

One Body Broken
One Body Made Whole

The Body of Christ





Matt 26:26 Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.”

'This' Is My Body

- The bread He held in His hand
- 'The Passover' is the beginning of the 'Feast of Unleavened Bread'
- All chamatz (yeast) is removed from the home
- In scripture, yeast is usually used to symbolise the pervasiveness of sin (Gal 5:19)
- The bread of the Passover was prepared in a hurry and was yeast free

His Body

- Was the only body that was ever without sin, even though He knew our temptation (Heb 4:15)
- Was broken as the unleavened bread at Passover
- Was striped and pierced
 - This is done to the unleavened bread (Matzo / Matzah) used during the festival to aid the fast baking process

Bread of Life



- 32 Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” 34 “Sir,” they said, “always give us this bread.” 35 Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

His Brokenness, Our Wholeness



- Is 53:5 'By his Stripes (wounds) we are healed'
- The 'Bread of Life' was broken to bring us life
- His death makes us alive
- He was broken so that we can be made whole

One Body Broken



- Lest we forget
 - He knew we would need reminding
- We share the bread to REMEMBER Him
 - The pain He endured
 - The price He paid
 - The love displayed
- It is a SYMBOLIC act to represent His body broken for us

One Body Shared

- We share in this one body
- One loaf broken for the many
- All are equal
- Gal 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

One Body Made Whole

- 1 Cor 12:27 Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.
 - Every part needed and wanted
 - Rejoicing together, weeping together
 - United in Him
- As soon as we become a follower of Jesus, we are part of the Church – not a building, an institution, or a denomination, but people.
- Ro 12:5 so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

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- Eph 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, 15 by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, 16 and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility.
- His body broken has even reconciled Jew and Gentile

One Body to Look After



- Eph 4 As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. 2 Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. 3 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

One Body to Honour

- 1 Cor 11:27 So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. 28 Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. 29 For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves.
- The Corinthians were totally disrespecting the table
- Whole families were included in the Passover supper and communion was often shared in homes

One Head of the Body

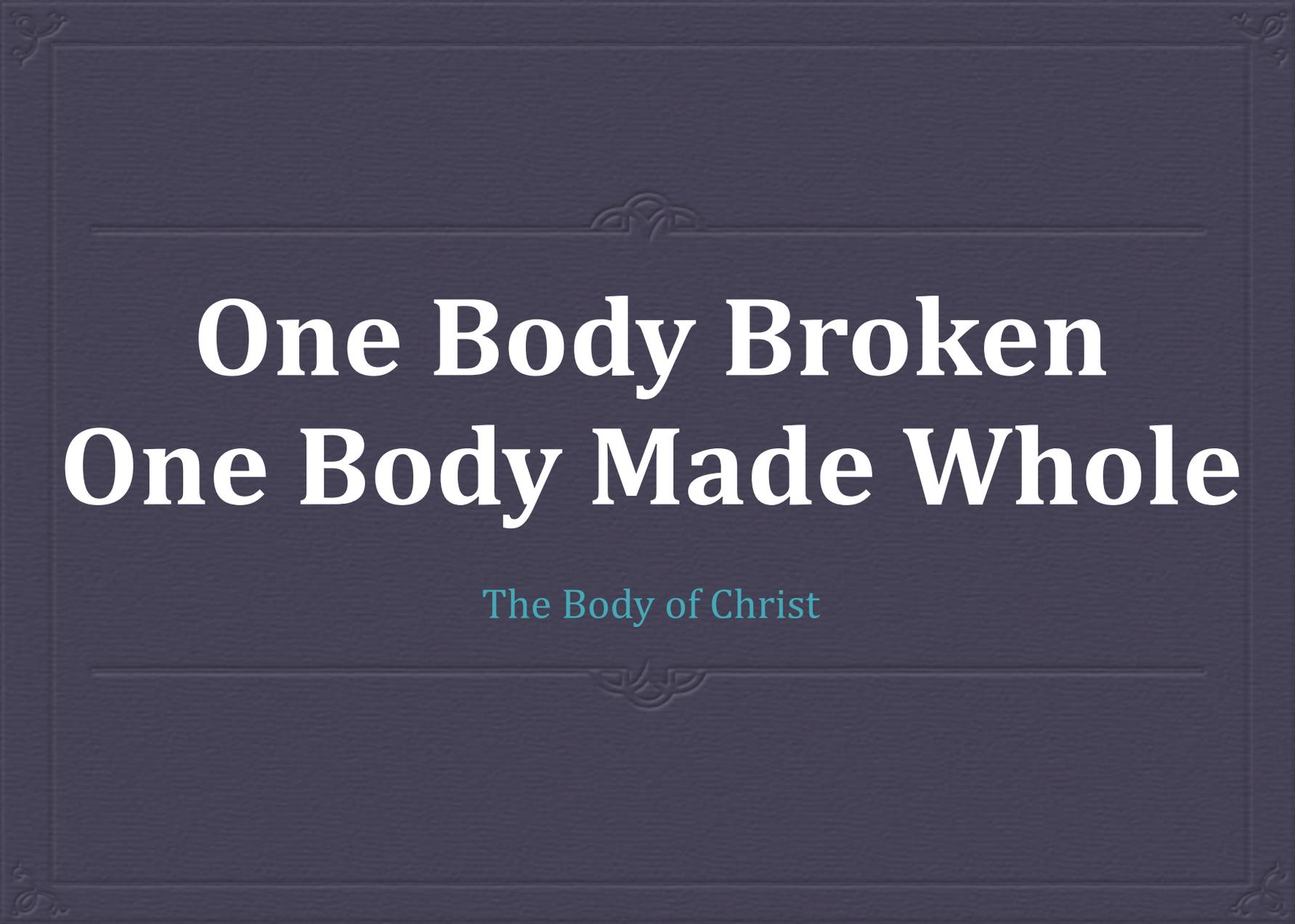


- Eph 4:15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. 16 From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.
- He is our head



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One Table



- 1 Cor 11:23 For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, 24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.” 25 In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.” 26 For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

The Kingdom of Leaven



- Matt 13:33 He told them another parable. “The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened.”