

The Eucharistic Celebration in the Bible, Compiled by Rick McKinney, 2022, RSV

Old Testament Foreshadowings - Melchizedek brings out bread and wine (Gen. 14:18); the Passover with unleavened bread and wine (Ex. 12); Manna, bread from heaven (Ex. 16, Ps. 78)

Institution of the Eucharist (from eucharisteo or eulogeo translated as given thanks or blessed; but not makarios as in blessed are the poor)

Now as they were eating, Jesus **took** bread, and **blessed**, and **broke** it, and **gave** it to the disciples and said, *Take, eat; this is my body.*+(Mt. 26:26, Institution of the Eucharist)

And as they were eating, he **took** bread, and **blessed**, and **broke** it, and **gave** it to them, and said, *Take; this is my body.*+(Mk. 14:22, Institution of the Eucharistic)

And he **took** bread, and when he had given **thanks** he **broke** it and **gave** it to them, saying, *This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.*+(Lk. 22:19, Eucharist)

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed **took** bread, and when he had given **thanks**, he **broke** it, and said, *This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.*+(1 Cor. 11:23-24)

The Feeding the Five Thousand and the Four Thousand with Eucharistic Overtones

Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and **taking** the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and **blessed**, and **broke** and **gave** the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. (Mt. 14:19, feeding the 5,000)

And **taking** the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and **blessed** and **broke** them, and **gave** them to the disciples to set before the crowd. (Lk. 9:15, feeding the 5,000)

And **taking** the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and **blessed**, and **broke** the loaves, and **gave** them to the disciples to set before the people. (Mk. 6:41, feeding the 5,000)

Jesus then **took** the loaves, and when he had given **thanks**, he **distributed** them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. (Jn. 6:11, feeding the 5,000)

He **took** the seven loaves and the fish, and having given **thanks** he **broke** them and **gave** them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. (Mt. 15:36, feeding the 4,000)

And he **took** the seven loaves, and having given **thanks** he **broke** them and **gave** them to his disciples to set before the people; and they set them before the crowd. (Mk. 8:6, feeding 4,000)

Post Resurrection Eucharistic Overtones

When he was at table with them, he **took** the bread and **blessed**, and **broke** it, and **gave** it to them. (Lk. 24:30, the meal at Emmaus)

Jesus came and **took** the bread and **gave** it to them, and so with the fish. (Jn. 21:13 . by the sea)

And when he had said this, he **took** bread, and giving **thanks** to God in the presence of all he **broke** it and began to eat. Then they all were encouraged and ate. (Ac. 27:35, Paul at sea, storm)

Breaking of bread phrase used as Eucharist (Lk. 24:35, Acts 2:42, 2:46, 20:7, 20:11, 1 Cor. 10:16)