

sermon thought

The Supper



As we approach another **Memorial Day Weekend** when we remember those who have sacrificed their lives for our freedom, it is also important that we also remember the most important sacrifice of all. The Supper that Jesus instituted on the night he was betrayed was a new Passover meal. Or we might say that the **Passover was the Old Testament Lord's**

Supper.

The reason the Lord instituted the Passover was so that the people of Israel would always *remember* and *proclaim* their redemption from Egypt.

"This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast." (Ex 12:14)

"And when you come to the land that the Lord will give you, as he has promised, you shall keep this service. And when your children say to you, 'What do you mean by this service?' you shall say, 'It is the sacrifice of the Lord's Passover, for he passed over the houses of the people of Israel in Egypt, when he struck the Egyptians but spared our houses.'" (Ex 12:25-27)

The Lord's Supper was instituted for the same reason: *"For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes." (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)*