


WHAT DOES THE BIBLE TEACH ABOUT...

A pair of hands holds a black Bible against a dark background. The Bible cover features the text:

— The —
LORD'S
supper?

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The Lord's Supper is one of the more difficult Biblical or spiritual topics:

- ✓ **Few passages to consult**
- ✓ **Relevant info scattered**
- ✓ **Thus, requires more-than-average inference, interpretation, and sound reasoning.**

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The Lord's Supper is one of the most **important Biblical or spiritual topics:**

- ✓ The church is **expected to practice it.**
- ✓ Everything the church is expected to practice is expected to be done "*in spirit and truth*" (Jn. 4:24).
- ✓ Thus, **we can look in the Lord's word and find how to observe the Lord's Supper according to the Lord's will.**

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**THE LORD'S
SUPPER WAS TO
BE OBSERVED
(MATT. 26:29;
1 COR. 11:25).**

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**THE LORD'S
SUPPER WAS TO
BE OBSERVED AS
A MEMORIAL
(LUKE 22:19b).**

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**THE LORD'S
SUPPER WAS TO BE
A MEMORIAL OF
JESUS' DEATH
(MATT. 26:26-28;
1 COR. 11:25).**

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**THE LORD'S SUPPER
WAS TO BE OBSERVED
IN THE KINGDOM OF
GOD (MATT. 26:29;
cf. ACTS 2:42; 20:7).**

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**THE LORD'S SUPPER
IS COMMUNION—
WITH CHRIST, AND
WITH ONE ANOTHER
(1 COR. 10:16,17).**

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**THE NT CHURCH
OBSERVED THE
LORD'S SUPPER
TOGETHER (1 COR.
11:17-34; ACTS 20:7).**

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1 CORINTHIANS 11:17ff

"...in the following instructions I do not commend you, because **when you come together** it is not for the better but for the worse. For...**when you come together** as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you... **When you come together,** it is not the Lord's supper that you eat... So then, my brothers, **when you come together** to eat, **wait for one another**... if any is hungry, let him eat at home—so that **when you come together** it will not be for judgment..." (17,18,20,33,34).

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**THE NT CHURCH
OBSERVED THE LORD'S
SUPPER EACH SUNDAY,
AND ONLY SUNDAY
(ACTS 20:7ff; 1 COR.
11:20; cf. 16:2).**

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ACTS 20:7

“On **the first day of the week**, when we were **gathered together to break bread**, Paul talked with them, intending to depart on the next day, and he prolonged his speech until midnight.”

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1. The first-century church observed the Lord's Supper **when they gathered together "as a church"** (1 Cor. 11:18).
2. The first-century church gathered together "as a church" **every first day of the week** (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:2).
3. Therefore, the first-century church **observed the Lord's Supper every first day of the week** (cf. Acts 20:7).