

# The Rest of the Story

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**Matthew 26:26** *Take, eat; this is my body*  
**Matthew 26:27-28** *Drink ye, this is my blood*  
**Isaiah 53:4** *He was bruised for our iniquities*  
**1 Cor. 1:18** *For the preaching of the cross*  
**1 Cor. 11:28** *You should examine yourself*  
**Heb. 10:12** *After he had offered one sacrifice*  
**1 John 2:2** *Jesus is the propitiation for our sins*

**1** As we prepare to partake of the Lord's Supper, we do so knowing of its deep meaning.

**2** Communion should not be just a religious observance but have a much deeper and profound meaning. We need to know *The Rest of the Story*.

**3** The inscription on the Communion table "In Remembrance of Me," is the reminder—our Savior *paid* for our life—

**4** *In the Beloved, accepted am I; Risen, ascended, and seated on high; Saved from all sin through His infinite grace; With the redeemed ones accorded a place.*

**5** AV **Matthew 26:26** "Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, *Take, eat; this is my body.*

**6** **27** *And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it;*

**7** **28** *For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."*

**8** We center our focus on the Blood of Christ—and rightly so, but that is just *part of the Atonement story*.

**9** The bread *symbolizes* the body of Jesus that was broken for us. We need to hear the rest of story and how it relates to our life today.

**10** According to **Isaiah 53**, Jesus' sacrifice covered every part of our existence.

**11** Jesus bore *on* the cross every worry, depression, fear, and pain—as it reads "*by His wounds, we are healed.*"

**12** God gave His Son's life for *our* life to be released from the power of Satan.

**13** To receive only *part* of Christ's sacrifice would be to receive only *part* of our victory.

**14** It is our Atonement right to claim a *complete* deliverance now from Satan's oppressions—because of the value of the Blood of Christ—*Not* because of any special faith we have; and *Not* because of any value of ourselves.

**15** The sacrifice of Jesus completed the atonement needed to free us from the devil's power; from his influence; and to free us from the control of Satan over our attitudes.

**16** AV **Isaiah 53:4** "Surely he hath borne *our* griefs, and carried *our* sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

**17** **5** *But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."*

**18** Partaking of Communion recalls what Jesus did for us. We are connecting to His work of Atonement for our sins.

**19** Before accepting these Elements, we should *examine* our attitudes; our intentions;

and our motives—making sure we have an attitude of forgiveness toward everyone so we can partake in a right spirit.

**20** NLT **1 Corinthians 11:28** "That is why you should examine yourself before eating the bread and drinking from the cup.

**21** **29** *For if you eat the bread or drink the cup unworthily, not honoring the body of Christ [or not recognizing the meaning of His sacrifice] you are eating and drinking God's judgment upon yourself."*

**22** To recognize the meaning of His sacrifice is to know *the rest of the story* of how He suffered and died, so we can overcome the things Satan wants to put on us.

**23** God is able to clean our heart since His grace is greater than our sin.

**24** The Lord's Supper was introduced for a definite reason—when we partake, we should be ready to *claim* and *receive* all that the Atonement provides—peace of mind, healing, deliverance, obedient children, protection, food, and eternal life.

**25** If we have *not* judged our own intentions and attitudes, we will miss the full meaning of this observance.

**26** We must think about why we observe this commemoration and asking God to convict us of anything that is outside of His will.

**27** If we have not had a right attitude toward a fellow believer, we must correct and change that without delay—as it is a sin.

**28** Any deliberate sin must be dealt with; owned up to; repented of; and a complete change in attitude from that moment as the Spirit helps us.

**29** *The rest of the story* is the broken body of Christ, and the lashes felt on His back were for

our deliverance. *Jesus paid for it all*—the total price for our victory over Satan’s power.

**30** The Lord’s Supper is *not* just a religious exercise—we don’t miss the point—we need to remind ourselves of *the rest of the story*. Jesus died for *every* sin we committed—not just a few.

**31** A *new person* is to leave this Communion service with a *new attitude* and a better understanding.

**32** Thousands of lambs were sacrificed at Passover festivals. They just represented the perfect sacrifice that the Son of God was about to make as the unblemished Lamb of God.

**33** AV **Hebrews 10:12** “*This man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever [effective forever], sat down on the right hand of God.*”

**34** We need not accept any compromise Satan suggests, but to recall the *entire story of the Cross* and what we now know it provides.

**35** AV **1 Corinthians 1:18** “*The preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.*”

**36** The atoning work at Calvary is the supporting pillar for spiritual victory, health, protection, and the supply of every need every day.

**37** It is only when we depend on something else, that our prayers are hindered.

**38** The devil wants us to focus on anything but the Cross and will subtly move us away from it if we are not aware of what he is doing. We need to stay Near the Cross—“*And when before the throne I stand in Him complete.*”

**39** Moses was told to put the blood of a lamb on the door, roast the meat, and eat all of it.

Any portion remaining over was to be burned completely.

**40** The Lamb of God was the supreme sacrifice under the new Covenant. When we partake of Communion, we take part of His broken body and shed blood.

**41** **Exodus 12:11** “*And thus you shall eat it—It is the Lord’s Passover.*”

**42** Israel was ready to receive the deliverance before they ate. No matter what we have faced—temptation, resentment, oppression, worry, fear, discouragement or lacking anything that disturbs our peace—since Jesus paid for it all, we can claim and receive all we need.

**43** We must keep *The Rest of the Story* of the Cross ever before us—and be reminded of what His shed blood and broken body means today. That entire sacrifice covers our entire existence.

**44** By judging ourselves and claiming our rights in Him, total freedom over old ways and attitudes and habits will be a reality.

**45** We now come before God and receive the Communion Elements as the Israelites did—ready to receive the victory *before* partaking.

**46** The Cross *ended* Satan's control of our lives—it *ended* any greed, resentment, worry, fear, pride or rebellion we once had—

**47** **Galatians 6:14** “*May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified*”—*in me!*

**48** On the authority of God’s Word, we claim freedom over Satan’s power.

**49** The attitudes of the past are in the past—we are free from them. We no longer talk, think, or treat others as we had treated them.

We are free because Jesus **made** us free indeed!

**50** Christ lives within—we are the residence of the Holy Spirit, so we take care of it and do not harm it any more than we would not harm anything that belongs to someone else—now we belong to Jesus!

**51** The Communion observance then is remembering His ultimate sacrifice as

**52** AV **1 John 2:2** “*the propitiation for our sins [He is why our sins are forgiven and the victory won]: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.*”

**53** That event in the upper room began a new remembrance of redemption that the Lord will honor when He returns in glory to take His children home.

**54** Now we know *the rest of the story*. The Lord's promise to eat again with His disciples in that future kingdom, is His promise to return!

**55** It is, as He says, *When I return to establish My Millennial kingdom, You will all be there and will drink the cup with Me.*

**56** The Communion Elements—symbolizing Christ’s broken body and shed blood—are reminders of His sacrifice for *our* sins and for destroying Satan’s power.

**57** Communion reminds us of Jesus’ promise to return and to share His glorious kingdom with us!

**58** Now we know ***The Rest of the Story!*** ††

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