

The First Cup of Wine

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The fruit of the vine—wine or grape juice—served two separate purposes during the ancient *Seder* service. It serves the same purpose today. The first glass symbolizes rejoicing for freedom won. A blessing is pronounced on the wine or grape juice:

“Blessed art Thou, Lord our God, King of the Universe, who created the produce of the vine. Blessed art Thou, Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has ... sanctified us with His Commandments. And Thou hast given us, O Lord our God, in love, ... the Festival of Matzot [unleavened bread], the season of our freedom ... and hast given us for our inheritance Your appointed holy times in rejoicing and gladness.” [7](#)

The Messiah did not bless this first cup in the traditional manner. Instead, he “took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves:

“For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come.” ([Luke 22:17–18](#).)

There would be no joy for the Savior until his mission on earth was completed, until he returned a glorified, resurrected being who had conquered all things in behalf of his sin-bound brothers and sisters.