

Doctrine of Supper

1. On the night of his birthday, Herod made a supper for his guests.
 - *Mark 6:21 And when a convenient day was come, that Herod on his birthday made a supper to his lords, high captains, and chief estates of Galilee;*

2. On the night of his conversion, Matthew made a supper for Christ.
 - *Matthew 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. 10 And it came to pass, as Jesus sat at meat in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with him and his disciples.*

3. Supper time is to be used for evangelistic purposes.
 - *Luke 14:12 Then said he also to him that bade him, When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor thy rich neighbours; lest they also bid thee again, and a recompence be made thee.*

4. Some who are bidden to the gospel supper will not taste of it.
 - *Luke 14:16 Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many: 17 And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready. 18 And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused. 19 And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused. 20 And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come. 21 So that servant came, and shewed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind. 22 And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room. 23 And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. 24 For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper.*

5. The New Covenant was established at supper time.
 - *Luke 22:20 Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.*

6. Mary and Martha made a supper for Jesus.
 - *John 12:2 There they made him a supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him.*

7. It was after supper that Judas moved to betray Christ.
 - *John 13:2 And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him;*
8. After the supper meal Jesus modeled humility.
 - *John 13:4 He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself.*
9. During the supper meal important questions can be asked.
 - *John 21:20 Then Peter, turning about, seeth the disciple whom Jesus loved following; which also leaned on his breast at supper, and said, Lord, which is he that betrayeth thee?*
10. The Lord's Supper is a distinctive associated with Jesus.
 - *Matthew 26:28 For this is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. 29 But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom. (See 1 Corinthians 11:20).*

Special Note.

Another distinctive is called the Lord's Day.

- *Revelation 1:10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet.*
11. The suppertime meal can be abused when used in a selfish manner.
 - *1 Corinthians 11:22 What? Have ye not houses to eat and to drink in? Or despise ye the church of God, and shame them that have not? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you in this? I praise you not.*
 12. There are two great suppers associated with the Trinity.
 - There is the marriage supper of the Lamb. *Revelation 19:9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.*
 - There is the judgment supper of the Great God. *Revelation 19:17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God.*