The Forgotten Jesus Podcast S3E22 Do This In Remembrance Of Me - (Luke 1:28)

Description – Sealing the engagement between a bride and a groom took place with the exchanging of promises and drinking wine from a cup. Today we'll discuss the Groom Price and how it foreshadows the ultimate price that Jesus would pay for us.

So last week (*NOTE: This was 5 weeks ago, before the Christmas Bonus episodes, S3E17 - The Engagement Process In The 1st Century*) we left off on a cliffhanger, what was the covenant a groom and a bride would take together to seal their covenant and engagement?

The groom would take a drink from the cup of wine, and then offer the cup of wine to the bride.

You can make a strong case for the wine in the bible being diluted 4X as much as wine today.

Pastor Robby's sermon from 5/8/23, "Is It Wise For A Christian To Drink?" <u>https://longhollow.com/is-it-wise-for-a-christian-to-drink-alcohol</u>

They drank of the vine symbolically and in ceremonies.

So when Jesus says what that he's leaving to prepare a place for his disciples in John 14, the next thing that he does with the disciples is found in Luke 22

Luke 22:15-22

¹⁵ Then he said to them, "I have fervently desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶ For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." ¹⁷ Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks, he said, "Take this and share it among yourselves. ¹⁸ For I tell you, from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

¹⁹ And he took bread, gave thanks, broke it, gave it to them, and said, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

²⁰ In the same way he also took the cup after supper and said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you. ²¹ But look, the hand of the one betraying me is at the table with me. ²² For the Son of Man will go away as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!"

There were 4 cups used in the passover meal.

- 1. The first cup Cup of sanctification
 - a. Exodus 6:6-7
 - b. ⁶ "Therefore tell the Israelites: I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from the forced labor of the Egyptians and rescue you from slavery to them. I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and great acts of judgment. ⁷ I will take you as my

people, and I will be your God. You will know that I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from the forced labor of the Egyptians.

- 2. The second cup Cup of deliverance
 - a. "I will rescue you from slavery."
 - b. God's promise to deliver His people.
- 3. The third cup Cup of redemption
 - a. "I will redeem you with an outstretched arm"
- 4. The fourth cup Cup of Restoration
 - a. Jesus says he won't drink this cup again until He returns.

So what is the cup that Jesus redefines? It can't be the 1st cup, or the 4th cup. So it's either the cup of deliverance or the cup of redemption.

Luke 22:20

²⁰ In the same way he also took the cup after supper and said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.

This is the cup of redemption. Jesus drinks from the cup and seals the promise and pays the price for our redemption. It will not be the blood of bulls, goats, or lambs, it will be the blood that Jesus pours out on the Cross.

That's why Paul says in 1 Corinthians 6:20, ²⁰ for you were bought at a price. So glorify God with your body.

The price was the price the Groom paid for the bride.

Jesus is saying that the price of our freedom from sin and bondage isn't going to be goats, bulls, or sheep. Those can never satisfy. The price is the blood and body of Christ.

We honor God with our bodies and seek to live holy, pure and blameless lives as we wait for our Groom to come back for us.

So when we remember and take the Lord's Supper, we're remembering the promise he's made, the price he's paid, AND our half of the covenant. We're to live holy before our God.

So jump back to Luke 1:28 ²⁸ And the angel came to her and said, "Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you."

How you interpret "favor" and the favor of God will determine how you view Mary.

What made Mary special wasn't who Mary was, it was who she worshiped.

Homework for next time: What does it mean to be favored by God?