

[Choose 10 readers for the Bible verses in red.]

In Luke 22: 19 Jesus says, *1 "Do this in remembrance of me."* I'm following on from Margo's word last week only I'm going further back in the language history to the early Hebrew written language, which was pictorial.

If we look at the pictures they used to represent a word, we can get an idea of what the word meant to them. The amazing thing about Hebrew is we can see Jesus in the very words themselves. So every time they spoke it was though they were prophesying little pictures of Jesus. Remember what John said, "In the beginning was the word ... The word was God." Well He can also be seen in the word beginning and the word

remember.

Show chart

Za chear זָכַר

The pictogram for **Zayin** is a plough and in Psalm 129:3 it says

2 "The plowers plowed up on my back."

3 Isaiah 53:8 "... He was cut off from the land of the living; He was stricken for the transgression of My people."

The pictogram for **kaph** is an open hand [hold out arms like being crucified]. Does that remind you of Jesus?

Resh is a head. In Hebrew it is used like this: "the head of the year," the first month of the year. Does this remind you of Jesus? The first born son, the first of all beginning and ... the head, the cornerstone of the church?

Remembering is like ploughing up the past. [Show clenched fist then open them] Like opening up our hand and spoon feeding the first (time something happened)




4 Jesus said, "Do this in remembrance of me." Why would He say that? Well one reason is because we overcome not just by the blood of the lamb, but also by our testimony. Our testimonies of our encounters with Him through the word, through the Holy Spirit, vision or dream, or whatever way we encounter Him (and there are many ways) are important.

When Isaiah saw the Lord, what did he do? He shared it and now we have a record of his testimony.

I've also written down some of my encounters with God. I'm going to remember some now and share them with you so the Spirit of God can "do it again," and reveal some aspect of Himself. I hope my memories will also trigger your memories of Him too.

Each time I've seen Jesus, He has come in the form of the character He's revealing at that time.

I was in hospital and my body was in such pain, it felt like a cage. A lady had failed to stop at the stop sign. She hadn't seen me and had driven her car into mine, breaking a back rib, displacing it

Remember		
zayin	𐤆	plough/weapon/cut off 
kaph	𐤋	palm of hand/to open spoon 
resh	𐤑	head/first 

and rupturing everything that held the rib in place. As I lay in hospital, the morphine and intercostal injections down every rib weren't enough to stop all the pain, but suddenly, my vision was filled with gentle golden light and I recognised Jesus. Then He was like a soft ball of light inside my body. We were side by side. I think this was the first time I knew Christ was in me, not as a man but Spirit. I was greatly comforted and even felt joy as I went to sleep.

Jesus knew what I needed because He has suffered too. He knows the horror of pain. He bore it when He was beaten and nailed to the cross. He chose to endure it because He chose His father's will, not the desire of the flesh.

5 *Isaiah 53:5 says "the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him"*

Sometimes the Hebrew word for emptiness or chastisement is translated as punishment.

Jesus bore that emptiness, He was assaulted, stricken, oppressed, afflicted, wounded for our sins. He bore it because He wanted us to know shalom wellbeing.

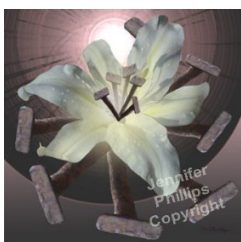
... He opened His palms to us. The one without sin cried out for all sinners, "Father forgive them." Father forgive us *our* sins.

In the silence now, remember a time when Jesus forgave you.

Once in the Spirit, I saw Jesus in the form of a man. Love was pouring out of Him. He touched the front and side of my brain and loved it. His love was so powerful I began to weep deeply in my spirit. If He'd stayed a moment longer I would have been completely undone, washing His feet with my tears.

God *is* love, just as the Scripture says. I know because I have encountered Him as love. He loves all the works of His hands, each one of us, and that's why the Father sent Him, His only son into the world, and that is why Jesus accepted His assignment. He is love. He wanted to save the world, not let it perish.

[While I hand out a card remember a time when you knew Jesus loved you. Think about His love for you as you look at the card.]



One day as I was worshiping, I saw Jesus in a white robe standing in a door. His arms were outstretched and He said, "Come."

Throughout history God has been saying, "Come." He spoke to Moses.

6 *"Come up to the LORD—you and Aaron, Nardarb and Abbyhu, and seventy of Israel's elders"*
Exodus 24:1

He spoke through Isaiah,

7 *"Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost."* *Isaiah 55:1*

And Jesus did it again when He said, **8** *"I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."*

Today He says, "Come."

Lord we come. We join you at the cross laying down the desires of our old nature and say, "Your will be done in my life as it is done heaven."

9 *Jesus said, "Truly, truly, I tell you, he who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, yet they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that anyone may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And this bread, which I will give for the life of the world, is My flesh." John 6*

Like a loaf of bread, that is sliced up so everyone can have a piece, Jesus, desire is that people everywhere are satisfied and filled with His life.

The bread was broken so each one of us can be joined together as one loaf. We are members one of another because we all eat from the same bread.

"This is My body, given for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

[Pass bread around and eat the bread]

Hand out bookmark and then wine



The Kingdom of God was paid for in blood and though our sins be as red as blood, they shall be white as snow.



10 *Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? 1 Corinthians 10:16*

As we drink, remember Jesus wanted us in His family. He died so His royal blood could flow through us.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

[Eat and Drink]

