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SOSJ – Primary Themes in Bible 1: Covenant Saturday, February 24, 2018

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While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said, “Take and eat; this is my body.” Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, from now on I shall not drink this fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it with you new in the kingdom of my Father.” Then, after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Questions

1. What does covenant mean? What is the difference between a covenant and a contract? Why is this so important to understanding the Bible?
2. How does making a permanent commitment in covenant actually makes one more free? Why do so many people fall for the devil’s trick that our Catholic faith makes us less free?
3. With all the different religions in the world, how can I trust that making a covenant with Jesus Christ will make my life or the world a better place? How do we respond to someone who says that Christ’s covenant is not through the Catholic Church but through the individual alone?
4. If a person who just suffered a tragedy, such as a parent of a student in the shooting on Florida, approaches me, how can I speak to them about God’s loving covenant? How do I explain to someone from a broken family and angry about life about God’s great covenant will help heal and strengthen them?