

REMEMBER

(St. Luke 22: 14-20) (I Corinthians 11: 23-26)

Remember: To bring back to mind by an effort; to recollect or recall; to call something back to mind.

The word remembrance brings to mind another word that seems to be generally connected, and that word is memorial.

Memorial: Anything that is meant to help people remember some person or event, such as a monument, statutes, trust fund, holidays, rituals which serves as a reminder.

There are some things in life that you love reflecting /remembering such as great times, great achievements, great victories and positive encounters, etc. But there are many things and people you would love to forget.

The Feast of the Passover was a memorial of God's sparing the firstborn of the Israelites in Egypt and of Israel's deliverance from Egyptian bondage. (Exodus 12: 12-14). In Joshua 4:5-9 twelve stones representing the twelve tribes of Israel were set up in the midst of Jordan. It was a memorial to the children of Israel forever. It represented the crossing of the Jordan River into the Promised Land?

The woman who was in Simon the leper's house had an alabaster box with very precious ointment and she poured it on Jesus' head to prepare his body for his burial. (St. Matthew 26: 6-13). This will always be told as a memorial to her.

On the eve of Jesus' crucifixion, he instituted the Lord's Supper. The observance and the discerning of the Lord's Supper is an ongoing Christian memorial that helps the believer to "remember" the sacrifice and the suffering on his behalf.

What things should we "remember" about Christ?

1. His death, burial and resurrection
2. His suffering
3. The extent of his love for us. (He laid down his life)
4. The nails that were driven in his hands and feet.
5. The crown of thorns on his head as an object of mockery and ridicule.
6. His clothes were taken and were gambled for.
7. The fact that he was spat upon.
8. His beard was plucked.
9. He was beaten with a whip that had pieces of metal on it that ripped and tore his flesh.

10. He was mocked and ridiculed being called The King of the Jews.
11. He was wounded and bruised with stripes on his back.
12. He was despised and rejected.
13. He was esteemed of no value.
14. He was oppressed
15. He was afflicted.
16. He was numbered with the transgressors
17. He was cut off out of the land of the living for our transgressions.
18. On the cross, he was speared in the side and out came blood and water.

Last but not least we need to remember that not only was there a trial, a crucifixion, death, burial, resurrection and ascension. There is going to be a return. For he that shall come, will come and will not tarry. The Bible declares that ***“For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”***

(I Thessalonians 4: 16-17)