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The Last Thing Jesus Said  
Part III

Final Words About Communion

Text: I Corinthians 11:23-34

Key verses:23-26

- "...Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me."  
"...This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." (vv. 24–25)

Introduction: In our previous messages, we explored how the last things God or Jesus said in key moments carried deep significance. Each final word was **relational**, **reassuring**, and **resourceful**. One of the last things Jesus said regarding His followers' ongoing relationship with Him was connection to the **Lord's Supper/Communion**. In 1 Corinthians 11, Paul recalls Jesus' final words during the Last Supper—not only as instruction, but as a lasting invitation.

These words continue to echo through every communion service: *"Do this in remembrance of Me."* The instructions are relational, reassuring and resourceful.

1. Relational—I Cor.11:24-25. Communion is intensely relational because it recalls the night of Jesus' betrayal, His words at the table, and His self-giving sacrifice. "This is my body ... this cup is the new covenant in my blood." It is an act of *sharing Himself* with His people. There's a remembrance taking place.
  - a. Remembrance the Greek word "**Anamnēsis**" means "**a calling to mind again**" or "**a deliberate recollection.**" **Same word in Luke 22:19.**
  - b. Its **active, intentional remembering** that brings a past reality into the present. In a biblical and Jewish context, remembrance often implies **reenactment or participation**, not merely mental recall.
    - Jesus died for me...Jesus shed His blood for me...Jesus pardon (remission of sins): I cannot be penalized for forgiven or pardon sins. Remission Matthew 26:28: (**aphesis**) is the noun form, meaning "**release,**" "**forgiveness,**" or "**pardon.**"
    - This kind of remembrance would dismiss the action of the unworthy manner that was taking place. Because reenacting would highlight forgiveness, cleansing, reconciliation=unifier-I Cor.11:21-22, 27-29.
  - c. It's an act or event where we renew covenant relationship with Jesus Christ and one another as His body.
2. Reassuring—I Cor.11:23-26
  - a. Communion reassures believers by grounding us in the once-for-all sacrifice of Christ.
  - b. It silences doubts about forgiveness, because His blood is the seal of the covenant.
  - c. Each time we partake, we are reassured of His unfailing love, His victory over sin, and His commitment to keep His people until He comes again.
3. Resourceful—I Cor.11:23-26
  - a. Communion is resourceful because it provides spiritual nourishment and strengthen believers for faithful living.
  - b. The bread and cup symbolize participation in Christ's body and blood-cup of blessing (cp. I Cor.10:16).
  - c. Proclaiming His death "until He comes" is a resource for witness: communion strengthens us to go into the world, encouraged and stimulate by the remembrance of His cross.

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