The Bread and the Cup

Text: Mark 14:22-25

Introduction:
1.   The Lord's Supper
2.   The bread represents His body.
3.   The fruit of the vine represents His blood.

I.   The Bread
    A.   He <u>took</u> it.
        1.   The authority of Jesus
        2.   The incarnation of Jesus (Philippians 2:7)
        3.   The sacrifice of Jesus (Hebrews 2:9, 14)
    B.   He <u>blessed</u>.
        1.   "To consecrate a thing with solemn prayers; to ask God's blessing on a thing"
        2.   He blessed His physical body with a sinless life (1 Peter 2:21-22).
        3.   Thus, He is the only sacrifice for sin.
    C.   He <u>brake</u> it.
        1.   The breaking of bread means fellowship and communion.
        2.   However, He also willingly gave His physical body (John 10:18).
    D.   He <u>gave</u> it.
        1.   They shared in a common meal.
        2.   They would also share in salvation.
        3.   Jesus gave His physical body in our place, that we might be saved (1 Cor. 11:24).

II.   The Cup
    A.   He <u>took</u> it.
        1.   The cup contained the fruit of the vine, symbolizing His blood.
        2.   He also took the cup of submission, suffering, and sorrow (Matthew 26:39).
        3.   He tasted death for every man (Hebrews 2:9).
    B.   He <u>gave thanks</u>.
        1.   He was thankful for the cup that symbolized His own agony and death!
        2.   This is grace.
        3.   This is love.
    C.   He <u>gave</u> it to them.
        1.   This was after He had supped (1 Corinthians 11:25).
        2.   After He shed His blood, it became available to all – for the forgiveness of sins!
        3.   Imagine refusing the cup! Imagine refusing His blood!
    D.   They all <u>drank</u> of it.
        1.   They desired fellowship and communion with Jesus.
        2.   They also became partakers of His suffering (Philippians 3:10; Mark 10:38-39).
        3.   Those who suffer with Him will be saved with Him (Romans 8:17; 1 Peter 4:13).

Conclusion:
1.   In the Lord's Supper, we do not remember Jesus as a Teacher or Example.
2.   Instead, we remember and honor Him as a sacrifice!
3.   "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come" (1 Corinthians 11:26).