

Holy Thursday



**HOLY THURSDAY
THE LAST SUPPER**

The Last Supper

As Jesus enters into Thursday of Holy Week he begins to prepare his disciples for his departure by strengthening their covenant with him through Holy Communion as they sit for their Last Supper together. Communion not only reminds us of what Christ did on the cross to grant us eternal life.



But it also makes us one with him through being partakers of his suffering and death, we shall also be partakers of his consolation and resurrection (2 Corinthians-1:7)

“When the hour had come, He sat down, and the twelve apostles with Him. 15 Then He said to them, “With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; 16 for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”

17 Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, “Take this and divide it among yourselves; 18 for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”

19 And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.”

20 Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you.



JESUS WASHING THE DISCIPLES FEET

Lessons of Humility

Jesus took an opportunity to teach his disciples what it means to be a servant leader. That humility is the gateway to greatness. For if you are going to be great in this world. You must be first willing to serve.



“Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.

2 And supper being ended, the devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray Him, 3 Jesus, knowing that

the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, 4 rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. 5 After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded (John-13:1-5)

So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you? 13 Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. 14 If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. 15 For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

16 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him. 17 If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them (John-13:12-17)



JESUS IN THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE

The Garden of Gethsemane

Jesus takes the next step towards his destiny as he enters the garden of gethsemane. As reality begins to set in, he sets his heart to pray for the father's strength to complete his purpose.



Knowing that walking in purpose can sometimes mean walking alone. He asked his three closest disciples to tarry with him in prayer.

“Then they came to a place which was named Gethsemane; and He said to His disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” 33 And He took Peter, James, and John with Him, and He began to be

troubled and deeply distressed. 34 Then He said to them, “My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch.”

35 He went a little farther, and fell on the ground, and prayed that if it were possible, the hour might pass from Him. 36 And He said, “Abba, Father, all things are possible for You. Take this cup away from Me; nevertheless, not what I will, but what You will.”

37 Then He came and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, “Simon, are you sleeping? Could you not watch one hour? 38 Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” (Mark-14:32-38)



The Garden of Gethsemane

“43 Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him.



44 And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

*45 When He rose up from prayer, and had come to His disciples, He found them sleeping from sorrow.
46 Then He said to them, “Why do you sleep? Rise*

*and pray, lest you enter into temptation.
(Luke-22:43-46)*

39.”Again He went away and prayed, and spoke the same words. 40 And when He returned, He found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy; and they did not know what to answer Him.

41 Then He came the third time and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? It is enough! The hour has come; behold, the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. 42 Rise, let us be going. See, My betrayer is at hand.” (Mark-14:39-42)



Betrayed With A Kiss

Faithful are the wounds of a friend,

But the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.

(proverbs-27:6)



“And immediately, while He was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, with a great multitude with swords and clubs, came from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. 44 Now His betrayer had given them a signal, saying, “Whomever I kiss, He is the One; seize Him and lead Him away safely.”

45 As soon as he had come, immediately he went up to Him and said to Him, “Rabbi, Rabbi!” and kissed Him.

46 Then they laid their hands on Him and took Him. 47 And one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear.

48 Then Jesus answered and said to them, “Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs to take Me? 49 I was daily with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize Me. But the Scriptures must be fulfilled.” 50 Then they all forsook Him and fled (Mark-14:43-50)



The Trial Begins

Then the detachment of troops and the captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound Him. ¹³ And they led Him away to Annas first, for he was the father-in-

law of Caiaphas who was high priest that year. ¹⁴ Now it was Caiaphas who advised the Jews that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.



Holy Thursday

Praise the Lord JITA.

As we can see Thursday was a busy day for our savior. As he took the opportunity to sit down with his disciples and break bread one last time.



Jesus used the teaching of the breaking of bread to reveal to them the understanding of Abraham's Jehovah who would provide, "Himself" a lamb for the sacrifice. Jesus was providing himself as a living sacrifice on the cross

that through his brokenness we may find wholeness.

Overcoming betrayal can be one of the hardest things for man to do. Especially when it was done by those that you built a trusting relationship with. Those that you have helped when they were down and gave them shelter to rest in and food to nature them. There are some blows in life that we can easily bounce back from. But when the punch was from someone you least expected then the pain travels deeper and even last longer.

Jesus teaches us that when we see it through the eyes of God. We recognize that, "All things work together for the good, of them that love the Lord and them that are called according to his purpose". Romans-8:28

Jesus betrayal by Judas and his arrest of being now brought shamelessly before his own people. To be falsely accused and hated by the very ones that he loved to the end. Only prepares him for a "Good Friday", where he declares

"It Is Finish"