INTRODUCTION

* Last week we turned to the final day of Jesus the Messiah's earthly life and ministry with the consideration of Judas' decision to betray the Messiah.
* Today, we get to focus probably THE most observed portrait of Christ's payment for our sins - the Last Supper. Our observances of this Passover Seder meal that Christ partook with His disciples are commonly referred to as Communion, the Lord's Supper, or the Eucharist.
* We are told, in the passage that we studying today, that Jesus was intensely desirous of having this meal with His disciples and leaving it as a portrait for us to remember the cost of the covenant which He was purchasing on our behalf.

INSTRUCTION

    I. **THE P_____ OF THE LORD (v. 7-13)**

        A. **His I_____ (v. 8-12)**

           1. THE INITIAL INSTRUCTIONS

           2. THE FOLLOW-ON INSTRUCTIONS (cf. Proverbs 3:5-6)

        B. **Their O_____ (v. 13)**

    II. **THE P_____ OF THE LORD (v. 14-16)**

        A. **The I_____ of His Passion (v. 15)**

        B. **The I_____ of His Passion (v. 15-16)**

           1. THE M_____

           2. THE S_____ (cf. Luke 9:22; 17:20-25)

           3. THE F_____ (cf. Matt 26:27-29; Exodus 6:6-7; Revelation 19:6-9)

    III. **THE P_____ OF THE LORD (v. 17-20)**

        A. **The B_____ (v. 19; John 6:51-56)**

        B. **The C_____ (v. 20; Exodus 24:8; Hebrews 12:24; 1 Corinthians 10:16-21; 11:25)**

        C. **The F_____ (v. 19)**

INTROSPECTION

* Of what are you strongly desirous?   What consumes your thoughts and plans? Is serving God and His Kingdom, or serving self and your flesh?

* How do you respond to the requests and commands of Christ? Are you focused upon obedience and pleasing Christ?

* What is "communion" to you? Is it merely a religious ritual or is it a time to reflect upon the cost of His great love?

* Is there a need to change the way you think and therefore the way you act?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

* Are we fulfilling Christ's desire in our remembrance of this final earthly dinner? Are there things that we ought to consider, or do, to help us worship and glorify Him more in our remembrances?