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The Dispute about Greatness

²⁴A dispute also arose among them, which of them was to be regarded as the greatest. ²⁵And he said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. ²⁶But not so with you;

^{22:15} Lk 12:49-50. ^{22:16} Lk 14:15. ^{22:17} Mt 26:27; Mk 14:23; 1 Cor 10:16. ^{22:18} Mt 26:29; Mk 14:25. ^{22:19} Mt 26:26; Mk 14:22; 1 Cor 10:16; 11:23-26; Lk 9:16. ^{22:20} Mt 26:21-23; Mk 14:18-21; Ps 41:9; Jn 13:21-30. ^{22:21} Lk 9:46; Mk 9:34. ^{22:22} Mt 26:25-27; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 9:48. ^{22:23} Mt 26:28-30; Lk 9:48. ^{22:24} Lk 4:13; Heb 2:18; 4:15. ^{22:25} Mt 14:24; Heb 9:20. ^{22:26} Mt 26:33-35; Mk 14:29-31; Jn 13:37-38. ^{22:27} Mt 26:36; Mk 14:30. ^{22:28} Lk 4:13; Heb 2:18; 4:15. ^{22:29} Mt 14:24; Heb 9:20. ^{22:30} Mt 10:37; Rev 3:21; 20:4. ^{22:31} Job 16:12; Amos 9:9. ^{22:32} Jn 17:15; 21:15-17. ^{22:33} Mt 26:33-35; Mk 14:29-31; Jn 13:37-38. ^{22:34} Mt 26:36; Mk 14:30. ^{22:35} Lk 10:4; Mt 10:9.

dinner banquet of the New Covenant. As Passover recalls Israel's deliverance from Egypt, so the Eucharist both commemorates and accomplishes our redemption from slavery in sin. Jesus reconfigures this ancient feast by placing himself at the center of its significance: he is the true Lamb offered for sin and given as food to God's family (Jn 1:29; 1 Cor 5:6-8; CCC 1351, 1340). ^{22:17} he took a chalice. The Passover meal (Seder) was structured around four cups of wine. Here Jesus takes the first or second cup, either he was sanctifying the feast (cup one) or he and the disciples had just finished singing Ps 113-14 (cup two). The eucharistic cup that Jesus consecrates in 22:20 was probably cup three, the "cup of blessing", which was drunk after the main meal (1 Cor 10:16).

^{22:19} given thanks: A translation of the Greek verb *eucharisteo*, from which the Sacrament of the Eucharist takes its name (CCC 1359-60). ^{22:20} broke it: The early Christians closely associated the Eucharist with this gesture, calling it the "breaking of the bread" (24:35; Acts 2:42; 20:7). This is my body: Once Jesus consecrates the unleavened bread, it is no longer a symbol of the Old Covenant Passover (Deut 16:3) but the substance of the New Covenant Passover. Christ himself (CCC 1365). Do this: The apostles and their successors are to imitate Jesus' actions. Note that only "the Twelve" were present with him at the Last Supper (Mt 26:20; Mk 14:17). According to Jewish custom, the feast was celebrated by families or fraternities of 10 to 20 people. According to the Council of Trent in 1562, Jesus' words "Do this in memory of me" are linked with the apostles' ordination to the New Covenant priesthood (Sess. 22, chap. 1). Priests perpetuate this memorial through the continual celebration of the Eucharist, where Christ's once-for-all sacrifice is present, but hidden, behind the visible signs of bread and wine (CCC 611, 1337). See word study, *Remembrance* at Lk 22:19.

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⁴ The Greek word for you here is plural; in verse 32 it is singular.

rather let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. ²⁷For which is the greater, one who sits at table, or one who serves? Is it not the one who sits at table? But I am among you as one who serves.

²⁸You are those who have continued with me in my trials; ²⁹as my Father appointed a kingdom for me, so do I appoint for you ³⁰that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Peter's Denial Foretold

³¹"Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, ³²that he might sift you ³³like wheat, ³⁴but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail; and when you have turned again, strengthen your brethren." ³⁵And he said to him, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death." ³⁶He said, "I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you three times deny that you know me."

Purse, Bag, and Sword

³⁵And he said to them, "When I sent you out with no purse or bag or sandals, did you lack anything?" They said, "Nothing." ³⁶He said to them, "But now, let him who has a purse take it, and

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^{22:20} is poured out: This is part of the cultic language of the OT, where the blood of animal sacrifices was poured at the base of the altar to make atonement (Ex 29:12; Lev 4:7, 18). It is also linked with the martyr's, who pour out or shed their blood before God (Mt 23:35; Acts 22:20). new covenant: An expression that, in the Gospels, is used only at the Last Supper. The epistles use it more frequently (Rom 11:27; 2 Cor 3:6; Heb 8:6).

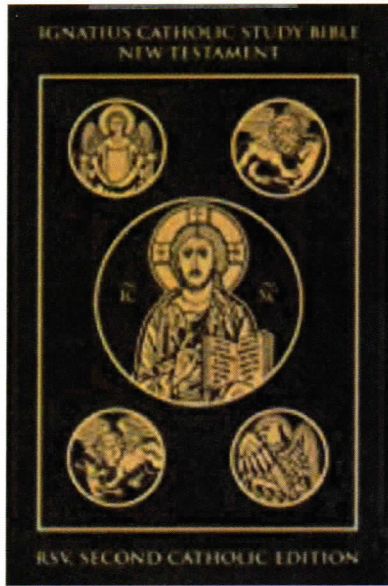
^{22:25} benefactors: A title of honor claimed by various rulers of the Hellenistic world.

^{22:26} one who serves: The disciples must not confuse worldly honor and recognition with spiritual greatness. The shepherds of God's people must instead imitate Christ in their humility and selfless concern for those under their care (Jn 13:12-15; CCC 894).

^{22:29} a kingdom: Jesus confers royal authority on the apostles and entrusts them with the Church on earth (12:32). Jesus alludes to the prophetic vision of Daniel 7, in which God gives a worldwide kingdom to the Son of man, who in turn gives it to the saints (Dan 7:18, 22, 27). In context, these events coincide with the Son of man's heavenly enthronement (Dan 7:13-14). The historical unfolding of this prophecy begins with the Ascension of Jesus and the birth of the Church (Mk 14:62; 16:19; Acts 7:56).

^{22:30} thrones: Seats of royal honor. As the new Davidic king, Jesus gives his apostles a share in his kingdom; enabling them to exercise his royal authority over God's people (1:32-33; Mt 19:28). See note on Mt 16:19. The role of the apostles is described in terms that recall how King David's cabinet of ministers ruled Israel from thrones in Jerusalem (Ps 122:3-5; Is 22:20-23).

^{22:31-32} Jesus displays a special interest in Peter both here and elsewhere. For, although Satan will test the faith of all the disciples, Jesus prays for Simon in particular (see textual note k). In this way Christ helps Peter regain his balance after he stumbles, making him a source of stability for others as well (CCC 552, 641). See note on Jn 21:15-17.



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311. The Last Supper

Matt. 26:26-29	Mark 14:22-25	Luke 22:15-20	John 6:51-58
cp. v. 29	cp. v. 25	(no. 308 22:7-14 p. 280)	(no. 149 p. 140)
26 Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is my body."	22 And as they were eating, he took bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body."	15 And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer; 16 for I tell you I shall not eat it ^h until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." 17 And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves; 18 for I tell you that from now on I shall not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."	51 "I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if any one eats of this bread, he will live for ever; and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh." 52 The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" 53 So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you; 54 he who eats my flesh and drinks my
27 And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; 28 for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. 29 I tell you I shall not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."	23 And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. 24 And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. 25 Truly, I say to you, I shall not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."	19 And he took bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." 20 And likewise the cup after supper, saying, "This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."	55 For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." 56 In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."
(no. 315 26:30-35 p. 288)	(no. 315 14:26-31 p. 288)	cp. v. 18	56 blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. 57 For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. 58 He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. 59 As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats me will live because of me. 60 This is the bread which came down from heaven, not such as the fathers ate and died; he who eats this bread will live for ever."

Matt.: 26 blessed it A | and he gave R | 27 the cup A | cup, and gave thanks A R | 1 | R | Drink ye all of it A R | 28 covenant | new testament A | poured out | shed A R | 29 tell | say A R | again | henceforth A R

Mark: 22 he | Jesus A | and when he had blessed, he R | gave to A R | Take, eat A | 23 the cup A | gave to R | 24 covenant | new testament A | poured out | shed A R |

Luke: 15 With desire I have desired to A R | 16 tell | say A R | 17 not any more eat thereof A | it A R | 17 took | received R | the cup A | and gave thanks and

said A | 18 tell | say A R | from now on | – A | from henceforth R | shall come A R | 19 and gave thanks and broke it A | 16 | – A R | which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me | – T | 20 Likewise also the cup A | And the cup in like manner R | saying, This cup is the new testament (covenant R C) in my blood, (even that R) which is shed (poured out R C) for you. A R C [T] places vs 19b-20 (which is given ... in my blood) in a footnote, the text of which is identical to T]

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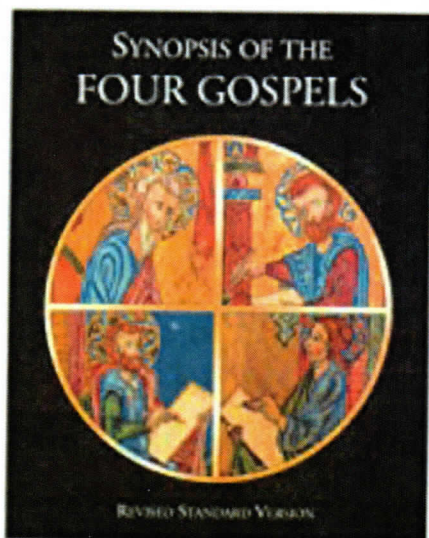
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22: Mk. 6:41; 8:6; Lk. 24:30 | 22-25: 1Cor. 11:23-26 | 23: 1Cor. 10:16 | 24: Ex. 24:8; Heb. 9:20

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