

Table of Fellowship

On Sunday, July 18, 2010, one of the busiest highways in Europe became what some called “the longest table in the world.” Officials closed a 60-kilometer (37-mile) section of the A40 Autobahn in Germany’s Ruhr region so people could walk and bicycle or sit at one of 20,000 tables set up on the roadway. An estimated 2 million people came to enjoy this event. The director of this celebration hoped it would connect people from many cultures, generations and nations.

This event made me think of an even grander table around which believers gather to share the Lord’s Supper. During communion, we remember Jesus’ death for us as we anticipate the culmination of history at His return. We take time to reflect and remember His life, sacrifice, that he is alive and will return for us, his bride.

Just before Jesus was crucified, He shared the Passover meal with His disciples, he desired they understand, so he gave new meaning to the Passover saying, **“I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”** (Matthew 26:29)

The Lord’s Table unites everyone Christ has redeemed by His blood. As John saw in the vision from God and wrote for us to know - that because of Christ we now sing **“a new song, saying, ‘Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.’”** (Revelation 5:9) We celebrate the Lord’s Supper until the day of his return. On that day will be a great reunion and joy, all who belong to Jesus will sit down together with Him at a table that will

dwarf the Autobahn gathering. We joyfully anticipate sharing that table together with out Lord!

My beloved here at this table we gather to remember. On Jesus' last earthly Passover he gave special meaning for his disciples then and for us this morning.

“When *Jesus* had given thanks, he broke *the bread*, and said, ‘This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.’” Let us eat and remember.

²⁵ “In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.’”

Drink in the life of Jesus for his beloved. Jesus told his disciples and by way of the Scripture he tells us we gather at Jesus' table of fellowship, ²⁶ “As often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.” (1 Corinthians 11:24-26) I say along with you, “Come Lord Jesus, come!”