

April14

## Communion is...

**Communion** is wisdom... as I sit with Jesus, I learn wisdom for how to live in the power of the Spirit.

## Read Matthew 27:38-44

**As we look back again to the time that Jesus spent on the cross**, we find that there was a continual flow of insults being hurled at Him and all of them seemed to have the same theme. That theme being, *“Jesus why can’t You save Yourself?”*

**Some hollered out about His claims to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days.** The religious leaders hurled one insult after another saying things like, *“If You are really the King of Israel, come down and save Yourself”* and, *“Let God deliver Him now if He takes so much pleasure in Him as the Son of God.”* The Bible tells us that even the robbers on either side of Him were casting insults upon Jesus and His so-called power to save and deliver.

**BUT, we know it wasn’t that Jesus couldn’t... it was that He wouldn’t!**

**Do you remember** what Jesus said to Peter after He had been arrested in the garden? He said, *“Do you think that I cannot appeal to My Father, and He will at once put at My disposal more than twelve legions of angels?”*

**See Jesus could have saved Himself at any moment, but He wouldn’t.** Why? Because His wisdom focused His sight upon His mission to save us instead. Motivated by love and operating in wisdom, Jesus was able to see beyond Himself and beyond His moment of pain.

**For us, being in Christ means** that we are connected with Him and living and moving and having our being through the same Spirit that empowered Him through every moment that He was on this earth, even the moments that He chose to stay on the cross.

**See the same Spirit that empowered Jesus to live beyond Himself and stay on that cross, empowers us to do the same.** Yes, there are so many things that we are free to do, but our connection with Jesus helps us to live in the *“wouldn’t do them”* instead.

**At the communion table, as we learn from Jesus,** we find the wisdom we need to make those choices in our lives too... and how to use that wisdom in love each and every day.

## Prayer Conversation Starter...

**Jesus, I am in awe of Your wisdom and love** and how they flowed through You, even in Your hardest moments. As I partake of You, please show me how to live the same...



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