



We paid special attention in our last lesson to God’s promise in **Jeremiah 31**: “Behold, the days are coming, when I will make a **new** covenant...” When did those days finally arrive?

In **Luke 22**, Jesus had gathered with his apostles to observe the Passover—a yearly celebration of God setting the descendants of Abraham free from their slavery in Egypt. During that meal...



...he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my \_\_\_\_\_, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the \_\_\_\_\_ in my blood.” (**Luke 22:19-20**)

Just like John the Baptist had said in **John 1:29**, Jesus was “the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

**So what does it all mean?** “Now the point in what we are saying is this: \_\_\_\_\_ have such a high priest, one who \_\_\_\_\_ seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven” (**Heb 8:1**). By the blood of Jesus, a “\_\_\_\_\_ and living way” (**Heb 10:20**) has been opened for us to have a personal relationship with God. On the basis of a new covenant—the **best** covenant—we are invited to “draw \_\_\_\_\_ with a true heart in full assurance of faith” (**Heb 10:22**).

### For Class & Family Discussion:

“Better” is used 10 times in *Hebrews*. In what way is the “new and living way” opened up by Jesus “better”? Notice what is attached to “better”...

- **6:9**: better \_\_\_\_\_
- **7:19**: a better \_\_\_\_\_
- **7:22**: better \_\_\_\_\_
- **8:6**: better \_\_\_\_\_
- **9:23**: better \_\_\_\_\_
- **10:34**: a better \_\_\_\_\_
- **11:16**: a better \_\_\_\_\_
- **11:35**: a better \_\_\_\_\_
- **12:24**: a better \_\_\_\_\_

We heard Jesus attach “the new covenant” to his blood in **Luke 22:20**. Why was his blood necessary in order for the covenant to be available to us? **Hebrews 9:11-14** and **9:22** might be helpful.

After quoting **Jeremiah 31** again in **Hebrews 10:15-17**, the writer encourages us to “draw near” in **10:22**. Think about that. What does it mean? Do you remember the goal of the new covenant in **Jeremiah 31:33**?