

Journey towards the Cross

Topic:

Love is shown through sacrifice.

Bible Portion:

Luke 22:19

Focus:

Last Supper: Love is shown through sacrifice.



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A daily devotional for lent season

40-Day Gospel Reading Plan

Bible Readings for Today

John 13-14



Have you Read your Bible today?

Memory Verse for the day

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

John 14:06 (ESV)

Quote

"When Christ calls a man, He bids him come and die."

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

"And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.'"

Luke 22:19

Introduction:

During the sacred season of Lent, the Church pauses to reflect on Christ's suffering and the depth of His redeeming love. On the night before the cross, Jesus gathered with His disciples for the Last Supper. In that quiet upper room, an ordinary meal became a sacred moment in the journey of redemption. Taking bread, Jesus gave thanks, broke it, and said, "This is my body given for you." In these words, we see the heart of the gospel: love expressed through sacrifice. From the Passover remembrance of Israel's deliverance to the cross of Christ, God reveals that redemption is purchased through self-giving love. The Lord's Supper therefore stands as a living

reminder that true love does not merely speak—it gives, it serves, and it sacrifices.

Meditation:

When Jesus broke the bread, He was pointing to His body that would soon be broken on the cross. The separation of bread and cup symbolized His suffering and death, the very center of God's plan to redeem humanity. By transforming the Passover meal into the Lord's Supper, Jesus declared that He Himself was the Lamb whose sacrifice would bring a greater deliverance—not from Egypt, but from sin and death. Every time believers partake of this bread and cup, they remember that their salvation was secured through Christ's loving sacrifice.

The depth of this love is remarkable. Jesus knew that the supper He shared with His disciples was leading directly to betrayal, suffering, and death. Yet His desire for fellowship with them was

not diminished. Instead, He gave them a pledge of grace and a promise of future joy in the kingdom of God. The Lord's Supper therefore becomes both a memorial of Christ's sacrifice and an assurance of His continuing presence with His people.

An illustration helps us grasp this truth. A young king once asked scholars to gather all the wisdom of the world. After many years, they reduced thousands of books into a single sentence: "People live, they suffer, they die—but love is the only thing that truly outlives them." This simple insight reflects the deeper truth revealed at the Last Supper.

Human achievements fade, but sacrificial love remains eternal. Christ's love, shown in the breaking of bread and fulfilled on the cross, continues to transform hearts across centuries.

In everyday life, we also see glimpses of such love—a mother sacrificing sleep to care for her child, a friend standing faithfully beside someone in trouble, or a person giving their time and strength for another's good. These acts remind us that genuine love always carries the cost of self-giving. Yet the sacrifice of Christ is the greatest of all, for through His broken body and shed blood He offers forgiveness, new life, and a restored relationship with God.

Conclusion:

The Lord's Supper calls believers not only to remember Christ's sacrifice but also to reflect His love in



daily life. When we receive the bread and cup, we are reminded that redemption came through self-giving love. Therefore, we are invited to live sacrificially—serving others, forgiving freely, and loving deeply. As we remember Christ's death, our hearts are renewed with gratitude and commitment to follow the path of sacrificial love.

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, thank You for Your sacrificial love shown in the broken bread and poured cup. Help us remember Your grace and live daily with humble, self-giving love. Amen.

-Rev. Rajendra Jeevanrao Bhonsle



Prayer Point



Let us pray for Rev. Nitin Ramesh Dethe,
Rev. Rajendra Jeevanrao Bhonsle,
Rev. Ramesh D. Ghorpade, Rev. Robin Mathew,
Rev. Sam Johnson, and Rev. Samson Michael Balid, and
for their families and the churches entrusted to them.

