

# MEET THE KING!

with Matthew

*'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased (Mat. 3:17)'*



Handouts to help you read & understand –  
for personal Bible study, reading the Bible with a friend or with a group

## 4<sup>th</sup> Session      **THEME: The King's table**

1. Start with prayer. Then look at this icebreaker question.      10 minutes to get started

Have you ever tried to read the whole Old Testament by yourself? (You may give an honest answer). Could you miss your Old Testament and live only with your New Testament? Why/why not?

2. Read Matthew 26:17-30      30 minutes to understand the passage

- For several things in this passage, you need your Old Testament, otherwise you don't understand them. How many of such things/ideas/words/topics can you find in this passage?

**Look again at verses 17 - 25      House searching and heart searching**

- Why may Judas have been disappointed with Jesus' answer on the question in verse 17?
- In Exodus 12 you can read everything about Passover preparations. What did the preparations involve, according to Exodus 12:15?
- Read I Corinthians 5:6-8. To which reality does leaven point?
- Undoubtedly the house will have been clean when Jesus arrived. What about the hearts of the disciples?

**Look again at verses 26 - 30      Passover and the Lord's Supper**

- Do you know which foods you would eat during the Passover meal and why? (See Exodus 12)
- How is the Lord's supper the fulfilment of the Passover meal?
- Pay attention to things in this passage that strike you, or on which you have questions.
- Someone said: during the Lord's Supper we are reminded of invisible but important realities in the past, around us, above us and in the future. To which realities does the Lord's Supper point us?
- We partake of what Christ has done for us by faith. If someone would just eat the bread and drink the wine of the Lord's Supper, wouldn't he also benefit of that (since the Lord said that it is his body and blood)?

3. Apply and end with prayer.      15 minutes to make it personal and to pray

Are you used to partake of the Lord's Supper, or not? If you are, can you share something about what it means for you? If not (yet), can you share a bit about whether in the future you would like to do so or not and why?

4. Digging deeper.

Before the Passover meal was eaten, Psalms 113-115 were/are always sung. After the Passover meal, the hymns that were/are always sung, are Psalms 116-118. You can read these and see how they cohere with the Passover feast. The book of Exodus, especially chapter 12 shows you much more about the background of the Passover feast. Exodus 24:8 is one of the few verses in the Old Testament where blood and covenant are both mentioned. Jeremiah 31:34 mentions the new covenant. Isaiah 53 deeply shows how God's servant would be called to be 'the Lamb'. Romans 3:21-26, Romans 5:6-11 and Ephesians 1:7 give more insight into the meaning of Christ's blood, shed for us. Hebrews 9:11-28 shows how Jesus is both the Priest and the sacrifice.