

SESSION NINETEEN: What does the communion service mean? *Luke 22 v 14-20*
Full Route

1. Suffering (v 15); but beyond that, eating (v 16) and drinking (v 18) in the kingdom of God.
2. When God establishes his kingdom on earth, when Jesus returns.
3. They'll be amazing! It will be like a massive, perfect party.
4. His body being given for his followers ie: his death on the cross.
5. "For" here means "on behalf of". Jesus died on behalf of, or "for the sake of" (or perhaps even "in place of") his followers. Jesus is getting at the truth that in giving himself to death, he died the death of all Christians, so that they could have eternal life instead of facing eternal death (ie: existence outside God's kingdom).
6. By breaking bread and eating it with other Christians ie: by sharing Communion (also called the Eucharist and the Lord's Supper).
7. The "new covenant in my blood", which Jesus would pour out. Again, Jesus is pointing us towards his death.
8. The "new covenant" is the new, unique way that people can relate to God through Jesus' death. His death means that anyone can have their sins taken and dealt with by Jesus. They can be seen by God as he sees Jesus (ie: perfect), and live for ever with Jesus in God's kingdom. That's the "new deal" God offers: all we have to do is accept his Son as our Lord and Saviour.
9. He was going to die to achieve a new "Passover". His death would mean that people could now be spared from God's destruction, and saved from their enemy, the devil. In giving his body and his blood on his people's behalf in his death on the cross, Jesus established a way for a perfect God and sinful people to come into relationship with each other eternally.