Date: 5/23/15 (Repeated 5/26/18)

Title: Memorial Day

Theme: For the Christian, communion is our Memorial Day celebration of how Christ died for us.

Object: American Flag; grape juice; unleavened cracker

Text: 1 Cor 11:26 (NKJV) 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death till He comes.

This weekend is a special weekend. Does anyone know why? What holiday do we celebrate on Monday?

Who knows what Memorial Day is all about? Why do we celebrate Memorial Day?

The word Memorial is very close to another word we use: memory.

Memorial Day is a day to remember something.

Memorial Day is a day to remember all the soldiers that fought and died for our country.

Unfortunately there are evil people in the world who try to take over other countries.

And when these evil people take over, they take away our freedoms and make us live according to their rules.

So we have to send our army to fight to keep our country free and independent.

Some of the soldiers that fight to keep our country free get killed by the enemy.

So on Memorial Day we remember all those soldiers that died to keep our country free.

On Memorial Day we have parades and speeches and patriotic music.

And people proudly wave what I brought in my bag today. Why would they wave this flag? What country does it stand for?

This flag is a symbol that reminds us of the great country in which we live.

This flag is a symbol that reminds us of the freedoms we enjoy: the freedom of worship, the freedom of speech, the freedom of assembly, the freedom to elect our own government.

And on Memorial Day this flag is a symbol that reminds us of those who died to protect these freedoms.

Now have you ever stopped to think that we have a Christian Memorial Day?

Jesus wanted us to remember something very important, so He gave us a Memorial Day.

And just like the flag is a symbol for the Memorial Day of the USA, Jesus gave us symbols of His memorial day too.

[set up grape juice and unleavened bread.] Who can tell me what the Christian Memorial Day is?

Do you remember some days when we come for worship that we share the grape juice and the bread?

It’s called the Lord’s Supper or communion.

Listen to what Jesus said about this day: “For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim [or remember] the Lord’s death till He comes.” (1 Cor 11:26)

Jesus wants all of His followers to remember something very important: Jesus died for our sins.

Is that an important thing to remember? Absolutely!

If Jesus didn’t die for our sins then our sins can’t be forgiven.

And if our sins can’t be forgiven we can’t be saved.

And if we can’t be saved, we get eternal death instead of eternal life.

That makes all the difference in the world.

What Jesus wants us to remember in communion is the most important thing in the world.

Because Jesus died for our sins, He can forgive us and be our Savior.

Would you like Him to be your Savior today?

Let’s ask Him to be right now!!!