"DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME"

(Matthew 26:17-30)

INTRODUCTION

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in the service of the United States of America.

General John Logan, in his General Order #11, stated, "The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades ... "

National Holiday Act of 1971 stated it to be observed on the last Monday in May.

In the Bible's New Testament, there is established a weekly memorial day to remember the One who died for us, and we read about it in our lesson text.

Also recorded in: (Mark 14:12 - 26; Luke 22:7 - 23; 1 Corinthians 11:23 - 34)

1. WHEN DID THIS MEMORIAL GET ITS START: THE LORD'S SUPPER?

(Matthew 26:19) "So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them and prepared the Passover."

The annual Passover observance was a remembrance of Israel's exodus from Egypt's bondage.

After 9 plagues, Pharaoh refused to allow the Israelites to leave Egypt.

The 10th plague: (Exodus 11:5) "and all the firstborn in land of Egypt shall die" (Exodus 12:8, v14, v26-28) God gave the Israelites instructions to escape this plague and escape Egypt. (Exodus 12:11) "It is the Lord's Passover."

(Matthew 26:26-30) "As they were eating, Jesus took bread ... then He took the cup ... "

2. WHAT ARE THE 2 ITEMS IN THE LORD'S SUPPER?

Unleavened bread: (Exodus 12:8; Matthew 26:26)
The cup: (Matthew 26:27-28; Mark 14:23-25; 1 Corinthians 11:25)

3. WHAT SHALL WE CALL THIS MEMORIAL?

(1 Corinthians 10:16) "the communion" and in (v21) "the Lord's table"

(1 Corinthians 11:20-21) "the Lord's Supper" and in (Acts 20:7) "break bread"

4. WHEN (HOW OFTEN) ARE WE TO OBSERVE THIS MEMORIAL?

(Acts 20:7) "Now on the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread"

5. WHAT ARE WE TO REMEMBER WHEN OBSERVING THIS MEMORIAL?

(Luke 22:19) "saying, This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me" 1 Corinthians 11:26) "For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes." -

We remember and bare witness to our faith that He is coming again.