

What Did Our Lord Mean?

When the Lord Jesus Christ instituted the Lord's Supper He used these (among other) words :

" This do in remembrance of Me."

And St. Paul in giving his account of the Institution, added :

" As often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till He come."

WHAT DO THESE WORDS REALLY MEAN ?

A Sunday School paper¹ recently said :

" St. Luke and St. Paul tell us that our Lord said ' Do this (make this offering) in remembrance of Me.' "

" Our Lord is in heaven ; His Church is on earth. Because of His words in the Upper Room the Church does here what Christ is doing in heaven. He pleads before God the Father, the offering of Himself as the Lamb . . . What Christ is doing in heaven the Church does on earth in Holy Communion ; we plead the Lamb of God, Jesus our Lord, when as He commanded we do ' this.' "

Now the question is whether this interpretation of our Lord's words is correct.

How can we test it ? Only by the highest and best Greek scholarship, and by the clearest and most accurate New Testament teaching.

DOES " DO THIS " MEAN " MAKE THIS OFFERING " ?

1. The Greek word for " do " occurs in the New Testament more than 550 times, and is translated in more than 50 different ways, and yet not once is it ever found translated by the word " offer."

¹ *The Teacher's Assistant*. Edited by the Rev. T. W. Powell, M.A. S. S. Institute Publications (November, 1910, p. 426).