



STUDY GUIDE

April 6-7, 2019



Series Overview: Jesus didn't come to this planet to enhance an old religion. He didn't come just to make bold proclamations and offer wise teachings. From the moment an angel told Mary she would give birth to a Son whose 'Kingdom would not end,' it was clear: Jesus came to introduce something new, not to extend something old. He came to replace something that had been in place since the time of Moses, and our world hasn't been the same since.

Watch	Introduction
<p>A Whole New Deal</p> <p>The sermon is up on the spac.ca/watch website Tuesday of each week.</p>	<p>We've reached the point in the Jesus story where the Gospel writers begin to increase their level of detail...even though the disciples don't yet grasp what's happening.</p> <p>Jesus pulls away from the crowds for a Passover meal with His closest friends. At that meal Jesus breaks from the traditional Passover script...He breaks bread and explains how the new symbol is His broken body, the wine now represents His blood. Everything Jesus does at the table makes sense – on THIS side of Resurrection. Those in the room don't yet get it, but maybe they should have seen it coming. After all, John the Baptist did say "There He is, the Lamb of God who takes away sin..."</p> <p>The next day this New Covenant would be officially ratified with Roman nails and spears. The Empire seems in charge, but only briefly. God is up to something...</p>

Engage
<p>Scripture: John 12:12-13; Luke 22:4-23; Jeremiah 31:31-33;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If you could summarize the sermon in one minute, what would you say? 2. What has been your personal experiences with "The Lord's Supper?" Any good stories? 3. How do you make something repetitive like communion, meaningful? What causes it to be less meaningful than it should? 4. The message content described 3 kinds of ancient covenants: Those between equals, those between unequal's (suzerain), and unilateral or promissory agreements. How do these comparisons shed new light on the new covenant for you? 5. Read through Luke's account of Jesus last Passover meal with His disciples. What strikes you differently after this message and after this discussion. 6. Who might you consider inviting to Easter weekend services? Spend some time praying for those you're thinking of.

Pray	Announce
<p>For thankfulness and gratitude in what Jesus has enabled for us in the new covenant?</p> <p>For those who are grieving the loss of loved ones in our own community.</p> <p>For those who will be beginning new groups this month – leaders and participants.</p> <p>You can request prayer any time PRAYER REQUESTS.</p>	<p>Clothing Exchange – April 13</p> <p>Membership Class – April 14</p> <p>Worship Nights – Apr 13</p> <p>Hymn Sing – Apr 14</p> <p>Membership Class - Apr 14</p> <p>Easter Services – Friday 9 & 10:45, Saturday 7, Sunday 9 & 10:45</p> <p>Check out: www.spac.ca/events</p>
<p>We have a pastoral care team at SPAC to walk alongside people through life's challenges. Should anyone in your group experience significant illness, death of a loved one, marriage challenges, or surgeries, (with their permission) please contact our church office: (780) 467-8404</p>	