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MAUNDAY THURSDAY.

*Matt 26:30*

THE CHRISTIAN WORLD IS OBSERVING THIS WEEK AS HOLY WEEK.. THE WEEK BEFORE EASTER, OF COURSE, IS SUPPOSED TO BE OBSERVED EVERY YEAR IN A VERY REVERENT MANNER. TO DAY, THURSDAY OF THAT WEEK IS KNOWN AS MAUNDAY THURSDAY.

MAUNDAY WAS A CEREMONY IN WHICH CHRISTIANS WASHED EACH OTHERS FEET. IN JOHN 13:4 WE READ, "HE RISETH FROM SUPPER AND LAID ASIDE HIS GARMENTS; AND TOOK A TOWEL AND GIRDED HIMSELF, POURED WATER IN A BASIN AND BEGAN TO WASH THE DISCIPLES FEET."

IN MATT. 26:26-30 WE HAVE THE ACCOUNT OF THE SUPPER. JESUS GAVE THEM BREAD AND WINE AND AFTER THIS MATTHEW RECORDS THESE WORDS: " AND WHEN THEY HAD SUNG A HYMN THEY WENT OUT INTO THE MOUNT OF OLIVES."

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IN LUKE 22:24 WE <sup>have</sup> THE ACCOUNT OF THE SUPPER AND THE COMMENT IS <sup>that</sup> AFTER JESUS GAVE THE BREAD AND WINE ~~THE~~ STRIFE AROSE AMONGST THE DISCIPLES AS TO WHO WOULD BE GREATEST IN THE KINGDOM. HERE JESUS IS QUOTED AS SAYING, " HE THAT IS ~~GREATEST~~ GREATEST AMONG YOU LET HIM BE AS THE YOUNGER, AND HE THAT IS CHIEF, AS HE THAT DOTH SERVE."

IN MARK 14:26 WE HAVE THE ACCOUNT OF THE SUPPER AND MARK GIVES THE EXACT WORDS THAT WE FIND IN MATTHEW 26:30 WHICH WE HAVE ALREADY READ TO YOU, *which were, when they had sung a hymn they went out into the mount of olives*. JOHN IS THE ONLY ONE THAT MENTIONS THE CEREMONY THAT WE CALL MAUNDAY. BUT THE CHURCH HAS THOUGHT ENOUGH OF JOHN'S ACCOUNT OF WHAT HAPPENED ON THURSDAY NIGHT TO PUT IT DOWN AS MAUNDAY THURSDAY, *or Holy Thursday*

WE MIGHT SAY THAT THURSDAY WAS THE AWFUL DAY BEFORE YOU MOSTLY LIKELY HAVE HAD YOUR ANXIOUS DAYS BEFORE SOME GREAT EVENT IN YOUR LIFE..YOUR JOINING THE CHURCH..YOUR WEDDING DAY..MAKING YOUR FIRST PUBLIC SPEECH..AND SOME PEOPLE FACING THE ELECTRIC CHAIR. TO JESUS IT WAS THE AWFUL DAY BEFORE HIS CRUCIFIXION. *So trying was the thought of it to him that he hesitated. If it was possible let it pass*

THURSDAY WAS ALSO THE DAY OF PREPARATION FOR EATING THE PASSOVER WITH HIS DISCIPLES..A SORT OF LAST MEETING TO\*\* GETHER BEFORE HIS DEATH. AS PART OF THE PREPARATIONS JESUS GAVE INSTRUCTIONS TO TWO OF HIS DISCIPLES TO GO INTO THE

CITY AND THAT A MAN CARRYING A JAR OF WATER WOULD MEET THEM HE TOLD THEM WHAT TO SAY..."SAY TO THE HOUSEHOLDER THE TEACHER SAYS, WHERE IS THE GUEST CHAMBER WHERE I SHALL EAT THE PASSOVER WITH MY DISCIPLES?"

ON THIS THURSDAY WE HAVE LIFTED UP BEFORE US A MAN..THE HOUSEHOLDER OF WHOM I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK IN THE CLOSING MOMENTS OF OUR DEVOTIONS TO DAY.

THIS HOUSEHOLDER DESERVES MORE HONOR AND RECOGNITION THAN HE HAS EVER RECEIVED. HE PLAYED A LARGE PART IN KEEPING FURNISHED AND READY THE PLACE WHERE THE LAST SUPPER WAS HELD. HE WAS NOT A PART OF THAT SPIRITUAL EVENT: BUT HE MADE IT POSSIBLE IN THE PHYSICAL SENSE. HE MADE A REAL CONTRIBUTION TO ALL THAT IT MEANT IN THE LAST DAYS OF JESUS AND IN ALL THE DAYS AND YEARS OF SUBSEQUENT HISTORY.

HE IS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THAT GROUP OF MEN AND WOMEN, OFTEN FORGOTTEN, WHO HAVE RENDERED GREAT SERVICE TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD, NOT IN SHAPING AND PROCLAIMING THE CHURCH'S MESSAGE ~~AND PROCLAIMING IT~~ BUT IN PROVIDING AND SUSTAINING THE PLACE WHERE THE MESSAGE COULD BE PROCLAIMED. THEY ARE A GREAT HOST A GREAT PARADE MOVING DOWN THE YEARS. THE ANONYMOUS FOLK.

MINISTERS RISE AND THEIR NAMES BECOME FAMOUS AND WELL KNOWN WHEN MANY TIMES THE WIFE WHO NEVER GETS A MENTION IS THE INSPIRATION BEHIND THE SCENES. <sup>than</sup> HERE IS A MAN FOR INSTANCE WHO HAS GIVEN HIS TIME AND STRENGTH FOR HALF A CENTURY TO KEEP A CERTAIN CHURCH IN REPAIR..FIXING THE ROOF? THE STOVE AND THE WALLS. HE KEPT READY A PLACE WHERE A SPIRITUAL EVENT COULD HAPPEN. WHEN A BOY..GIRL..OR ANY PERSON WAS CONSECRATED IN THAT BUILDING WENT OUT TO BLESS THE WORLD THAT MAN WAS A VITAL LINK IN THE CHAIN.

THIS HOUSEHOLDER WAS ANONYMOUS...WHAT A FAMILY OF ANONYMOUSES..TURN TO YOUR HYMNAL AND FIND THE HYMNS SIGNED ANONYMOUS AND YOU WILL FIND QUITE A FEW...

COME THOU ALMIGHTY KING

OH COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

THE STRIFE IS O'ER THE BATTLE DONE

FAIREST LORD JESUS AND A SCORE OF OTHERS

THE ANONYMOUSES IN N.T. THE CENTURIAN AND TOWN CLERK OF EPHESUS AND A GALLERY OF GREAT SOULS.

THERE ARE NO NEAR LIMITS TO WHAT A PERSON MAY ACCOMPLISH IF HE DOES NOT CARE WHO GETS THE CREDIT.

