

# The Church of Christ @ Fremont

3361 W. State Street, Fremont, OH 43420

Sunday Bible Study 10:00 am

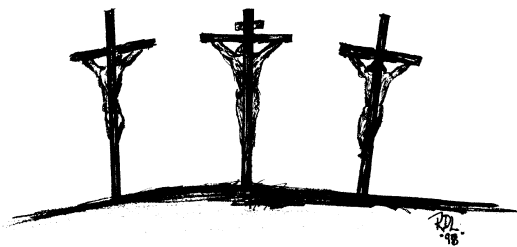
Sunday Worship 10:45 am

Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

**Preachers:** Sean Rizor and Melvin Monroe

## 7 Things to Remember During the Lord's Supper

1. One Lord – “There is one Lord” Eph. 4:5
2. Two thieves – “There were also two others, criminals, led with Him to be put to death.” Lk. 23:42
3. Three crosses – Lk. 23:39-43
4. Four parts of His garments – “Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts, to each soldier, a part, and also the tunic.” Jn. 19:32
5. Five wounds – His back was scourged, head was crowned with thorns, hands and feet were pierced and side was cut opened. Jn. 19:1-2, 34; Psalm 22:16
6. Six hours of agony – He was crucified on the 3<sup>rd</sup> hour and died in the 9<sup>th</sup> hour Mk. 15:25-37
7. Seven statements spoke by Christ – Matt. 27:46; Lk. 23:34, 43-46; Jn. 19:26-30



March 22, 2026

Songs: Chris Frantz

Lord's Supper: Sean Rizor

Speaker: Melvin Monroe

Wednesday Bible Study

Invitation: Melvin Monroe

### Birthdays:

03 Kevin Foos

08 Gen Stanley

16 Jordan Appelhans

24 Tracey Briggs

30 Paul Rowan (Wayne)

31 Mylie Frantz

### Anniversaries:

05 Ken & Connie Rowan

### Prayer List:

Gen Stanley Jean Adkins

Nora Wiseman Mack Stanley

Tina Smith Heidi Holub

Paul Runion

### What Must I do to be Saved?

Learn the Truth (hear) - Jn. 8:32, 17:17; Rom 10:17

Believe in Christ – Jn. 8:24, 20:31; Heb 11:6

Repent of all sins – Lk. 13:3; Acts 17:30; Rom 2:4

Confession of Faith – Acts 17:30; Rom 10:10

Baptism – Act 2:38, 22:16

Live Faithfully – Rev 2:10

**But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. <sup>24</sup> And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup> If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.**

**Galatians 5:22-25**

## **“I THIRST.”**

Lance Byers

These two words speak to the very core of humanity within Jesus. His last bit to eat and drink had been the night before, and He had been awake, being drug through trials, humiliations, and beatings all night long. Psalm 22:15 tells us a little about the torture Jesus is going through: “... my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.”

Jesus knew that death was near, as God had destined for Him. To understand this utterance, we must first look at the time Jesus did not take anything to drink. Matthew 27:34 says, “... they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it.” Mark 15:23 records, “And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it.”

If Jesus was thirsty, why did he not take the wine mixed with myrrh, or gall, to start with? There are several explanations.

First, this would have been an alcoholic substance. It was a wine mixed with different medicinal herbs and spices. The alcohol was often consumed by the crucified individuals to help with the pain; the spices with some of the effects of the beatings. This sounds like an act of mercy from the Roman soldiers, which doesn't seem to fit how the soldiers conducted this business until you notice...

Second, we read from tradition that the instrument used to give Jesus this drink was a sponge on a stick. This was another insult given to the condemned. The sponge on the stick was called a Xylospogium, which is the Roman equivalent of toilet paper. Offering the condemned something that might give them aid and comfort in their final hour is how the Romans would get them to suck the liquid from the sponge out of desperation despite knowing what the item was.

Finally, it is speculated that Jesus did not want a dulling of the senses while on the cross. He wanted to be fully aware and able to give the words which these articles have been expounding upon these last few weeks. Perhaps this should be a commentary on how we should approach alcoholic substances today?

Jesus was thirsty, His humanity showing. Matthew 27:47-49 tells us of one unnamed man who shows mercy at the last moment: “And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, ‘This man is calling Elijah.’ And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, ‘Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.’”

The sour wine was a cheap wine which would have been readily available with all the common people and soldiers around. It was a common drink of the poor and lower classes, a wine which had been mixed with spices to make it palatable, and then diluted with water for the drinking. Among all the bystanders who were jeering, one went off to find a clean sponge, put it on a reed to send up to Jesus. Jesus accepted the offering as an act of mercy, and, as John 19:28 points out, as a final fulfillment of scripture from Psalm 69:21: “They gave me poison for food, and for my thirst they gave me sour wine to drink.”