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The Gospel of Mark: The Lord's Supper

What does it mean to accept the cup and the bread from Jesus?

Mark 14:18-31

And as they reclined at table and were eating, Jesus said, "Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." They began to be distressed and to say to him, one by one, "Surely it is not I?" He said to them, "One of the Twelve, the one who dips with me into the dish. For the Son of Man indeed goes, as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed. It would be better for that man if he had never been born."

While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." Then, after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

1. In the story above, what does Jesus tell his disciples that the bread and wine symbolize?

The "Cup"

Read 10:35-45.

2. What do James and John want from Jesus? What does Jesus tell them in response?
3. What does the "cup" symbolize in this passage? What do James and John think that it means?

Read 14:32-42.

1. What does Jesus ask God to do for him in this passage?
2. What does the "cup" symbolize in this passage?

Based on these two stories, what does it mean (in Mark) for the disciples to share the cup with Jesus at the Last Supper?

The "Bread"

Read 6:34-44

1. What does this passage have in common with Mark's account of the Lord's Supper?
2. How many wicker baskets are left over after the miracle is performed? What does that number symbolize?

Read 8:1-10

3. What does this passage have in common with Mark's account of the Lord's Supper?
4. How many wicker baskets are left over after the miracle is performed? What does that number symbolize?

Read John 6:22-34

5. What is "bread" used to symbolize in this passage?

Based on these two stories, what does it mean (in Mark) for the disciples to share the bread with Jesus at the Last Supper?