

A glowing, diamond-shaped object, possibly a crystal or a piece of technology, is shown in a dark, starry space. The object has a bright, multi-colored core (green, yellow, and orange) and a dark, faceted exterior. A semi-transparent black rectangular box is overlaid on the center of the image, containing white text with a thin black outline.

Out of respect for others,
please use your device
for worship only.

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Psalm 24:1

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the world, and all who live in it...”*

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 - ... To God – “You are my Owner.”
 - ... To the Church – “Please walk with me.” Hebrews 10:24-25

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*“And let us consider how we may spur **one another** on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting **together**, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging **one another**...”*

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- ... To ourselves – “Christ is my only life.”

Matthew 16:24-26

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*“Then Jesus said to his disciples,
‘Whoever wants to be my disciple must **deny themselves**
and take up their cross and follow me.
For whoever wants to save their life will lose it,
but whoever **loses their life** for me will find it.
What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world,
yet forfeit their soul?
Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?’”*

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Romans 8:29

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*“For God knew his people in advance,
and he chose them **to become like his Son**,
so that his Son would be the firstborn
among many brothers and sisters.”*

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Matthew 3:13,16

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*“Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be **baptized** by John. As soon as Jesus was **baptized**, he went up out of the water.”*

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Romans 6:4

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*“We were therefore buried with him through baptism into **death** in order that, just as Christ was **raised** from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.”*

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- His ministry of proclaiming the Gospel.

Matthew 4:23

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*“Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues,
proclaiming the good news of the kingdom,
and healing every disease and sickness among the people.”*

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Acts 8:36

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“As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, ‘Look, here is water.

What can stand in the way of my being baptized?’”

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 - Guideline: *"If I can be baptized, I should be baptized."*

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A still life composition featuring a wooden chalice, a bunch of red grapes, a loaf of bread, and a stalk of wheat against a black background. The chalice is on the left, the grapes are in the center, the bread is on the right, and the wheat stalk is at the bottom right. The text "What does Communion mean?" is overlaid in the center.

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*“This is how you are to eat it:
with your cloak tucked into your belt,
your sandals on your feet and
your staff in your hand.*

*Eat it in **haste**; it is the Lord’s Passover.*

*So the people took their dough before the yeast was added,
and carried it on their shoulders
in kneading troughs wrapped in clothing.”*

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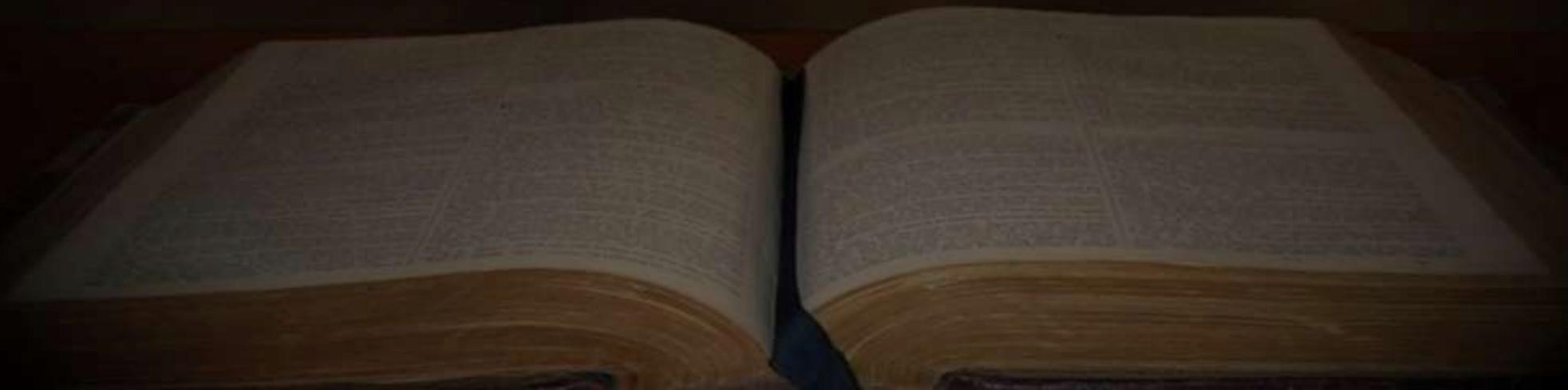
- Bread – remembered the haste to escape from Egypt.
- Wine – remembered the protection from God's wrath.

Exodus 12:22-23



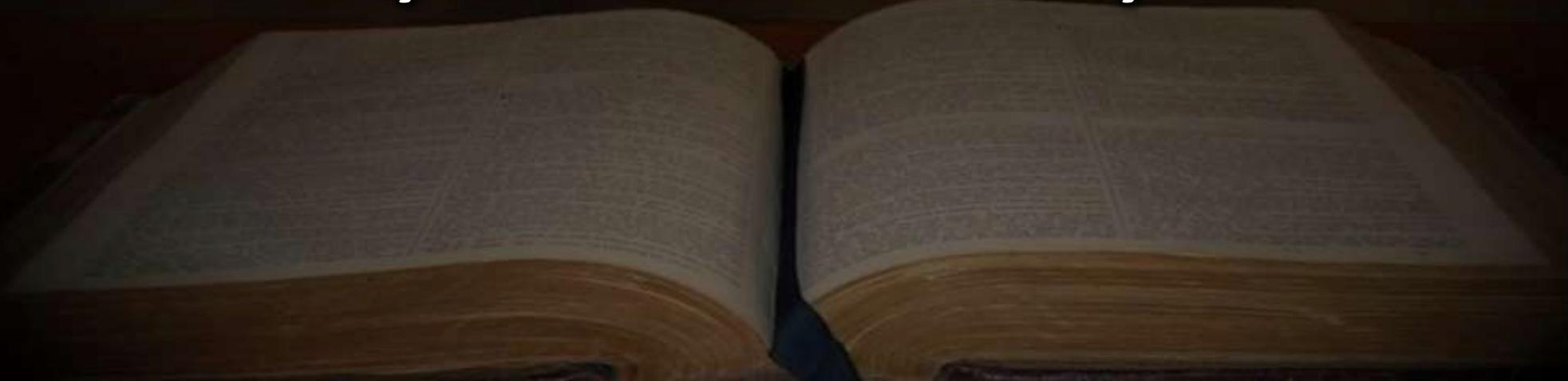
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“Take a bunch of hyssop, dip it into the blood in the basin and put some of the blood on the top and on both sides of the doorframe. None of you shall go out of the door of your house until morning.”



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*“When the Lord goes through the land to strike down the Egyptians, he will see the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe and will **pass over** that doorway, and he will not permit the destroyer to enter your houses and strike you down.”*



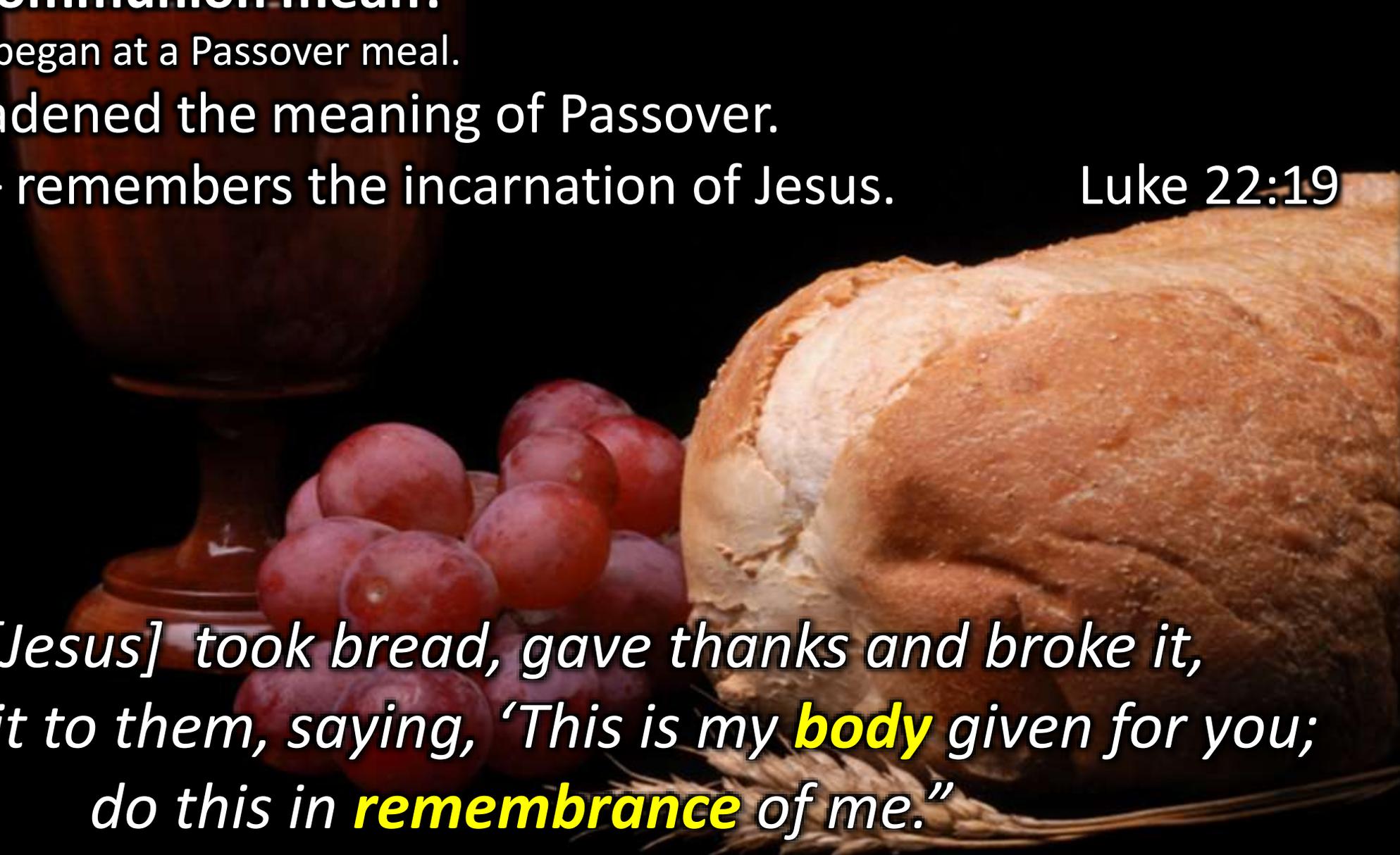
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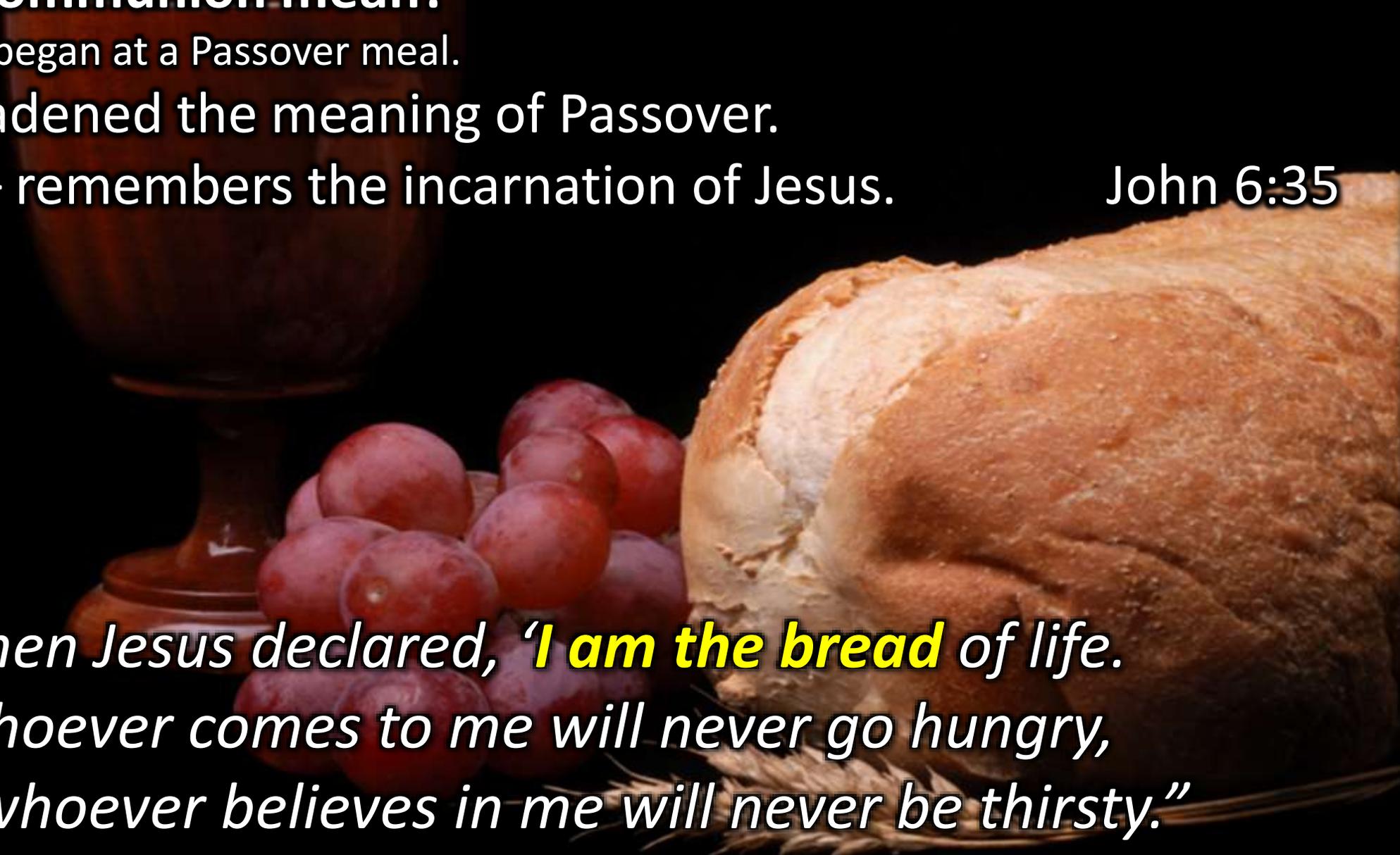
*“And [Jesus] took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, ‘This is my **body** given for you; do this in **remembrance** of me.’”*

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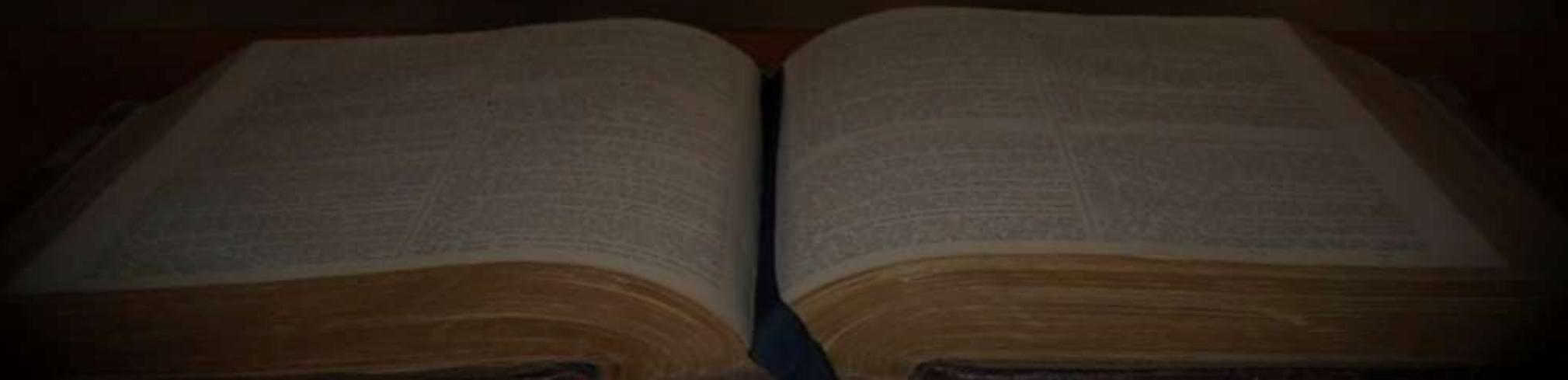
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*“Then Jesus declared, **I am the bread** of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”*

1 John 4:2-3

*“By this you will know the Spirit of God:
Every spirit that confesses that
Jesus Christ has come **in the flesh** is from God,
and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God.”*



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Luke 22:20

“In the same way, after the supper [Jesus] took the cup, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.’”

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- *Wine still stands for the protection from God's judgment by the blood of the Lamb –
Christ's blood poured out for the forgiveness of sins.*

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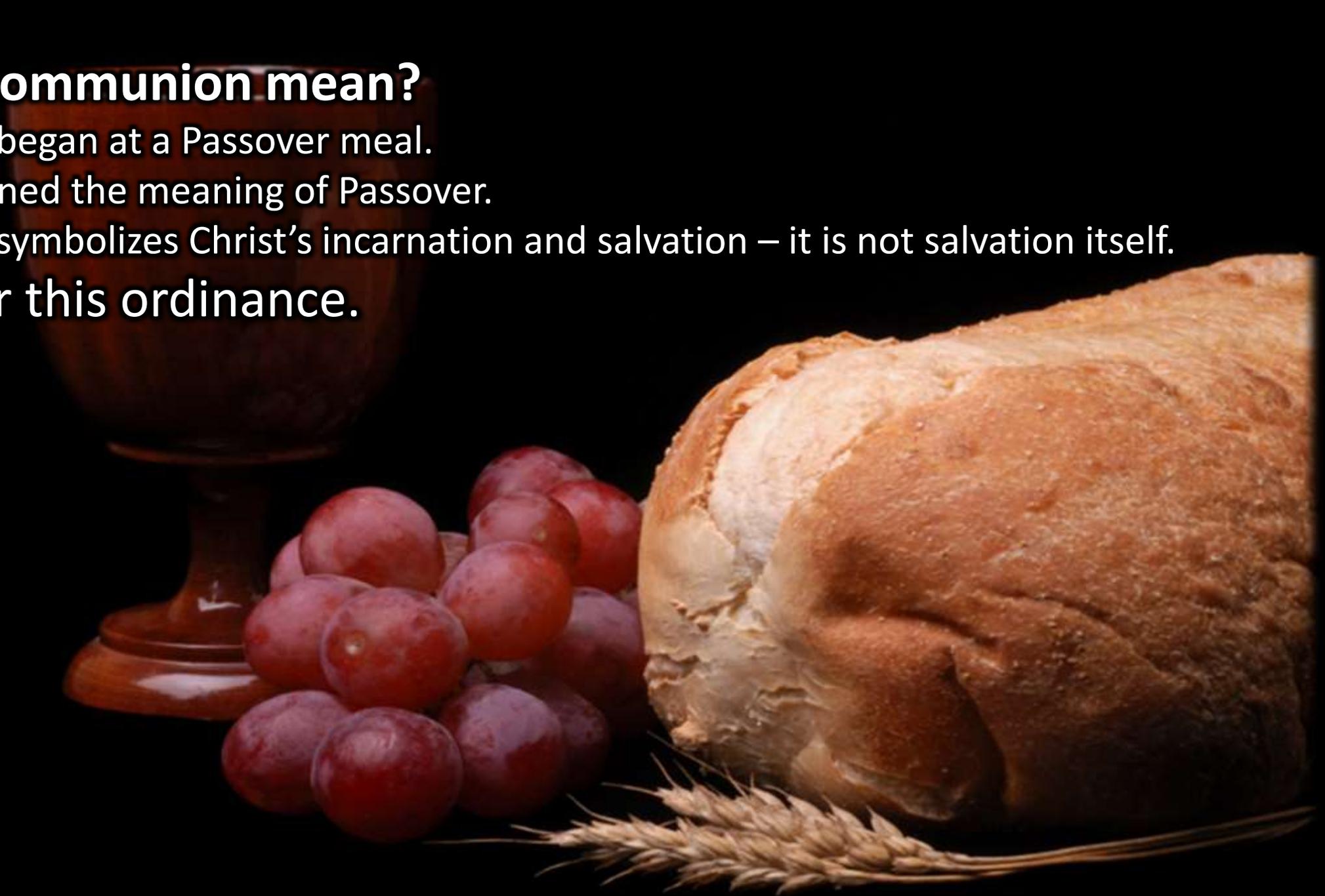
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Revelation 3:20

*“Here I am! I stand at the door and knock.
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and eat with that person, and they with me.”*

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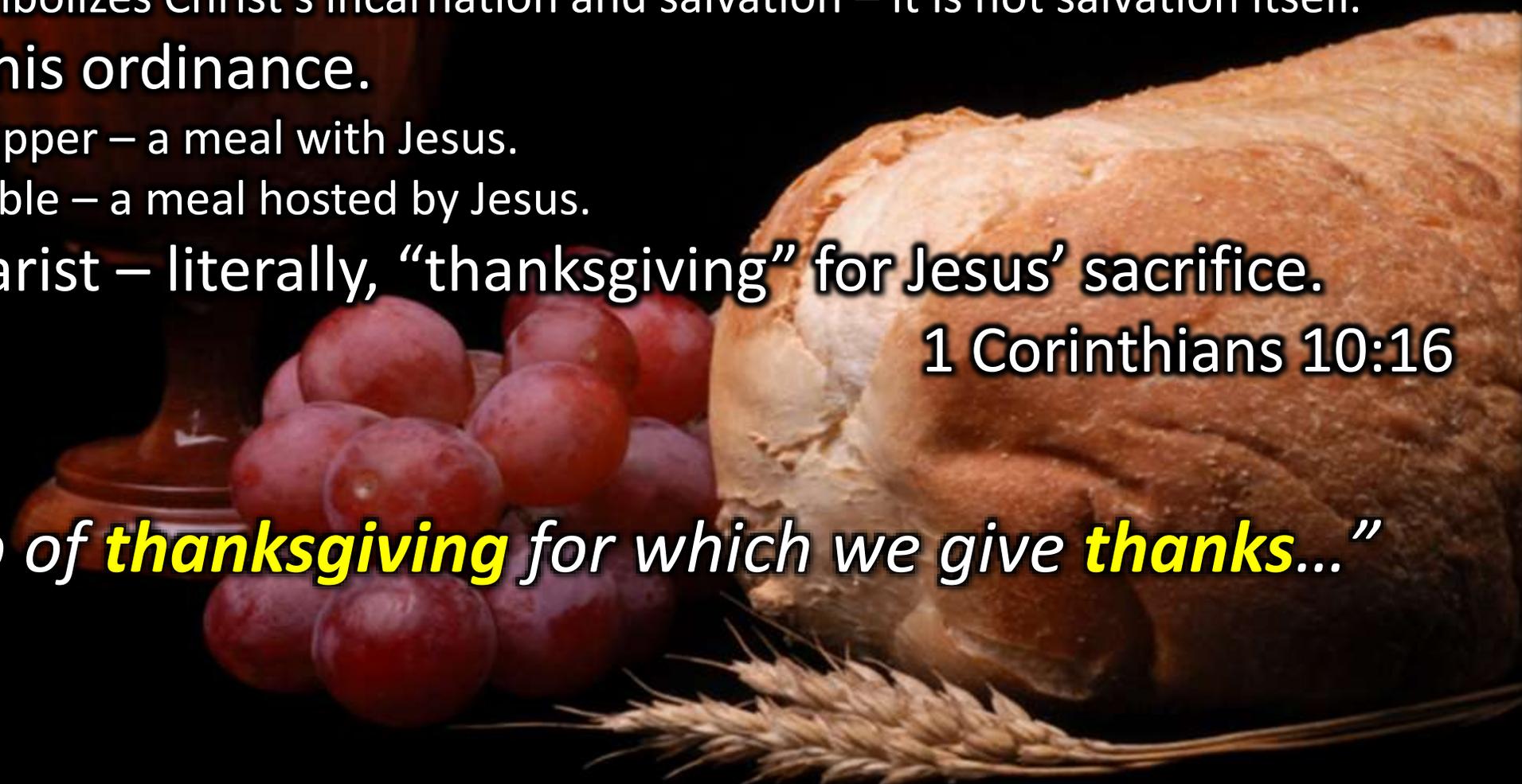
“Where do you want us to prepare for [the Passover?]' [the disciples] asked. And [Jesus] said to them, 'I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.'”

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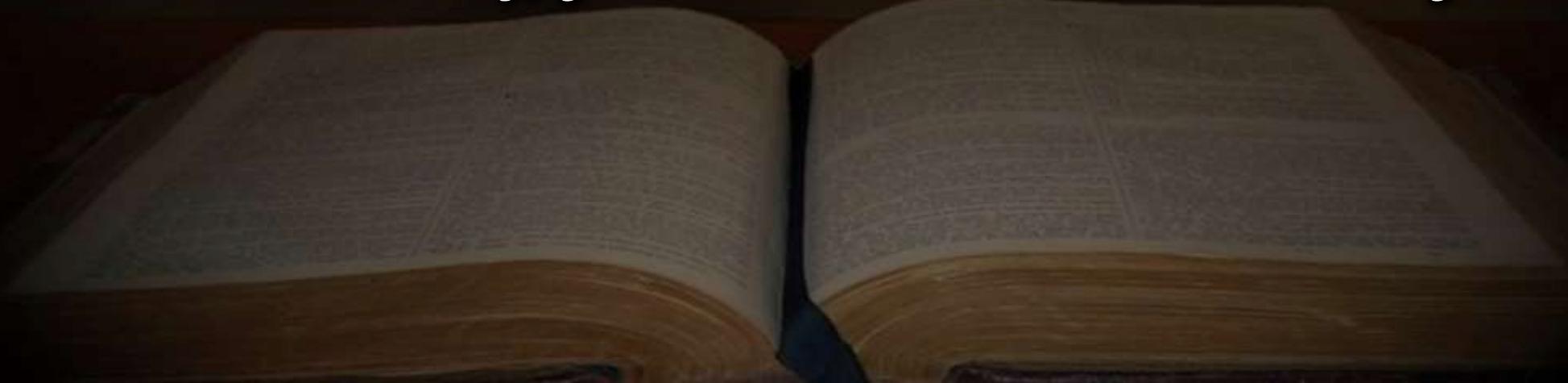
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 - **Communion – literally, “participation” with one another.**

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*“Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks
a participation in the blood of Christ?
And is not the bread that we break
a participation in the body of Christ?
Because there is **one** loaf, we, who are many,
are **one** body, for we all share the **one** loaf.”*





*Come to the
Table of the Lord...*

*... to remember
our belongingness in Jesus.*