

# Lord's Evening Meal




**YOU cannot be drinking the cup of Jehovah and the cup of demons; YOU cannot be partaking of "the table of Jehovah" and the table of demons.  
1 Corinthians 10:21**

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**Why Do Jehovah's Witnesses Observe the Lord's Supper Differently From the Way Other Religions Do?**

**\*\*\* w72 3/15 p. 167 The Year's Greatest Celebration—Will You Be There? \*\*\***

*“Therefore, anyone deliberately staying away from this celebration, on March 29, does well to consider this question:*

*If willful disregard of the ancient Passover was punishable by death, would not a more severe punishment be meted out to one who spurns the Lord's Evening Meal, trampling on the provision represented by the bread and wine?*

*Surely you will want to accept the invitation to be present for this celebration and, in faith, accept the provision of Jesus' ransom sacrifice.—Num. 9:13; Heb. 10:26-31”.*

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In the Dutch edition of the Watchtower, the question about the consequences of not partaking of the Lord's Evening Meal appeared a year later in The Watchtower of April 1, 1973.

**\*\*\* w73 1/4 blz. 214 De belangrijkste viering van het jaar — Zult u er aanwezig zijn? \*\***

*“Daarom doet iedereen die opzettelijk wegblijft van deze viering op 29 maart er goed aan om deze vraag te overwegen:*

*als het opzettelijk negeren van het oude Pascha met de dood bestraft zou worden, zou er dan niet een zwaardere straf worden opgelegd aan iemand die het Avondmaal des Heren afwijst, vertrappend op de voorziening vertegenwoordigd door het brood en de wijn?*

*U zult beslist de uitnodiging willen aannemen om bij deze viering aanwezig te zijn en in geloof de voorziening van Jezus' loskoopoffer willen aanvaarden. — Num. 9:13; Heb. 10:26-31”.*

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So according to the Watchtower, rejecting the Lord's Evening Meal is more severe than the death penalty.

There is an ancient satanic ritual in which people consciously refuse the symbols of the blood (wine) and body (bread) of Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ the Son of The Almighty God Jehovah had himself sacrificed in the year 33 to pay back as a ransom what Adam had thrown away in Eden, namely perfect human life.

This final and perfect human sacrifice of Jesus Christ has made it possible for mankind to live eternally in perfection and harmony with each other and their Creator one day.

To those who believe in this perfect and final sacrifice, Jesus Christ asked to eat and drink the wine and bread that symbolize His sacrificed blood and body, saying, "**Keep doing this in remembrance of me**".

Below are two examples of organizations that gather their followers for an evening meal and actually perform this ancient satanic ritual.

The first organization is that of Freemasonry. Below an ex-freemason who explains how a ritual is performed among freemasons in which people are offered bread and wine.

Notice what the bread and wine are made of.



Please watch the video section below where the ex-Freemason explains how "the kind of evening meal" was performed as a *ritual*:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BKRyHBwXto4&t=2m17s>

Clear is the fact that Freemasons commemorate the Lord's Evening Meal symbolically, using the symbols that are supposed to symbolize Jesus' body and blood.

They do not refuse the body of Jesus in the sense that they **deliberately** leave the bread and wine **untouched**. On the contrary. Only the wine is really wine vinegar, and the bread is eaten with salt.

In the case of Freemasons, the symbols are *not correct*. Unsweetened wine and unleavened bread are appropriate for use during the Lord's Evening Meal. Vinegar and bread with salt are not appropriate as symbols to symbolize the body of Our King Jesus Christ.

Compare the instructions below from another society:

**Unleavened bread:** Bread, such as unseasoned Jewish matzoth, made only with wheat flour and water may be used. Do not use matzoth that are made with added ingredients such as salt, sugar, malt, eggs or onions. You can make your own unleavened bread using the following recipe: Mix one and a half cups of wheat flour (if unobtainable, use rice, corn or another grain flour) with one cup of water, making a moist dough. Then roll dough to wafer thickness. Place it in a baking pan and liberally fork it with small holes. Bake it in a hot oven until it is dry and crisp.

**Wine:** Use an unadulterated red grape wine such as Chianti, Burgundy, or a claret. Avoid dessert wines that have been fortified or altered with brandy, such as sherry, port or muscatel. Do not use wines with spices or herbs added to them, like Dubonnet and other aperitif wines. A homemade red wine may also be used if it has not been sweetened, spiced or fortified.

*Source: Watchtower February 15, 1985*

Freemasons are therefore put on the wrong track by this ritual in case they sincerely *want to remember the Lord's Evening Meal*. In reality, they reject Jesus' body, so to speak, by using inappropriate symbols.

The second organization is the Watchtower Society. This organization has some of its followers use appropriate symbols during the Lord's Evening Meal.

Also known as the Memorial, Lord's Evening Meal is commemorated by Jehovah's Witnesses after sunset each year on Nisan 14.

The Watchtower writes in one of its issues, I quote:

"A literal meal, commemorative of the death of the Lord Jesus Christ; hence, a memorial of his death. Since it is the only event Scripturally commanded to be memorialized by Christians, it is also properly termed

the Memorial. It is sometimes called "the Lord's supper."—1Co 11:20, KJ. (*it-2 p. 268 Lord's Evening Meal*).

And more recently in the January 15, 2015 Watchtower:

**12** Paul compared the Memorial to a meal shared with others, and he warned partakers: "You cannot be drinking the cup of Jehovah and the cup of demons; you cannot be partaking of 'the table of Jehovah' and the table of demons." (1 Cor. 10:16-21) If a person who partakes of the emblems at the Lord's Evening Meal has committed a serious sin, he should seek spiritual assistance. (**Read James 5:14-16.**) If such an anointed one has produced "fruits that befit repentance," then he is not showing contempt for Jesus' sacrifice by partaking of the Memorial emblems.—Luke 3:8. **Watchtower 2015-01-15 page 16 paragraph 12**

A literal meal according to the Watchtower Society. A literal meal to which millions of Christian people worldwide are invited.

Now the point where *millions of sincere Christians* be made guilty of **ACTIVELY REFUSING** the symbols signifying the body of Jesus Christ. Completely in line with that old satanic ritual which consists of actively refusing Jesus' body.

On Nisan 14 2016, which is March 23 after sundown, a few million sincere Christians gather for "a *literal meal, in remembrance or memorial of the death of the Lord Jesus Christ*".

Compare this quote from the daily text - *Examining the Scriptures Daily*—2023 - of Thursday, March 30, 2023:

*"The other sheep are happy to be present **as observers** at the Memorial and contemplate their hope. . . . How thrilling it is for **the millions of observers at the Memorial** to imagine . . ."*

All these Christians will personally receive the bread and wine that evening. After selected men at the beginning of the rows of seats "serve" the first person on his side of the bread, this person then passes the bread untouched and in turn serves the brother, sister, child or guest next to him. Who in turn passes the bread untouched and serves the Christian next to him, until all those present have had the opportunity to refuse the symbolic body of Jesus.

When the bread has been passed around after saying a prayer, a glass of red wine is handed and passed on in the same way. Millions of people around the world **actively refuse** the body of Jesus on this evening.

These sincere Christians are taught that only a few remaining anointed ones who would be among the 144,000 may use the symbols.

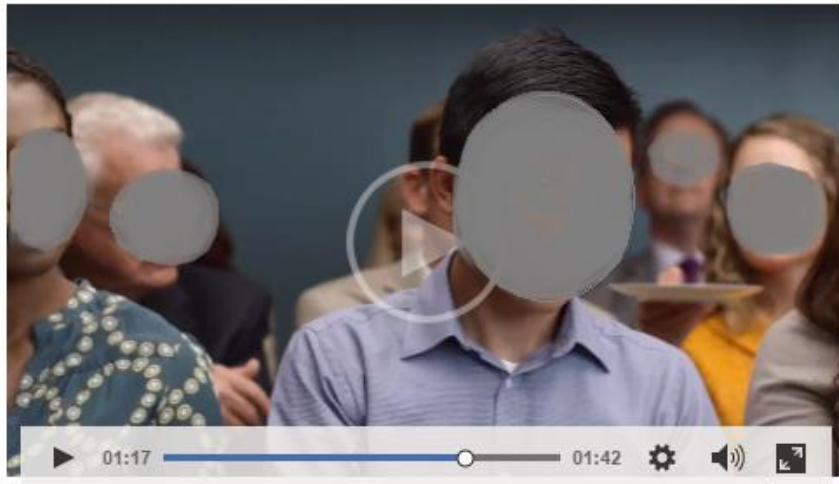
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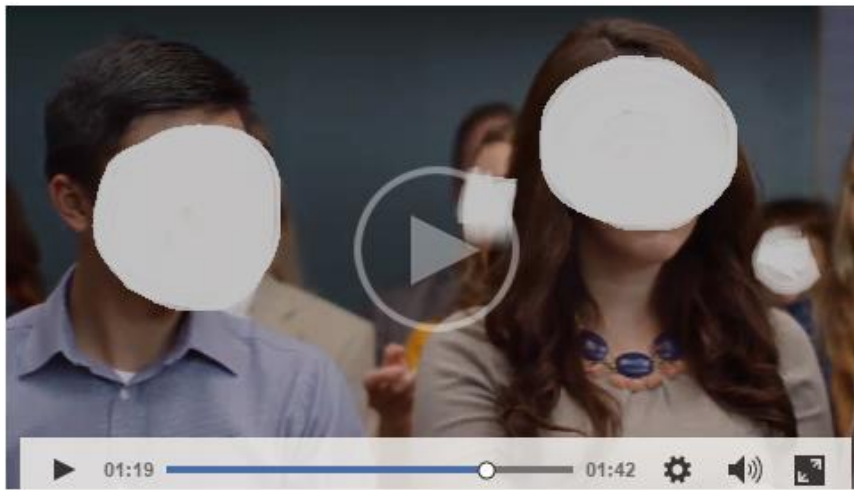
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**In Ignorance. . . .**



**. . . . Conscious Refuse**



Source of the above scene of the Watchtower-organized commemoration of Jesus' death comes from the video below on the Watchtower Society's website:

<https://www.jw.org/nl/jehovahs-getuigen/herdenking/Herdenking-van-Jezus-dood/>

Below is a statement made by *Frederick W. Franz* President of the Watchtower Society at the time when the Watchtower Society's headquarters in New York were in dispute over whether or not Christians should use the bread and wine at the Lord's Evening Meal.

This whole ritual of consciously refusing the bread and wine does not stem from harmony and peace within and outside the governing body of Jehovah's Witnesses, but stems from power struggles, differences of opinion and the application of unbiblical teachings by mainly the leaders within and behind the scenes of the Watchtower Society.

The book *Conflict of Conscience*—written by now deceased Raymond Franz, a former member of the governing body of Jehovah's Witnesses—delves deeper into these divisions within the Watch Tower Society's headquarters.



While discussing the daily text on November 16, 1979, *Frederick W. Franz* President of the *Watch Tower Society* stated that some people questioned the Society's view in a recent issue of the *Watchtower* (see the *April 1, 1979 Watchtower*, page 31). As Frederick W. Franz literally put it:

**"They would merge everyone together and make Jezus Christ the mediator for every Tom, Dick and Harry."**

(Source: *Crisis of Conscience* page. 283)

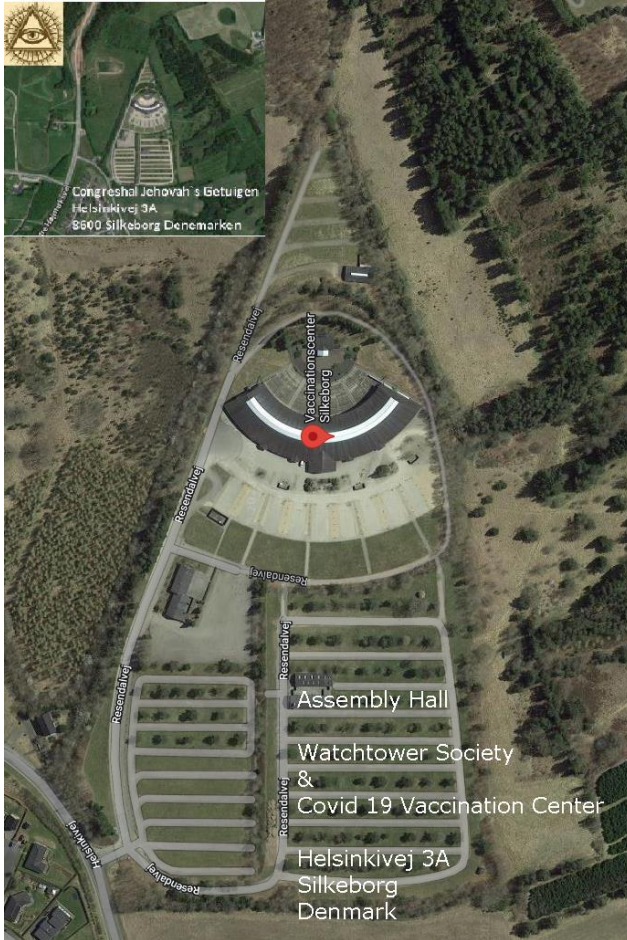
The **"they"** were not opposers, disfellowshipped, or inactive ones, but Jehovah's Witnesses who often served much of their lives at the Brooklyn New York (Bethel) Headquarters.

Another quote from the book *Conflict of Conscience* related to whether or not to use the symbols:

*"What plain statement in Scripture could anyone, Governing Body member or anyone else, point to and say, "Here, the Bible clearly says":*

*. . . That the heavenly hope is not open to anyone and everyone who will embrace it, that it has been replaced by an earthly hope (since 1935) and that Christ's words in connection with the emblematic bread and wine, "Do this in remembrance of me," do not apply to all persons putting faith in his ransom sacrifice? What scriptures make such statements?"*  
(*Crisis of Conscience* page 330)





My conclusion from all of the above in this document - *and I invite anyone who reads this to make a personal inquiry into its truth* - is that the two societies, Freemasonry and the Watchtower Society, are cheat many sincere people and Christians by make them perform ancient satanic rituals.

Incidentally, a few days after distributing it in connection with the Covid-19 jab *Letter2022* (<https://jehovah.nu/letter2022.pdf>), The Watchtower Society has removed **Anthony Morris III** from the *Governing Body*.

Whether it had anything to do with each other, for that I keep in mind Matthew 10:26.

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How true and sincere Christians could correctly commemorate the death of their Lord Jesus Christ explained below by Elle Wiltjer and Maarten de Bruin.

Why the Lord's Evening Meal does not have to be commemorated once a year on Nisan 14, but as often as you gather on any date in the year, is nicely explained here.

QUOTE Maarten de Bruin on his [Schriftstudies.tk](http://Schriftstudies.tk) :

*"Very revealing in regard to Acts 20:7 is the time factor according to 20:6.*

*Shortly before, Paul and his companions at Philippi had witnessed the Jewish Festival of Unleavened Bread, which began with the Passover observance on Nisan 14. Apparently that date no longer had any special meaning for Christians then, because about 2 ½ weeks later the memorial of Jesus' death is celebrated in Troas.*

*This is consistent with the fact that Christian worshipers worship God in spirit and in truth and there is no room for "the weak and beggarly elementary things", which means for a worship that has to do with visible, tangible things , such as a*

*fixed place where a shrine is usually located and where the deity is served/worshiped on a national basis and numerous ritual acts are performed in a prescribed manner, usually also bound to certain dates, so in connection with the course of the celestial bodies.*

*Compare John 4:19-24 and Galatians 4:3, 8-11".*

SOURCE: <http://schriftstudies.tk/studies/08-Afzonderlijke-onderwerpen/03-Blijft-dit-tot-een-gedachtenis-aan-mij-doen>

FOR AS OFTEN  
AS YOU EAT THIS LOAF AND DRINK THIS CUP,  
YOU KEEP PROCLAIMING THE DEATH OF THE LORD,  
UNTIL HE ARRIVES.  
1 CORINTHIANS 11:26

WHY DID THE APOSTLE PAUL  
SHARE THE SUPPER WITH THE CHRISTIANS IN TROAS  
MORE THAN TWO WEEKS AFTER NISAN 14?

SEE ACTS 20:6,7

\*\*\* RB18 ACTS 20:7 \*\*\* LIT., "TO BREAK BREAD."

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**Finally, below** is an explanation and view of [Elle Wiltjer](#) concerns the Memorial, the Lord's Evening Meal, which he wrote in response to questions about the use of the bread and wine during these commemorations that signify Jesus' Body.

### **The Memorial and 1 Cor. 10:1-22**

*Elle Wiltjer*

Everyone has their own responsibility and point of view with regard to the Memorial to not participating, eating and drinking, celebrating and proclaiming the death of the Lord (*1 Cor. 11:26*), that is clear. Because of what I write, I want to participate. No one has to forcing anyone to participate or not to participate in any sense or in any way. So I am merely expressing my opinion.

I want to take a stand on this matter in general, by showing *1 Cor. 10:1-22* , where in verses 1-4 it emerges that there is a commonality existed with the nation of Israel, although there was also a separate one in addition to the common people priesthood and priesthood.

They were all in the same situation, namely under the cloud and pillar of fire (*Exod. 13:21-22*), they all passed through the sea (*Exod. 14:22-29*), they were all "baptized" into Moses in all of this, so to speak, "submerged", in other words, they were "transferred", "housed", "placed" "in Moses," and later on all were eating in the desert the same "spiritual" food, the "manna" (*Exod. 16:15, 35*), and all drank the same "spiritual" drink (*Exod. 17:6 and Num. 20:11*), for they drank from a spiritual rock which was with them on their way through the sea and through the desert, and that rock was a type of the Christ, the Anointed One. It foreshadowed the Christ, Jesus (*John 6:48-59*).

There was commonality, says Paul, not one group of believers did and the other group of believers did not! In *1 Cor. 10: 5-14* Paul then discusses what happened to that people, namely they left the right path and went into the side tracks, resulting in destruction.

In *1 Cor. 10:15-22* (especially verses 16-18 ) Paul then emphasizes the celebration of the death of Jesus, in which he again speaks of the commonality that exists and must exist between the Christ, whose body and blood, as it were, was eaten and drank (just like the spiritual food and drink in verses 1-4) and all those who are Christ's, those who believe in him did that. He states in verse 16 two rhetorical questions, namely whether the cup of thanksgiving about which the thanksgiving is pronounced, is a community, means community, with the blood of Christ, and whether the bread that is broken, one communion is, means communion, with the body of Christ. It answer is: Yes! The answer lies within.

If people brought an offering in Israel and ate of that offering, one had communion with the altar upon which it was brought. The food of the sacrifice was something personal, and something communal. The sacrifice what Jesus gave was apparently a communion sacrifice.

Like the Israelites were all "baptized" or "transferred" or "placed" in Moses, that's how all Christians are "baptized," translated, or "subsumed" into Jesus as the Christ. Also the Christians are all in the same situation, not only a special part of them (*Gal. 3:26-29*).

So when we drink of the cup of the Lord (*the fruit of the vine*) and eat at the Table of the Lord (*the unleavened bread*), then we have in it and with it fellowship with the Lord. When we don't eat or drink from it we have no fellowship with the Lord and his sacrifice in it. That follows what Paul says in the 10th chapter of 1 Cor.

This is what I understand from Paul's explanation in 1 Cor. 10 about the common character of Jesus as the Christ and being the on Calvary offered sacrifice, which includes and excludes all other sacrifices, and thus the forgiveness of our sins (*Hebrews throughout chapter 10*).

It is about eating and drinking the unleavened bread and the fruit of the vine which does not have a different destiny or mode of existence the future for a special part of the believers in Christ. This meaning is dragged in with the hair, but that should not be considered in my opinion. It's about following up the wish that our Lord and Savior uttered just before he became captured and killed.

It is about an act of faith (*just like baptism*) and the belief in forgiveness of sins through faith in Jesus and in his sacrifice made at Calvary. By means of proclaiming the eating and drinking of it, one proclaims to God the Father and to Jesus, but also to all those present at such a Supper or Memorial meeting, even if that is at home or in a congregation meeting, that way of proclaiming really speaks in words and deed, believes in it by eating and drinking of it.

It is sometimes warned by some that for people who are joining, Supper could be a judgment to eat and drink from it. And it is (*1 Cor. 11:27*). That is if, like the Corinthian brothers and sisters, one does not discern what "*the body*" is. What is "*the body*"? I believe that is both the Body and Blood of Jesus, as the congregation as Body. By the way like the congregation of Corinth to eat and drink they did not think of the community and communion with Jesus and with each other. Any did something for himself. Paul warned against that, and that was not allowed.

By teaching today that eating and drinking is only for one select group, which effectively excludes other believers from this on joint communion with Jesus' body and blood, one goes I think also on thin ice. Nowhere in the Bible is it said that the sacrifice of Jesus only applies to a separate group of believers, separated from the others.

It is not forbidden to just celebrate the Lord's Supper at home with a matzah and red wine. If one does not, or can no longer agree with the explanation that there is given about a two destiny doctrine (*according to the Watchtower/Jehovah's Witnesses interpretation*) related to whether or not to use the bread and wine, as a result of which people no longer attend the JG meeting, then this is not necessary mean that one should also let the Lord's Supper pass by. It was after all a wish of our Lord to remember his death!

Satisfying to that desire does not depend on others, but on ourselves, because it goes for being a Christian in the first place and for the personal relationship with God Father and with Jesus Christ, and in addition with the fellow believer who himself also wants to do it and wants to be a part of it!

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Online Dutch: <https://jehovah.nu/gedachtenisviering.pdf>

Online English: <https://jehovah.nu/memorial.pdf>

*When persons are in great danger from a source that they do not suspect or are being misled by those they consider their friends, is it an unkindness to warn them?*

*They may prefer not to believe the warning. They may even resent it.  
But does that free one from the moral responsibility to give that warning?*

Source: Watchtower, January 15, 1974.