

JESUS WAS THANKFUL

NOVEMBER 21, 2023

INTRO:

It's been said that God wouldn't ask us to do something He wouldn't do. He asked Abraham to offer up Isaac, and He offered up Jesus. In **COL. 3:15**, we are told to be thankful. Is He thankful? Why is this so important to Him? How do we feel when we hold the door open for someone and they don't say "Thank you"? We feel our kind act was unappreciated. Could it be that God feels the same way when He doesn't receive a heartfelt "Thank you" for all His acts of kindness? Before we take part in the Lord's Supper, let's see if God is thankful.

Jesus is Our Model

- 1.) **JOHN 11:41-42** Jesus was thankful for the Father's listening ear, and He thanked Him for listening to His words of faith when He said, "This sickness is not unto death".
- 2.) **MT. 11:25** Jesus thanks the Father for how He dealt with those who were proud and humble.
- 3.) **MT. 15:36** He gave thanks before feeding the 4,000 plus. In **JOHN 6:11** before feeding the 5,000 plus.
- 4.) **LUKE 22:17-19** Jesus gave thanks for the elements that represent His body and blood and speak of the Father's love for all mankind.
 - A.) This reveals how we can be thankful even when being persecuted for the sake of righteousness (**ACTS 5:40-41**).

Giving Thanks to the Father (COL. 1:9-14)

- 1.) He qualified us: For an inheritance.
- 2.) He delivered us: From the authority of Satan.
- 3.) He translated us: Into His kingdom of love
- 4.) He redeemed us: From our slavery to sin and death.
- 5.) He forgave us: Of all our sins, shortcomings, and failures.

Conclusion: May we never take lightly what it took for Jesus to make us the most thankful people on earth!