

What's for Supper?

A scriptural analysis distinguishing five significant suppers in the scriptures.

The word supper appears 14 times in scripture.
We will consider five different significant suppers.

1. Last Supper

2. Lord's Supper

3. The supper of the great God

4. Marriage supper of the Lamb

5. The parable of the great supper

The Last Supper serves as a singular, historical Passover event.

The Elements

The Lord eats the cup and the bread
(Luke 22:14-20).

The Action

He laid aside His garments to wash the disciples' feet
(John 13:1-10).

The Betrayal

Jesus identifies Judas Iscariot as the traitor
(John 13:2, 11).

The Timing

A strict one-time historical event before His departure.



The Lord's Supper transforms a historical moment into a continuous observance.

The Last Supper.

A completed,
one-time event.

The Lord's Supper.

A continuous event we should observe.
This do in remembrance of me (1 Cor 11:24-25).

The Purpose.

Shewing the Lord's death
till He come (1 Cor 11:26).



The Second Coming introduces a fierce eschatological reality.



The Rider: Faithful and True; in righteousness He doth judge and make war.

The Visage: Eyes as a flame of fire, many crowns, vesture dipped in blood.

The Names: The Word of God / KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

The Weapons: Out of His mouth goes a sharp sword to smite the nations; He rules with a rod of iron.

The supper of the great God is a scene of judgment, distinct from a marriage celebration.



The Gathering

The beast, kings of the earth, and their armies gather to make war against the Rider and His army (Rev 19:19). Millions are killed.



The Aftermath

An angel standing in the sun calls all fowls of heaven to gather (Rev 19:17).

The supper is the fowls of heaven eating the flesh of kings, captains, and fallen armies (Rev 19:18). This is obviously not a marriage supper.

The Marriage Supper of the Lamb is announced with joyous anticipation.

The Multitude

A voice of many waters and mighty thunderings crying, Alleluia (Rev 19:6).

The Preparation

The wife hath made herself ready, arrayed in fine linen, clean and white (Rev 19:7-8).

The Meaning

The fine linen represents the righteousness of saints.

The Blessing

Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb (Rev 19:9).

Note: This marriage supper is mentioned in Revelation 19 before the Second Coming (starting in 19:11).

The Lamb's wedding is actualized when the New Jerusalem descends.

Revelation 19

Event: The Announcement.

Details: The marriage supper is declared, but the physical reality awaits the new heaven and new earth.

The Lamb's bride is actually a city. The wedding—and the marriage supper—takes place when the tabernacle of God dwells with men (Rev 21:3).

Revelation 21

Event: The Descent.

Details: The first heaven and earth pass away. John sees the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband (Rev 21:1-2, 9-10).

The Parable of the Great Supper shifts focus to an eternal invitation and human response.

1. Broad Invitation

A certain man made a great supper, and bade many.
(Israel is the originally invited guest).

2. The Filter of Excuses

Guests make excuses regarding land, oxen, and marriage.
(The vast majority of Israel refuses the eternal relationship).

3. The Redirection

The Master commands bringing in the poor, maimed, halt, blind, and searching the highways and hedges.
(God extends the invitation to the rest of humanity).

4. The Outcome

None of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper.
(Most of Israel is excluded).

Distinguishing the five suppers clarifies their unique biblical and prophetic contexts.

Event	Nature of Supper	Primary Participants	Core Meaning
Last Supper	Historical	Jesus & Twelve Apostles	The Lord's last earthly Passover and foreshadowing of the cross
Lord's Supper	Memorial	The body of Christ and kingdom church	An ongoing remembrance of the Lord's death until He comes.
Supper of the Great God	Eschatological Judgment	Fowls of heaven & fallen earthly armies	The grim aftermath of opposition to the Second Coming.
Marriage Supper of the Lamb	Eschatological Joy	The Lamb & The New Jerusalem	The ultimate union when the holy city, new Jerusalem, descends to the new earth.
Parable of the Great Supper	Theological	Israel & the rest of humanity	God's invitation to an eternal relationship and the tragic refusal by many.