

## THE TABLE'S PROCLAMATION

*I Corinthians 11:26* says that "...as often as [we] eat this bread and drink this cup, [we] proclaim the Lord's death till He comes." Because this was written by an inspired Apostle of Jesus we are safe in saying that the Lord's Supper is a visual sermon of the gospel in action.

This table and the supper that is spread upon it proclaim more than *a* death; each proclaims *the* death of God's only begotten Son who is our Lord and Christ. The cup is His blood; the loaf is His body. Both were given for the reconciliation of men to God. Christians want to proclaim this each and every week; sinners do not.

This table and the supper that is spread upon it proclaim more than *a* resurrection; each proclaims *the* resurrection of God's only begotten Son who is our Lord and Christ. He is out of the tomb and is alive. He did not die and He was not buried to never be heard or seen again. He did just what He said He would do in *Matthew 20:19*. "*And the third day He will rise again.*" Christians want to proclaim this each and every week; sinners do not.

This table and the supper that is spread upon it proclaim His presence. He said in *Matthew 26:29* that He would "...not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom." Before He left this earth Jesus told His hand chosen Apostles, "...lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Paul said, "*I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me...*" (*Galatians 2:20*) Christians want to proclaim the truth of His presence each and every week; sinners do not.

This table and the supper that is spread upon it proclaim and prophesy His triumphant return. "*For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.*" This table and this supper have been spread almost 100,000 times since Jesus ascended. No one knows how many more times it will appear on the Lord's Day. But this we know: it will appear the same number of times that there is a Lord's Day for it proclaims "*the Lord's death till He comes.*" Christians will proclaim this coming of Christ until it actually happens; sinners will not.

At least once every week every Christian – male and female alike - has an opportunity to preach the gospel: the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. It takes place on the Lord's Day at the Lord's Table.