**THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW**

**LESSON 26 - Plot to Kill the King and What Followed**

**Matthew 26:1-68**

**DAY ONE -** Read Matthew 26:1-19 (Plotting for Evil and Preparing for Good)

1. a. As Jesus told His disciples it was God’s chosen time in verse 2 (the Passover), for *the Son of Man* to *be delivered up to be crucified,* what does John 1:29 add?

Answer here

b. As the death of the Passover Lamb in Exodus always pointed to Jesus, what does He know at this time according to John 13:1?

Answer here

2. Back in Matthew 26:3-5, name the Jewish leaders, along with their plans to kill Jesus, as they thought they were in charge of the time it would happen.

Answer here

3. a. As *Jesus was in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, with Martha making supper*, describe what Mary did for Jesus? Also read Matthew 26:7 and John 12:2-3.

Answer here

b. As the disciples complained about the cost of the oil, who led this charge, and why did he do it according to John 12:4-6?

Answer here

c. *When Jesus was aware* of the complaining, what did He say about what Mary did back in Matthew 26:10-13?

Answer here

4. How did Judas agree to betray Jesus in Matthew 26:14-16?

Answer here

5. Read Matthew 26:18-19 and Mark 14:13-16. Describe how the disciples *did as Jesus directed them* in finding a place where they could prepare to eat the Passover with Him?

Answer here

**DAYS TWO THRU THREE -** Read Matthew 26:20-56 (Passover, the Lord’s Supper, andBetrayal)

1. As they sat together eating the Passover meal, what happened, in verses 22-25, after Jesus told His disciples that one of them was going to *betray* Him?

Answer here

2. How did Jesus transform this Passover into the first observance of the Lord’s Supper, in verses 26-28?

Answer here

3. What does Matthew 26:29 and Luke 22:28-30 tell us about the future for the loyal disciples and the twelve tribes of Israel in God’s millennial kingdom on earth?

Answer here

4. a. After singing a hymn for Passover and then going out to the Mount of Olives, what did Jesus tell His disciples in Matthew 26:31?

Answer here

b. As Jesus reminds them that He will rise from the dead in verse 32, where will they be able to see Him again? Also read Matthew 28:7 when this comes to pass.

Answer here

5. As Peter denied that he would stumble, even if everyone else did, what did Jesus say to him in Matthew 26:34-35? How did Peter respond along with the rest of the disciples?

Answer here

6. a. As Jesus came with the disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and then left them so He could pray, who came with him?

Answer here

b. Describe His feelings, and tell what He said to the three in verses 38.

Answer here

7. a. Compare the three prayers Jesus prayed in verses 39, 42, and 44.

Answer here

b. What does the word *cup* represent in Jeremiah 25:15 and many other places in the OT?

Answer here

c. After each prayer, how did these three disciples fail to *stay with Him and watch with Him*? What did He say to them in Matthew 26:40-41, 43, and 45-46?

Answer here

8. Briefly describe the scene in verses 47-51, that takes place because of Judas’ betrayal of Jesus, when he kissed Him. What do Luke 22:51 and John 18:10 add?

Answer here

9. a. How did Jesus intervene in verse 52?

Answer here

b. What did Jesus say in verse 53-54 about why He was allowing this to happen? Also read Acts 2:23.

Answer here

10. How did Jesus confront *the multitudes in that hour,* in verses 55-56, and what happened to the disciples who were there with Him?

Answer here

**DAY FIVE -** Read Matthew 26:57-68 (False Witnesses)

1. a. When *they led Jesus away to Caiaphas, the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled,* who followed and sat with the servants?

Answer here

b. List some extra things we learn about this time from John 18:12-17?

Answer here

2. a. As these Jewish leaders, known as the Sanhedrin, *sought false testimony against Jesus to put Him to death,* how many charges did they find in Matthew 26:60?

Answer here

b. *But* then, what did the last two false witnesses say about Him in verse 61?

Answer here

c. What does Mark 14:58-59 add about their false testimony, while Jesus kept quiet.

Answer here

3. a. As the high priest questioned His silence, what did he say to Jesus in Matthew 26:63?

Answer here

b. How did Jesus finally answer him in verse 64?

Answer here

4. How did the high priest and the others react in verses 65-66?

Answer here

5. Then what did they do and say in verse 67-68?

Answer here

**DISCUSSION:** As we continue to celebrate the Lord’s Supper today in our churches, what does 1 Corinthians 11:27-29 tell us we should do before we partake?

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