

- e. Therefore we may properly set aside the Thursday evening before Easter every year as our date to remember Jesus' institution of the holy supper. We may also set aside other days, or no particular days, for as Paul says in Galatians 5:1—



13. Let's go back to Exodus 12:8. What three things were Jewish families to eat in the Passover meal?



- b.

- c.

14. What about drinking the wine? No mention is made in the law of Moses of any such commandments from God, but according to the Mishnah (*Pesachim*, 10)— the record of the debates and oral traditions about the Jewish law from about 70 to 200 A.D.— at Passover participants all drank four cups of wine, mixed with water. It is still traditional to do so. Many Jews explain the four cups as symbolizing the four promises God made to believing Israel in Exodus 6:6–7:



- b.

- c.

- d.

15. The four cups of wine at the Passover meal, then, are traditionally known as the cups of . . .

- a. sanctification

- b. deliverance

- c. redemption

- d. restoration

16. Since we cannot biblically prove that Jesus and his disciples were in the habit of drinking four cups of wine at Passover (for instance, others say back then only three were used), how much should we make of them as we explain what he did the night he instituted holy communion?



17. On the other hand, at what can we at least guess, when harmonizing Luke's account of the Passover meal the night before our Lord died for us with the accounts of Matthew, Mark and Paul?



18. In Exodus 12:11 the Lord commanded the Israelites to eat the Passover in haste, with their cloaks tucked in their belts and their sandals on their feet. In John 13, though, the disciples take off their sandals as they enter the upper room; Jesus washes their feet. In Luke 22:14, similarly, the disciples don't eat the Passover in haste; they recline at the table. Explain.



19. Must we imitate Jesus' and the disciples' posture at the table? And speak in Aramaic? How can we tell what we are to imitate and what we don't need to imitate?



20. What earthly thing should we eat, therefore?



What should we drink? (For the latter, confer question 7).



21. If someone suggests Coca-Cola and potato chips for holy communion, or something similar, what should we do? (Confer Deuteronomy 29:29.)



22. What about grape juice instead of grape wine? Does it make a difference if the recipient is a patient on very strong medication, or an alcoholic, unable in either case to touch a drop of wine— so he or she requests grape juice? (Confer Matthew 26:29 and its parallels.)

