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Intro:

There have been various arguments as to whether or not Jesus used leavened bread and fermented juice in the Lord's Supper. Some have indicated that we may use wine in the Supper today believing that Jesus did. Wine and leavened bread are products of "yeast." What may we infer from the scriptures?

- I. The Lord's Supper was instituted during the Passover time. Mt 26:18
 - A. Passover was also called the feast of unleavened bread. Mt 26:17
 - B. Jews were not allowed to have any yeast in the house. Ex 12:19-20
 - C. Any elements in the Passover would have been unleavened.

- II. Leaven (yeast) is a type or picture of sin.
 - A. Must purge out sin. I Cor 5:6-8
 - B. Picture of hypocrisy. Mt 16:6

- III. The Loaf would have been unleavened that Jesus used.
 - A. No yeast, or agent in it to make it rise.
 - B. Jesus kept the law. Mt 5:17-18, Gal 4:4
 - C. Jesus would have used unleavened bread.

- IV. The Loaf may have other ingredients in it and still be unleavened?
 - A. Oil was used in unleavened bread. Lev 2:2:4
 - B. Salt was used in unleavened bread. Lev 2:13
 - C. It was to be baked. Lev 2:4-5

- V. The Fruit of the Vine was also unfermented.
 - A. All yeast was to be put from the house during the passover.
 - B. Wine, fermented, only comes when yeast is introduced.
 - C. The word "wine" in the NT may refer to pure juice depending on context. One must not assume that when wine is mentioned it always refers to fermented beverage. Jesus did not use alcohol we believe.