we could once again be close to God and call Him Father. This memorial meal calls for humility of heart and consecration of character. What a Savior we have, and how worthy is He of remembering perpetually!

Prayer: “Oh Father, may I never forget the sacrifice of Your Son for my sins. Help me to remember the love and the sacrifice You were willing to make on my behalf. I am so sorry I have sinned against you, but I’m so thankful You were willing to send the Lord Jesus for my sake. In Jesus name I pray, Amen.”

Thought Questions:

Do I remember what Jesus did for me on the cross?

Has the cross touched my life and helped me to make a change?