

**Lord Supper Thoughts after the lesson:**

Jesus Christ is the greatest example of faith and how God works and attains victory for Him and delivers us.

Think about how these six stages are reflected as you commune this morning.

**DREAM** - A plan hatched and "He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world (Eph 1:4).

**DECISION** – Once man sinned, immediate provision was made for the plan to be executed and for Jesus to be bitten by the serpent Satan, but it would not be a mortal wound, he would come back and stomp on the serpents head and be victorious (Gen 3:27).

**DELAY** – Jesus had to wait 30 years in a carpenter shop, prove His perfection and acquaintance with humanity, before he could begin his ministry and then 3 ½ years later "Taste of death for every man."

**DIFFICULTIES** – Jesus faced ingratitude, hardened hearts, betrayal, and constant slander and unfair criticism. As prophesied He would be "hated without a cause." (Ps 69:4).

**DEAD-END** – Jesus was crucified and died, and the disciples were devastated. It's over, we're finished, Jesus failed and now cannot establish His kingdom. So wrong! Things appeared dismal on Friday, but Sunday was coming!

**DELIVERED!**

Jesus was raised from the dead. We partake of the LS until He comes again!

Mediate today not just on the death of Jesus, but what it means to us as His disciples.

1. Jesus' victory over death forshadows our own victory through Him.
2. If God can raise the phy dead, He can raise the dead spiritually.
3. He can quicken and make alive the love in a marriage that has died.
4. He is the source of the power to make things better in our lives as needed.
5. God loves to turn crucifixions into resurrections.

May this somber memorial remind us of His victory and God's dream for us that we "be conformed into the image of the son of His love" and be faithful in our trials as Jesus was with His!