

WHEN THE HOUR WAS COME

LUKE 22

Text: Luke 22:14

(Luke 22:14) "And when the hour was come, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him."

Introduction:

We have here the model of the Lords supper. It was established by the Lord with His disciples.

While we see the Saviour sitting down with His twelve apostles, let us see; first, what did this make them? Then secondly, what did this imply? And thirdly, what we may infer from it?

We see the Great Master, the Lord, and the King in Zion, sitting down at the table to eat and drink with His disciples

1. WHAT DID THIS MAKE THEM

A. They began as followers

(Mat 4:18-20) "And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and

Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. {19} And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. {20} And they straightway left their nets, and followed him."

(Mat 9:9) "And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him."

(John 1:43-46) "The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow me. {44} Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. {45} Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph. {46} And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see."

B. Being His followers, they came next to be His disciples.

1. Many have followed the Lord but have never become disciples.
2. It is a great thing for followers to become disciples.

3. A disciple is learning daily of Jesus Christ, searching the Bible to see what he desires to teach us.

C. They next rose to the position of servants.

1. That word is used 36 times in the gospels.

Near the close of the Master's life He revealed a nearer position.

D. Christ then refers to them as His friends.

(John 15:15) "Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you."

The mere follower does not sit at the table with his leader; the disciple doesn't claim to be a fellow-commoner with his master; the servant is seldom entertained at the same table with his lord; the befriended one is not always invited to be a guest, but here the Lord Jesus made his chosen ones to be His table companions.

2. WHAT DID THIS TABLE-COMPANIONSHIP IMPLY?

A. Mutual faithfulness.

1. To one another
2. To the Lord

B. Mutual confidence.

1. Confidence in the Lord.

C. Mutual friendship.

1. The Lord in sitting down with His disciples showed Himself to be one of them a Brother indeed.

D. Mutual enjoyment

(John 15:11) "These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full."

E. Mutual affection

1. The Lord was honest with His disciples there at the table and gave them words of wisdom.

3. WHAT MAY BE INFERRED FROM THIS?

A. The equality of all believers.