

## Time Audit Chronicles: The Last Supper and Betrayal

(Luke 22:7-46)

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### Prologue: The New Covenant and the Betrayal

The Presswood family sat together, the room lit softly by the glow of the lamp. Ariel had just finished reading **Luke 22:7-46**, the account of **the Last Supper** and **Jesus' betrayal** by Judas. She sat quietly, deep in thought, reflecting on the depth of this moment—when Jesus instituted the **Lord's Supper** as a symbol of the new **covenant** and prepared to face the greatest trial of His life. Alice, still holding Mr. Fluffernutter, was pretending to pour “wine” into cups and serve a feast for her toys, imitating the sacred meal.

“Daddy,” Ariel began, her voice filled with curiosity, “Why did Jesus say that the bread and wine represented His **body** and **blood**? What does it mean that He gave us a **new covenant**?”

Ryan smiled, recognizing that Ariel was asking deep, important questions. “That’s a wonderful question, Ariel. In the Last Supper, Jesus was establishing a **new covenant**—a new agreement between God and humanity. The old covenant was based on the Law of Moses, which involved sacrifices and rituals. But Jesus, as the **Lamb of God**, was about to give His life as the ultimate sacrifice. By sharing the bread as His body and the wine as His blood, Jesus was symbolizing that He was the **sacrifice** that would bring salvation to everyone who believes. This **new covenant** was based not on works or rituals, but on faith in His **sacrifice**.”

Ariel thought for a moment. “So, the bread and wine weren’t just about a meal—they were a **symbol** of the new way we can be close to God, through Jesus’ sacrifice?”

“Yes, exactly,” Ryan said. “Let’s use the **Time Audit Machine** to go back and experience this pivotal moment, where Jesus instituted the **Lord's Supper** and faced the **betrayal** that would soon follow.”

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### The Journey Begins: The Preparation for the Passover Meal (Luke 22:7-13)

The Time Audit Machine hummed, and with a flash of light, the family found themselves in the heart of **Jerusalem**, with the city bustling in anticipation of the **Passover**. Jesus and His disciples were preparing for the meal, and Jesus sent Peter and John into the city to find a place to eat, telling them they would find a man carrying a pitcher of water who would lead them to a room where they could prepare the meal.

Ariel looked around, noting the excitement in the air. “It’s the Passover festival, so there must have been a lot of people gathering for the feast. But Jesus knew exactly where to go.”

“Yes,” Ryan said. “Jesus knew everything that was going to happen. He was in complete control of the situation, even though He knew what was coming. The Passover meal was a time to remember God’s deliverance of Israel from Egypt, but Jesus was about to give it a new meaning.”

Ariel nodded, understanding. “So, this meal was special because Jesus was going to make a **new promise** with His disciples, right?”

“That’s right,” Ryan said. “Jesus was about to redefine what the Passover meal meant. It would no longer just be a reminder of the **Exodus**—it would be a symbol of the **new covenant** He was establishing through His **sacrifice**.”

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### **The Institution of the Lord’s Supper: The New Covenant (Luke 22:14-20)**

As Jesus and His disciples sat down to eat, He took the bread, gave thanks, and broke it, saying, “**This is my body, which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.**” (Luke 22:19). Then He took the cup, and after giving thanks, He said, “**This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.**” (Luke 22:20).

Ariel was quiet, processing what she had just read. “Jesus was saying that the bread was His **body** and the wine was His **blood**—but He wasn’t talking about real body parts or blood. He was talking about **sacrifice**, right?”

“Yes,” Ryan explained. “Jesus was about to give His body on the cross and shed His blood for the forgiveness of sins. The bread and wine represent His **sacrifice**, which would establish the new covenant between God and humanity. The **old covenant**, which required the blood of animals for sacrifice, would now be fulfilled by **Jesus**—the **perfect sacrifice**.”

Ariel’s eyes lit up. “So, the bread and wine aren’t just for remembering the meal—they help us remember what Jesus did for us! He was going to **die** for our sins so that we could have a relationship with God.”

“That’s right,” Ryan said. “The **new covenant** means that anyone who believes in Jesus can have forgiveness and **eternal life**. His death and resurrection would open the way for all people to be reconciled to God, not through sacrifices or rituals, but through **faith** in Him.”

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### **The Betrayal: Jesus Foretells Judas’ Action (Luke 22:21-23)**

As the meal continued, Jesus made a shocking declaration: “**But, behold, the hand of him that betrayeth me is with me on the table.**” (Luke 22:21). The disciples were immediately filled with confusion and sorrow, wondering who would betray Jesus. Jesus knew that **Judas**, one of His closest disciples, was about to betray Him, but He didn’t name him directly. Instead, He spoke of the **pain** of betrayal and the **fulfillment of prophecy**.

Ariel’s face darkened. “Jesus knew that Judas was going to betray Him, but He didn’t tell the others right away. It must have been really hard for Jesus to know what was going to happen.”

“Yes,” Ryan said solemnly. “Even though Jesus knew, He still treated Judas with love and compassion. Judas’ **betrayal** was part of God’s plan for salvation, but it was still an incredibly painful moment for

Jesus. Judas was the one who would betray Him to the religious leaders, setting the stage for His arrest and crucifixion.”

Ariel frowned, trying to understand. “Why did Judas do it? Didn’t he love Jesus?”

“That’s the mystery of it,” Ryan said. “Judas had followed Jesus, but his heart was conflicted. He allowed his greed and disillusionment to lead him down the path of betrayal. Jesus still loved him, but Judas chose his own way, rather than following the **path of faith.**”

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### **Jesus’ Final Prayer: The Struggle in the Garden (Luke 22:39-46)**

After the meal, Jesus went to the **Mount of Olives** to pray, knowing that His arrest was imminent. He asked His disciples to pray with Him, but they fell asleep. Jesus prayed earnestly, asking God to remove the **cup of suffering** from Him, but ultimately submitting to God’s will: “**Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.**” (Luke 22:42). An angel appeared to strengthen Him, and Jesus’ agony deepened as He prayed, His sweat becoming like **great drops of blood.**

Ariel’s voice was soft as she spoke. “Jesus was praying so hard, knowing what was about to happen. He didn’t want to suffer, but He was willing to do God’s will. It must have been really hard for Him.”

“Yes,” Ryan said, his voice filled with understanding. “Jesus knew that the **suffering** He was about to face was going to be immense—He would bear the **weight of sin** for all of humanity. But He trusted God’s plan, and His willingness to follow God’s will, even in the face of unimaginable pain, shows us the depth of His **obedience** and **love** for us.”

Ariel nodded. “Jesus was willing to go through all that for us, to make a way for us to be with God forever.”

“That’s right,” Ryan said. “Jesus knew the **cost** of salvation, but He willingly chose to **suffer** for us. His prayer in the Garden was a profound act of obedience, showing us how to trust God’s plan, even when it’s hard.”

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### **Reflection: The New Covenant of Grace**

Back in the garage, the Time Audit Machine powered down, and the family sat together in quiet reflection. Ariel turned to her father, the weight of the evening’s journey settling in. Alice, still holding Mr. Fluffernutter, was pretending to serve her toys, just as Jesus had served His disciples.

“The Last Supper really shows us the importance of the **new covenant,**” Ariel said thoughtfully. “Jesus was giving us a way to be close to God through His **sacrifice**—through His **body** and **blood.**”

“Yes,” Ryan said, his voice filled with reverence. “Through the Lord’s Supper, we remember what Jesus did for us. His death on the cross was the ultimate **sacrifice** that made a way for all of us to be forgiven and to have a relationship with God. The bread and wine symbolize His

**body** and **blood**, and every time we take the Lord's Supper, we remember and honor His sacrifice."

Ariel smiled. "And even though **Judas betrayed** Jesus, He still loved him. Jesus knew it would happen, but He chose to keep loving him."

"That's right," Ryan said. "Jesus' love is **unconditional**, even when we make mistakes. He came to seek and save the lost, and His **sacrifice** opened the door for all of us to experience God's love and forgiveness."

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### **Takeaway: The New Covenant of Jesus' Sacrifice**

In **Luke 22:7-46**, the **Last Supper** and **Jesus' betrayal** highlight the institution of the **new covenant** through Jesus' **body** and **blood**. By sharing the bread and wine, Jesus showed that He was the **ultimate sacrifice**, fulfilling the requirements of the old covenant and offering salvation to all. The **new covenant** is based on faith in **Jesus' sacrifice**, not on works or rituals. Jesus' willingness to suffer for us in the Garden and His obedience to God's will remind us of the depth of His love. Through the **Lord's Supper**, we remember and celebrate the **new way** to be reconciled to God through Jesus.