

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

A JOURNEY WITH THE KING



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Jesus concludes His detailed answer to His disciples about the signs of His _____ **coming** and of the end of the world (Matthew 24-25). He now moves directly to the topic of His betrayal, suffering, and death (*and what it all means moving forward*). Even though wicked men will prevail against Him in just a few short hours to betray, wrongly convict, and gruesomely punish the King of kings, Jesus remains calm and dignified through it all. He faithfully fulfills all the prophecies written aforesaid about His _____ **coming** and once and for all will make the ultimate sacrifice allowing for the redemption of every man and woman.

THE KING INSTITUTES A NEW TESTAMENT AND COMMUNION SERVICE – Matthew 26:1-30

1. The Passover and the Plot – v. 1-5

- It is two days before the **Passover feast** where spotless lambs are sacrificed by the priests in the temple and the people eat them to remember Israel's miraculous birth from Egypt – v. 1-2; Ex. 12.

This is the 4th time Jesus foretells of His death (16:21-22; 17:22-23; 20:17-19), and in this final account, He reveals the _____ of it (v. 2)

- This same High Priest Caiphas who prophesied Jesus' death for the people of Israel now _____ how to subtly kill Him on any day but the day of the Passover feast – v.3-5; Jn. 11:45-53.

2. The Plot Thickens: 300 Pence vs. 30 Pieces of Silver – v. 6-16

- Jesus was in Bethany four days prior when these events take place – v. 6-7; Jn. 12:1-8.

Simon the leper's house...the disciples, Mary, Martha, and Lazarus are present (Lk. 17:11-19)

Mary's alabaster box of costly ointment is broken and poured on Him (Mk. 14:3; Jn. 12:3, 5)

- His disciples, led by _____, believe her offering to be a waste of valuable resources which could have been used for greater purposes such as helping the poor – v. 8-11; Jn. 12:4-6; Mk. 12:30-31.
- Mary understood what the others didn't, the imminent suffering and death of her King and friend. She did what she _____ and her testimony is forever associated with it – v. 12-13; Mk. 14:8.
- It seems that after this _____ event four days earlier, Judas joins the chief priests in their plot to kill Jesus selling Him out for much less than Mary's offering to Him – v. 14-16; Zech. 11:13-17.

3. A New Testament and New Ordinance of God – v. 17-30

- _____ are made to celebrate the Passover feast and an evening meal is prepared and shared together – v. 17-21a; Ex. 12; Mk. 14:1-2; Lk. 22:1-2, 7.

- This meal turns very _____ after a stunning revelation of betrayal is shared from the King about one of them – v. 21b-25; Jn. 13:21-30; Ps. 41:9.

Lord, is it I? (v. 22) =

Lord, who is it? (Jn. 13:25; 1 Jn. 3:20-21) =

_____, **is it I?** (v. 25; Matt. 26:49; Mk. 13:1; Jn. 13:27-30; 1 Cor. 12:3) =

- A New Testament and new communion are established for all by a new and final sacrifice, _____ broken body and shed blood of our Lord Jesus Christ – v. 26-29; 1 Cor. 10:16; Heb. 10:12-13.
- This first new communion service, a memorial before the fact, ends with a promise and a _____ as they depart for the Mount of Olives and Garden of Gethsemane – v. 29-30; Ps. 113-118.