

He Died for Us!

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22 And they were **exceeding sorrowful**, and began every one of them to say unto him, **Lord, is it I?** 23 And he answered and said, He that **dippeth his hand with me** in the dish, the **same shall betray me**.

24 The Son of man goeth **as it is written of him:** but **woe unto that man** by whom the Son of man is betrayed! it had been good for that man if he had not been born. 25 Then **Judas**, which betrayed him, answered and said, **Master, is it I?** He said unto him, Thou hast said, 26 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed *it*, and brake *it*, and gave *it* to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; **this is my body**. 27 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; 28 For this is **my blood** of the new testament, which is **shed for many** for the **remission of sins**. 29 But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, **until that day** when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom. 30 And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.

1. The plot to betray Jesus 26:14 **Then** one of the twelve, called **Judas Iscariot**, went unto the chief priests, 15 And said *unto them*, **What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you?** And they covenanted with him for **thirty pieces of silver**. 16 And from that time he **sought opportunity to betray him**.
 - a. The one who will betray Jesus is one of the 12

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- i. He has been with Jesus all this time
 - ii. He has been taking part in the ministry
 - iii. He has seen the miracles
 - iv. He was highly respected and made the treasurer
 - v. He will even betray Jesus with a kiss and a show of respect
- a. No way of knowing what his motive was
 - i. Simply wicked and hated Christ
 - ii. Misguided thinking that Jesus will fight back and establish His kingdom
 - 1. He may have felt that Jesus wasn't assertive enough to start the war
 - 2. He may have thought that he was just helping things along
 - 3. Most of the time when we do stupid stuff we find a way to defend our thought process no matter how off target it is
 - a. He goes and makes a plan and sets a price to betray Jesus
 - b. He begins looking for every opportunity to betray the Lord

1. The feast of unleavened bread 26:17 Now the **first day of the feast of unleavened bread** the disciples came to Jesus, saying unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee **to eat the passover?**
 - a. It is time for the Passover feast
 - i. The feast was to remember what God had done in Egypt
 - ii. They remembered how the death of the Lamb and his blood caused the death angel to passover
 - b. The first step was the feast of unleavened bread
 - i. On that morning all leaven would be destroyed
 - ii. They had a ceremony where they searched for any leaven in the house
 - iii. When the Israelites had left Egypt they did not have time to bake their bread with leaven
 - iv. Also leaven was considered a symbol of corruption, fermentation, rotting or being corrupt

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- v. This was a sin that needed to be cleansed
 - c. The feast of unleavened bread and that of the passover together formed the central feast of the Jewish year
 - d. The two combined made for an 8 day celebration
 - e. Either name could be used to designate this 8 day, two feast celebration
 - f. There were preparations to be made
 - g. The disciples wanted to get ready for the special day
2. It is finally time for Jesus to be crucified 26:18 And he said, **Go** into the city to such a man, and say unto him, The Master saith, **My time is at hand**; I will **keep the passover** at thy house with my disciples.
- a. He had already told them what was happening
 - i. He is about to be betrayed to be crucified 26:**2** Ye know that **after two days** is *the feast of the passover*, and the Son of man is **betrayed to be crucified**.
 - ii. The woman was preparing Him for burial 26:**12** For in that she hath poured this ointment on my body, **she did it for my burial**.
 - b. He again tells them that one of them will betray Him 26:21 And **as they did eat**, he said, Verily I say unto you, that **one of you shall betray me**.
 - i. He knows exactly what is happening
 - ii. He knows who will betray Him
 - i. He knows that He is right on time to die according to God's plan
 - a. This will be a very special passover
 - b. The disciples will slowly begin to put together what is happening
 - i. Jesus is the real passover lamb
 - ii. The lamb of bulls and goats has never been enough to cleanse people from sin
 - iii. The most important moment in history is very close now

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1. They ate the supper 26:20 Now when the even was come, he sat down with the twelve.
21 And **as they did eat**, he said, Verily I say unto you, that **one of you shall betray me**.
 - a. The moment intensifies as Jesus announcing, directly, that one of them will betray Him
 - b. They all were shocked and very sorry 26:22 And they were **exceeding sorrowful**, and began every one of them to say unto him, **Lord, is it I?**
 - i. Everyone was sad and hurting
 - ii. How could one of them do such a thing
 - iii. They began to ask on their own accord if they were the one
 - iv. No one, automatically, pointed their finger at Judas
 - v. They couldn't figure out who would do such a thing
 - c. He tells them that the one who will betray Him is eating bread with Him right then 26:23 And he answered and said, He that **dippeth his hand with me** in the dish, the **same shall betray me**.
 - i. What is about to happen to Jesus was already told in the Scriptures. There should be no shock on that part 26:24 The Son of man goeth **as it is written of him:** but **woe unto that man** by whom the Son of man is betrayed! it had been good for that man if he had not been born.
 - ii. To be the person who would betray Jesus was extremely horrible
 - iii. It would have been better if he had never been born
 - iv. Judas has the never to even ask if it is Him, still keeping up his charade 26:25 Then **Judas**, which betrayed him, answered and said, **Master, is it I?** He said unto him, Thou hast said,
 - d. As they ate Jesus told them that "this was His body!" 26:26 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed *it*, and brake *it*, and gave *it* to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; **this is my body**.
 - i. They knew that the body of the lamb was there due to their sin
 - ii. This body now broken was Jesus telling them He is dying for them
 - iii. He is offering what they need to live and not die

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- e. Then as He takes the cup He tells them that it is His blood 26:27 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; 28 For this is **my blood** of the new testament, which is **shed for many** for the **remission of sins**.
 - i. The drink represented His blood
 - ii. This blood was the mark of His new promise
 - iii. In His blood is remission of sins for those who will believe
- f. He then gives a promise not to drink again till He is in His Father's kingdom 26:29 But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, **until that day** when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom. 30 And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.
 - i. Jesus knew He wasn't going to die and never return
 - ii. He knew He would be back to set up His kingdom
 - iii. He loves us enough to wait to be with us again before drinking the fruit of the vine again

3. Deep thoughts

- a. How much have we like Judas been making excuses for our lack of faith or denying Jesus
- b. You may have the best of intentions and think you are ok but it will not be your decision as to whether or not that pleases God
- c. How diligent are we to think of getting sin out of our lives
- d. How much do we take care to get sin away from our children
- e. It may have been a ritual in the story but it is what they did as an example of the truth that they knew
- f. Do you realize that the reason He died was so you could be saved
- g. Do you realize that His body was broken and His blood shed to pay for your sin. He had not sinned. He did not deserve to die
- h. Are you living a double life. One that looks like a believer when your heart is not there?
- i. He did rise from the dead and He is coming again, Are you ready to meet God?

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I Corinthians 11:23 For I have **received of the Lord** that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the **same night in which he was betrayed took bread:** 24 And when he had **given thanks,** he brake *it,* and said, **Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.** 25 After the same manner also *he took* the cup, when he had supped, saying, **This cup is the new testament in my blood:** this do ye, as oft as ye drink *it,* **in remembrance of me.** 26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, **ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.** 27 Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink *this* cup of the Lord, **unworthily,** shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. 28 But let a man **examine himself,** and so let him eat of *that* bread, and drink of *that* cup. 29 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, **not discerning the Lord's body.** 30 For this cause many *are* **weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.** 31 For if we would **judge ourselves,** we should not be judged. 32 But when we are judged, we are **chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.**

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