

"BLOOD" VERSES FROM THE NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION (1984) ...

- (Luke 22:20b) This cup is **the new covenant in my blood.**
- (Romans 5:9a) Since we have now been **justified by his blood.**
- (Ephesians 1:7) In him **we have redemption through his blood,** the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace
- (Ephesians 2:13) But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been **brought near through the blood of Christ.**
- (Colossians 1:19–20) For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by **making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.**
- (Hebrews 9:12) He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he **entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, having obtained eternal redemption.**
- (Hebrews 10:19) Therefore, brothers, since we have **confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus.**
- (Hebrews 13:12) And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to **make the people holy through his own blood.**
- (1 Peter 1:18–19) For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, **but with the precious blood of Christ,** a lamb without blemish or defect.
- (1 John 1:7) But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and **the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.**
- (Revelation 1:5b) To him who loves us and has **freed us from our sins by his blood.**
- (Revelation 12:11) **They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb** and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.

GENERAL OVERVIEW AND TIMELINE OF EVENTS ... (MATTHEW 26:17–56)

THURSDAY AFTERNOON	(26:17-19)	Preparation to eat the Passover
THURSDAY EVENING	(26:20-25)	Breaking bread and the forewarning of betrayal
THURSDAY EVENING	(26:26-29)	Passover continues, *Jesus institutes "The Lord's Supper"
THURSDAY NIGHT	(26:30-35)	Forewarning of the scattering of the flock and Peter's denial
EARLY FRIDAY MORNING	(26:36-46)	Prayer at Gethsemane
EARLY FRIDAY MORNING	(26:47-56)	Jesus is betrayed by a kiss and arrested

***When Jesus instituted what we call communion,** or "The Lord's Supper," he transformed a tradition dating back to c.1446 BC when the ancient Israelites first celebrated the Passover on their exodus from Egypt. He also revised their view of Messiah. Previously the people of God were to anticipate the coming of Messiah. Now in taking the bread and the cup, they (we) look back and forward. Back to his finished work on the Cross. And forward to his return in the clouds in great glory.

The focal point of Passover is the Seder, a communal meal with four elements: bitter herbs, unleavened bread, the paschal lamb and four cups of wine. Jesus brought two of these elements into the new order, the bread and the cup. His body the bread, his blood the cup. No longer a need for the lamb as he himself was "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29 ESV)!

- (1 Corinthians 11:26 ESV) For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death *[look back]* until he comes *[look ahead]*.
- (1 Peter 2:24 ESV) He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.
- (Luke 21:26–27 ESV) People fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.
- (Isaiah 9:2 ESV) The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.