

The Passover, Lord's Supper, and the Coming Crucifixion



Introduction: We are studying the last week of Jesus' earthly life:

Thursday begins here in Matthew 26:17, *"Now on the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread..."*

I. The Passover is _____ – 26:17-19

17 Now on the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying to Him, "Where do You want us to prepare for You to eat the Passover?" 18 And He said, "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, "My time is at hand; I will keep the Passover at your house with My disciples." ' " 19 So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them; and they prepared the Passover.

Two feasts are mentioned here in our text:

1. The Feast of _____ Bread.
2. The _____.

"My time is at hand"? - These words refer to Jesus' coming _____, crucifixion, burial, and resurrection.

II. The _____ is Celebrated – 26:20-26

20 When evening had come, He sat down with the twelve. 21 Now as they were eating, He said, "Assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me." 22 And they were exceedingly sorrowful, and each of them began to say to Him, "Lord, is it I?" 23 He answered and said, "He who dipped his hand with Me in the dish will betray Me. 24 The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born." 25 Then Judas, who was betraying Him, answered and said, "Rabbi, is it I?" He said to him, "You have said it."

In verse 20, it is now Thursday _____, and Jesus sat down with the twelve.

Now, as they were eating Jesus drops a bombshell. He says in verse 21, *"Assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me."*

The disciples respond to what they hear by being *"exceedingly _____"*. We have a joyful celebration turned sour.

Notice too that all the disciples recognized their _____ to be the one that would betray Jesus.

Matthew 26:23-24 - 23 He answered and said, "He who dipped his hand with Me in the dish will betray Me. 24 The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born."

Jesus identifies the man who will _____ Him. Jesus makes four statements:

- 1. It is he who _____ his hand with Me in the dish. (They all did this).*
- 2. The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is _____ of Him.*
- 3. _____ to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed!*

The word “woe” is a _____ term.

4. *It would have been good for that man if he had not been _____.*

Look at verse 25, *Then Judas, who was betraying Him, answered and said, “Rabbi, is it I?” He said to him, “You have said it.”*

John’s Gospel tells us that after this interchange between Jesus and Judas, that Judas left the _____ He immediately went out (John 13:30).

III. The Lord’s _____ Instituted – 26:26-30

26 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, “Take, eat; this is My body.” 27 Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. 28 For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. 29 But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father’s kingdom.”

There are five _____ that I see in these verses that I want us to get a hold of. They are:

1. The _____ – 26:26a

As they were eating...

2. The _____ – 26:26b

And as they were eating Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is My body.”

3. The _____ – 26:27-28

27 Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. 28 For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Don't miss the all-important words, "*which is shed for many for the remission of sins.*"

Hebrews 10:10 - "*By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.*"

4. The _____ – 26:29

29 But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom."

5. The _____ – 26:30

30 And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Conclusion: Both the _____ for the Jews, and the _____ for the Christian calls for remembrance. What do we need to remember?

1. Jesus is the Lamb slain from the _____ of the world (Revelation 13:8).
2. Jesus has secured _____ for all who partake by faith (John 6:53–56).
3. We observe the Lord's Supper in _____ (1 Corinthians 11:23–26), respecting His sacrifice, recognizing our redemption, and anticipating His Coming.

How does this teaching change us?

1. We must be willing to deal with any _____ in our lives.
2. Be careful that our daily _____ aren't betraying Jesus Christ. We need to ask ourselves, "Am I pleasing Christ?"
3. Live out the _____ of the New Covenant.
4. Finally, whatever you do in _____ or deed, do all for the glory of God.