

“Re-Think Church”

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What is the Church?

A community of people who follow the teaching of Jesus.

Application

- Love God
- Love one another
- Love your enemy

Temple Model

- Place
- Text
- Servants
- Followers

The arrival of Jesus signaled the end of the Temple Model and the beginning of something entirely new.

Jesus predicted a new movement.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build

my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. Matthew 16:13-18

Jesus instituted a New Covenant

In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.

Luke 22:20

Jesus gave new meaning to the Sacred Text.

17 “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. Matthew 5:17

Jesus instituted a New Commandment.

34 “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. John 13:34

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” John 13:35

Jesus gives a new meaning to Passover

And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.”

Luke 22:19