

# The Journey

## Series 04: Christ

Week 46: Jesus Rode into Jerusalem; Judas Planned to Betray Jesus; Jesus Instituted the Lord's Supper

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### Review (Where We Have Been)

Key Points from Last Week...

- **What Jesus Does** (Miracles/wonders, healings, spending time with sinners and outcasts)
- **Who Jesus Is** (Radical/authoritative teaching, upset the religious culture)
- Now we have to decide what we're going to do about it
  - Eternal consequence
- **Gen 3:15**
  - We've been looking for the Serpent Crusher
  - Satan has been trying to stop the deliverer
  - We finally know **WHO** the deliverer is!
  - But we don't know **HOW** he is going to crush the serpent!

So what we are going to see today is the ***misalignment*** between the ***people's plan*** and ***God's actual plan***.

### Our plan VS. God's plan

#### How did Jesus enter Jerusalem (God's Holy City)?

**Mark 11:1-3** "Now when they drew near to Jerusalem... Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them "go into the village in front of you and immediately as you enter it, you will find a colt tied, On which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it.

***If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'”(ESV)***

- Jesus sends His disciples to get a donkey for Him to ride into Jerusalem.
- It seems odd, but there is a purpose!
  - First - This fulfills another Old Testament prophecy;
  - ***Zechariah 9:9 “...Behold your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is He, humble and mounted on a donkey...”(ESV)***
  - Second - this was meant to help expose our incorrect expectations of God’s plan
- Let’s set the scene, Remember: The jews have been passed around
  - Assyrians → Babylonians → Persians → Macedonians → Romans
- look at how the crowd responds to Jesus;
  - ***Mark 11:8-10 “And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. And those who went before, and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! [expression of praise/adoration] Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father, David! Hosanna in the highest!” (ESV)***
- ***This*** is how you treat a King!

The people were **NOT** ushering in a Lamb to be slaughtered as the atoning sacrifice for their sins

- Israel’s **battle champion**

- They had seen what Jesus could do, and they were ready to watch the fireworks!
- They were ushering in their political deliverer

**They were so focused on their plan, that they missed what God was doing.**

- They were focused only on their nation, their problems!
- but God had bigger plans
- Remember what he promised Abraham?
  - “...in you **ALL** nations of the earth will be blessed...”
- He was going to deliver **everyone!** - Not Just Israel

**The Jewish leaders and Judas conspired against Jesus**

**Mark 14:1-2 “It was now two days before the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to arrest him by stealth and kill him, for they said, “Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar from the people.” (ESV)**

- No way that passionate crowd would have let them arrest Jesus.
  - We will see that crowd change their mind - shouting something very different

**Mark 14:10-11 “Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. And when they heard it, they were glad and promised to give him money. And he sought an opportunity to betray him.” (ESV)**

- Satan is still desperately trying to shut down the promise of the deliverer
- Luke 22:3, and John 13:2,27 tell us that Satan influenced Judas, carrying out his plan to destroy the deliverer.
  - Judas was just the next installment of Satan's plan
    - Pharaoh → King Herod → Judas next
  - Even Satan had expectations for how God's plan would happen
    - He had no idea that his own strategy to kill the deliverer would in fact **put GOD'S PLAN in action**
  - It's like a good game of chess

### **Jesus knew that Judas would soon betray Him.**

As Jesus and His disciples get settled in and prepared for the Passover meal, Jesus begins to prepare his disciples for the coming betrayal...

**Mark 14:17-20** *"And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. And as they were reclining at the table eating, Jesus said, 'Truly I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.' They began to be sorrowful and say to him one after another, 'Is it I?' He said to them, 'It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. For the son of man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would've been better for that man if he had not been born.'"* (ESV)

While they shared bread together, Jesus knew what Judas was planning to do

- They ate together

- Laughed together
  - Traveled and lived together along with the other 12
  - Did ministry together
  - Every single day for several years!
- How many friends have you spent that much time with?
- This fulfills yet another messianic prophecy in scripture from the Psalms
  - Psalm 41:9 (ESV) *“Even my close friend, in whom I trusted, who ate, my bread, has lifted his heel against me”*
  - This was completely unthinkable
  - In fact, Jesus had **JUST** washed **ALL** of their feet, including Judas!
- Why had Judas decided at this time to betray Jesus?

***Judas’ was so focused on his plan, that He missed what Jesus was doing***

- ***Judas had determined that there was nothing else for Him to gain from following Jesus.***
  - He thought Jesus would be King and he wanted to be a part of the rise to power!
  - Through the years of watching Jesus, He allowed his heart to slowly become hardened.
  - Additionally, **John 12:6** tells us that Judas was a thief.
  - We know that money was a motivation for him, but what’s interesting is...

**Judas betrayed Jesus for just *30 pieces of silver***

- Remember back in the laws in Exodus when you were reading through and came across this random section of laws about a rogue killer ox?

**Exodus 21:32 “If the ox gores, a slave, male or female, the owner shall give to their master 30 shekels of silver, and the ox shall be stoned” (ESV)**

- They wanted a conqueror, but what they got was a king that truly became the *least* of these
- If you want to see more depth to this, I would encourage you to dig into **Zechariah 11** on your own
  - Tells this amazing symbolic prophecy of a shepherd of a flock who is paid the *lowest* amount allowed for his wages - **30 pieces of silver**

In Judas, we have a clear example of how a person can be religious, hear the Word of God taught, witness genuine miracles, and for all appearances seem to be saved, and yet not be born again. (GotQuestions.org)

**Jesus and His disciples prepare for the Passover Feast.**

- **The Jews had been celebrating the passover meal for roughly 1500 years.**

**Mark 14:12 “...On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover Lamb...”(ESV)**

**A Quick Rewind...**

- **Ex 12:21-27** God spared the first born of the Israelites during the final plague
- Kill a lamb and sprinkle to blood on the doorpost of their home

Mark 14:22-26 “And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, “take; this is my body.” And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they drank of it. And he said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.” (ESV)

Jesus used bread and wine to represent His body and His blood.

- *The Disciples would have been very confused at this*
  - Jesus didn't follow *the plan* for the meal!
  - There were several elements of this meal that all have significance, we don't have time to look at them all today.
- **The Bread** - A familiar part of the ceremony - Represented God's provision for the Israelites
  - “This is the bread of affliction which our fathers ate in the land of Egypt. Let everyone who hungers come and eat; let everyone who is needy come and eat the Passover meal.”
    - But when Jesus takes the bread, He says, This is *my body*?
- **The Cup** - Originally was 4 cups dividing up the meal, each representing a promise the Lord makes to His people in *Exodus 6:6-7*
- The Four Cups of Passover - **Exodus 6:6-7**
  - Sanctification - “I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians”
  - Deliverance - “I will deliver you from slavery”

- Redemption - “I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment”
- Praise - “I will take you to be my people”
  - But when Jesus takes the cup, He says, this is *my Blood* poured out?
- **The Lamb** - was to remind them of the sacrificed lamb in Egypt and the blood that had to be on the doorpost of the Israelites’ homes for their firstborn to be spared
  - Throughout the rest of Israelite history, animal sacrifices and specifically **the blood** of the sacrifice was a symbol of their covenant relationship with God
  - **Luke 22:20 “...This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in MY blood.”**

Jesus didn’t give the normal explanation of the meaning of each of these foods. He reinterpreted them in Himself, and the focus was no longer on the suffering of Israel in Egypt, but on the sin-bearing suffering of the Messiah on their behalf. Jesus boldly announced the institution of something promised in the Hebrew Scriptures, but at that moment not yet in effect – Jesus announced the new covenant, which would come into effect through His death. - David Guzik

### Application (What We Need to Do)

**Jesus took a very old ritual, and gave it completely new meaning.**

- **Jesus** brings all of this together saying - **MY** sacrifice, **MY** blood, will sanctify you, deliver you, redeem you, and restore relationship with you.



- The disciples would have been extremely confused. But later they were able to look back on this moment and realized what Jesus was saying.

***From now on, this ritual would remind the world “THIS IS HOW HE CRUSHED THE SERPENT!”***

**God’s plan is *always* better than our own**

- **He is still accomplishing His plan**
  - But it requires a conscious effort on our part to set aside our own plan, to rest in God’s plan.

**Prayer**