



HOLY WEEK

“Jesus gave the supreme expression of his free offering of himself at the meal shared with the twelve Apostles ‘on the night he was betrayed.’⁴²⁹ On the eve of his Passion, while still free, Jesus transformed this Last Supper with the apostles into the memorial of his voluntary offering to the Father for the salvation of men: ‘This is my body which is given for you.’ ‘This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.’⁴³⁰

The Eucharist that Christ institutes at that moment will be the memorial of his sacrifice.⁴³¹ Jesus includes the apostles in his own offering and bids them perpetuate it.⁴³² 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.’⁴³³

The cup of the New Covenant, which Jesus anticipated when he offered himself at the Last Supper, is afterwards accepted by him from his Father’s hands in his agony in the garden at Gethsemani,⁴³⁴ making himself ‘obedient unto death.’ Jesus prays: ‘My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me. . . .’⁴³⁵ Thus he expresses the horror that death represented for his human nature. Like ours, his human nature is destined for eternal life; but unlike ours, it is perfectly exempt from sin, the cause of death.⁴³⁶ Above all, his human nature has been assumed by the divine person of the ‘Author of life,’ the ‘Living One.’⁴³⁷ By accepting in his human will that the Father’s will be done, he accepts his death as redemptive, for ‘he himself bore our sins in his body on the tree.’⁴³⁸ *Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) 610-612*

⁴²⁹ *Roman Missal*, EP 111; cf. *Mt* 26:20; *1 Cor* 11:23.

⁴³⁰ *Lk* 22:19; *Mt* 26:28; cf. *1 Cor* 5:7.

⁴³¹ *Cor* 11:25.

⁴³² Cf. *Lk* 22:19.

⁴³³ *Jn* 17:19; cf. Council of Trent: DS 1752; 1764.

⁴³⁴ Cf. *Mt* 26:42; *Lk* 22:20.

⁴³⁵ *Phil* 2:8; *Mt* 26:39; cf. *Heb* 5:7-8.

⁴³⁶ Cf. *Rom* 5:12; *Heb* 4:15.

⁴³⁷ Cf. *Acts* 3:15; *Rev* 1:17; *Jn* 1:4; 5:26.

⁴³⁸ *Pet* 2:24; cf. *Mt* 26:42.

What Did You Learn About Holy Week?

for younger saints

1. At the Last Supper, Jesus
 - a. celebrated the first Mass.
 - b. ordained the first priests.
 - c. gave us the Holy Eucharist.

2. The feast of the Passover celebrates
 - a. the birth of Moses.
 - b. passing on to life in heaven.
 - c. the Jews' escape from Egypt.

3. What is unleavened bread?
 - a. bread that is leaning a little to one side
 - b. bread made without yeast
 - c. bread that is cut in a circle shape

4. When we receive Holy Communion,
 - a. Jesus becomes our food.
 - b. Catholics become one family, eating a meal together.
 - c. Jesus makes our spirits stronger.

5. To show the apostles that they should love and serve others, Jesus
 - a. wrote a letter telling them how.
 - b. cooked a special meal for them.
 - c. washed and dried their feet.

6. The Last Supper was the first celebration of
 - a. Baptism.
 - b. Eucharist.
 - c. Confirmation.

7. Recite your memory verse.

What Did You Learn About Holy Week?

for younger saints

Quiz Answers

1. At the Last Supper, Jesus
 - a. celebrated the first Mass.
 - b. ordained the first priests.
 - c. gave us the Holy Eucharist.
2. The feast of the Passover celebrates
 - a. the birth of Moses.
 - b. passing on to life in heaven.
 - c. the Jews' escape from Egypt.
3. What is unleavened bread?
 - a. bread that is leaning a little to one side
 - b. bread made without yeast
 - c. bread that is cut in a circle shape
4. When we receive Holy Communion,
 - a. Jesus becomes our food.
 - b. Catholics become one family, eating a meal together.
 - c. Jesus makes our spirits stronger.
5. To show the apostles that they should love and serve others, Jesus
 - a. wrote a letter telling them how.
 - b. cooked a special meal for them.
 - c. washed and dried their feet.
6. The Last Supper was the first celebration of
 - a. Baptism.
 - b. Eucharist.
 - c. Confirmation.
7. Recite your memory verse.

"By his stripes we were healed." Isaiah 53:5

What Did You Learn About Holy Week?

for older saints

1. At the Last Supper, Jesus
 - a. celebrated the first Mass.
 - b. ordained the first priests.
 - c. gave us the Holy Eucharist.

2. Jesus celebrated the Last Supper on the Jewish feast of
 - a. Hanukkah.
 - b. Passover.
 - c. Yom Kippur.

3. The feast of the Passover celebrates
 - a. the birth of Moses.
 - b. passing on to life in heaven.
 - c. the Jews' escape from Egypt.

4. What is the traditional Jewish meal that is rich in symbols from the Passover?
 - a. the Last Supper
 - b. the multiplication of the loaves and fishes
 - c. the Seder meal

5. The hosts we use today to celebrate Holy Communion are
 - a. unleavened, like the bread of Passover.
 - b. small, so they all fit in a dish.
 - c. white, to show their purity.

6. What can your family do to celebrate Holy Thursday?

7. Recite the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary.

What Did You Learn About Holy Week?

for older saints

1. At the Last Supper, Jesus
 - a. celebrated the first Mass.
 - b. ordained the first priests.
 - c. gave us the Holy Eucharist.
2. Jesus celebrated the Last Supper on the Jewish feast of
 - a. Hanukkah.
 - b. Passover.
 - c. Yom Kippur.
3. The feast of the Passover celebrates
 - a. the birth of Moses.
 - b. passing on to life in heaven.
 - c. the Jews' escape from Egypt.
4. What is the traditional Jewish meal that is rich in symbols from the Passover?
 - a. the Last Supper
 - b. the multiplication of the loaves and fishes
 - c. the Seder meal
5. The hosts we use today to celebrate Holy Communion are
 - a. unleavened, like the bread of Passover.
 - b. small, so they all fit in a dish.
 - c. white, to show their purity.
6. What can your family do to celebrate Holy Thursday? **Answers will vary.**
7. Recite the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary.
The Agony in the Garden. The Scourging at the Pillar. The Crowning with Thorns. The Carrying of the Cross. The Crucifixion.