

1. What did the text mean to the biblical audience? Structure diagram Luke 22:1-23

Now the **Feast of Unleavened Bread** drew near,
which is called the **Passover**.

² And the **chief priests and the scribes** were seeking how to put him to death,
for **they feared the people**.

³ Then **Satan entered into Judas** called Iscariot,
who was of the number of the twelve.

⁴ He went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers how he might betray him to them.

⁵ And they were glad and agreed to give him money.

⁶ So he consented and sought an opportunity to betray him to them in the absence of a crowd.

⁷ Then came the **day of Unleavened Bread**,
on which the **Passover lamb had to be sacrificed**.

⁸ So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it."

⁹ They said to him, "Where will you have us prepare it?"

¹⁰ He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city,

a **man carrying a jar of water** will meet you.

Follow him into the house that he enters ¹¹

and tell the master of the house,

'The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' ¹² And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there."

¹³ And **they went and found it just as he had told them**, and they prepared the Passover.

¹⁴ And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him.

¹⁵ And he said to them, "**I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.** ¹⁶ **For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.**"

¹⁷ And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves. ¹⁸ For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine **until the kingdom of God comes.**"

¹⁹ And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,

"This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

²⁰ And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. ²¹ But behold, the hand of him who betrays me is with me

on the table. ²² For the **Son of Man goes as it has been determined,**
but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!”

²³ And they began to question one another, which of them it could be who was going to do this.

Truths From Cross References:

Passover:

Jesus fulfills the Passover Lamb

Exodus 12:5-13

1 Corinthians 5:6-12

John 1:29

Slain at the exact hour Passover lambs were sacrificed in Jerusalem (John 19:14, 31).

His blood shields believers from judgment, just as the Israelites’ blood spared their firstborn.

Feast of Unleavened Bread

Immediately following (Leviticus 23:6), this seven-day feast symbolizes sin’s removal—leaven purged from homes, picturing Christ’s sinless body (“unleavened,” 1 Peter 1:19) broken for us (Luke 22:19).

Jesus’ burial during this feast (Thursday sunset to Friday sunset) aligns perfectly, His tomb sealed without “leaven.”

Together they proclaim redemption: Lamb slain, sin expelled, new life begun—our exodus from death to eternal feast in the Father’s house.

Chief priests and the scribes- they feared the people:

John 11:45-53

John 12:9-11

Matthew 21:33-46

Romans 9:30-33

Why? Romans 11

Man carrying a jar:

In 1st-century Jewish culture, women typically carried water jars—men did not, making this an unmistakable sign amid Passover crowds.

Jesus’ supernatural foreknowledge! The disciples find Him exactly as predicted, proving sovereign control over betrayal plots (Luke 22:6) and the Last Supper’s secrecy.

Until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God:

Jesus means that the kingdom is not merely a present, personal experience but also a future, historical event. It is Christ's return with His angels to gather His elect from the four corners and establish His visible throne upon the earth. Jesus described the second coming in:

Matthew 13:24-44

The Lamb (Christ) is presently worthy to open the scroll because His cross has already ransomed “persons from every tribe and language and people and nation” into a kingdom of priests (Rev. 5:9-10). This is Christ’s inaugurated victory: Satan bound (Rev. 20:1-3), gospel advancing globally during this age between advents.

Earth Echoes Heaven’s praise: Now the Church on earth joins this worship through Spirit-enabled praise and mission—every tongue confessing Jesus Lord.

Philippians 2:5-11

Future climax when all of visible creation worship awaits consummation, when new heavens/earth merge heavenly scene with renewed cosmos.

Revelation 5:13

Jesus the Lamb of God reigns now; your redemption secures eternal place in Father’s house.

Then there is also a personally seeking the kingdom of God - Matthew 6:33 Jesus says, "Seek first God's kingdom and his righteousness and all these things shall be added to you." Seek to live under the kingly protection and provision and guidance of God, and you won't need to be anxious about secondary matters like food and clothing. In this sense the kingdom of God is his present rule in your life—the exercise of His sovereign authority to save and protect and provide and guide.

Son of Man goes as it has been determined:

Matthew 16:21-28

Matthew 17:22-23

Matthew 20:17-19

Acts 2:23