



## EXPLAINING THE CROSS (Luke 22.14-34)

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## Introduction

“The vast majority of people who don’t believe in Christianity have radically inaccurate ideas about what Christianity is.”

- Tim Keller

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## Luke 22.14-34 NIV

<sup>14</sup>When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. <sup>16</sup>For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God.”

<sup>17</sup>After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, “Take this and divide it among you. <sup>18</sup>For I tell you I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”

<sup>19</sup>And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.” <sup>20</sup>In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.”

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### Luke 22.14-34 NIV

<sup>21</sup>But the hand of him who is going to betray me is with mine on the table. <sup>22</sup>The Son of Man will go as it has been decreed, but woe to that man who betrays him." <sup>23</sup>They began to question among themselves which of them it might be who would do this.

<sup>24</sup>Also a dispute arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest. <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. <sup>26</sup>But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. <sup>27</sup>For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves?

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### Luke 22.14-34 NIV

Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. <sup>28</sup>You are those who have stood by me in my trials. <sup>29</sup>And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me, <sup>30</sup>so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

<sup>31</sup>"Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat.

<sup>32</sup>But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."

<sup>33</sup>But he replied, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death." <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, "I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me."

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### Outline

The Cross demands an explanation.  
In this passage we find the explanation of:

1. An historic pattern
2. A prophetic prediction
3. A contrast community
4. A changed individual

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**Luke 18.31-34 NIV**

<sup>31</sup>Jesus took the Twelve aside and told them, "We are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled. <sup>32</sup>He will be handed over to the Gentiles. They will mock him, insult him, spit on him, flog him and kill him. <sup>33</sup>On the third day he will rise again."

<sup>34</sup>The disciples did not understand any of this. Its meaning was hidden from them, and they did not know what he was talking about.

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