

Foothills Christian Assembly Sermon April 11, 2021
Luke 22: 7 – 13 “Just as He Had Said to Them”

“And in the daytime He was teaching in the temple, but at night He went out and stayed on the mountain called Olivet. 38 Then early in the morning all the people came to Him in the temple to hear Him.

Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called Passover. 2 And the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might kill Him, for they feared the people. 3 Then Satan entered Judas, surnamed Iscariot, who was numbered among the twelve. 4 So he went his way and conferred with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray Him to them. 5 And they were glad, and agreed to give him money. 6 So he promised and sought opportunity to betray Him to them in the absence of the multitude.

7 Then came the Day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover must be killed. 8 And He sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat." 9 So they said to Him, "Where do You want us to prepare?" 10 And He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him into the house which he enters. 11 Then you shall say to 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 Then he will show you a large, furnished upper room; there make ready." 13 So they went and found it just as He had said to them, and they prepared the Passover.

14 When the hour had come, He sat down, and the twelve apostles with Him. 15 Then He said to them, "With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; 16 for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." 17 Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; 18 for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." 19 And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me." 20 Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you.

21 But behold, the hand of My betrayer is with Me on the table. 22 And truly the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom He is betrayed!" 23 Then they began to question among themselves, which of them it was who would do this thing.”

I. Introduction

- a. Today’s text stands as the 2nd bookend of Christ’s ministry during Passion week. Together, these two “bookend” events declare Christ’s complete control over all of the events of Passion week, and ultimately, His control over all things.
- b. The first event:
 - i. Luke 19:28-35 “28 When He had said this, He went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. 29 And it came to pass, when He drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mountain called Olivet, that He sent two of His disciples, 30 saying, "Go into the village opposite you, where as you enter you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Loose it and bring it here. 31 "And if anyone asks you, 'Why are you loosing it?' thus you shall say to him, 'Because the Lord has need of it.' " 32 So those who were sent went their way and found it just as He had said to them. 33 But as they were loosing the colt, the owners of it said to them, "Why are you loosing the

colt?" 34 And they said, "The Lord has need of him." 35 Then they brought him to Jesus. And they threw their own clothes on the colt, and they set Jesus on him."

1. Bock "One... theme is Jesus' control over the events tied to his death. The way in which the disciples obtain the animal on which Jesus rides shows that he is directing the events associated with his coming to Jerusalem."
- c. Today's text similarly reveals Christ's sovereignty. With these two bookend events, our Lord shows how every step of His last week has occurred exactly according to His eternal plan. His disciples would need this strong encouragement during the dark and crushing moments and days ahead.
 - i. Jesus weeps over Jerusalem, cleanses the temple, thwarts the chief priests and scribes, gives the parable of the wicked vinedressers, answers the question about paying taxes to Caesar, defends the resurrection against the Sadducees, defines the Son of David as David's Lord, warns the people against the devouring malice of the scribes, commends the poor widow's offering, predicts the temple's destruction, teaches extensively (Olivet Discourse) about the 1st century signs leading up to Israel's destruction, and warns His disciples to remain vigilant. Then, we learned of Judas' plan with the Jewish leaders to betray Jesus for 30 pieces of silver. (last week)
 - d. Luke 22:7-13 "Just as He Said to Them"
 - i. V7 – Setting
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- II. V7 – Setting
- a. 7 Then came the Day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover must be killed.
 - b. As we studied previously, it is most likely this is referencing the first of eight nights eating unleavened bread, a meal that would not have included the Passover lamb.
 - i. Exodus 12:18 "In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at evening, you shall eat unleavened bread, until the twenty-first day of the month at evening." (eight evenings of unleavened bread meals)
 - ii. Nisan 14 is Passover. Nisan 15-21 is the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Here in this text, Luke calls Passover (Nisan 14) "the Day of Unleavened Bread" clearly identifying it as the day "when the Passover must be killed."
 - iii. So, as Nisan 14 begins at sunset, the Passover day began. Jesus and His disciples need to prepare for this first unleavened bread Passover meal.
 - iv. After the meal, Jesus would be arrested and spend the overnight hours of Nisan 14 in the custody of the Jewish leaders. Then, during the daylight hours of Nisan 14, Jesus would be tried, crucified and buried.

- III. V8 – Jesus sends Peter and John to prepare the Passover
- a. 8 And He sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat."
 - b. Our Lord selects Peter and John for this important task. No reason is stated as to why Jesus chose these two disciples.
 - i. Bock "Luke frequently mentions Peter and John together (Luke 8:51; 9:28; Acts 1:13; 3:1–4; 4:13, 19; 8:14). Together they witnessed the transfiguration, and together they will witness the resurrection. Jesus gives them responsibility for the meal's preparation (ἑτοιμάζω [*hetoimazō*, to prepare] dominates the passage; Luke 22:8, 9, 12, 13). Their tasks are to secure a room, ... purchase the unleavened bread, and obtain wine for the meal. Obtaining the room was an important task since many pilgrims were in the city looking for similar festal accommodations. The future leaders of the apostolic group are here learning to serve"¹
 - c. This would have been a simple command to understand, but would have challenges at this late hour, especially in regards to finding an available location, given the millions of Jews who were usually present in Jerusalem by this time.
 - d. "that we may eat" – such a simple idea. But, in the eating together, God reveals to them and to us all that is ours in the Gospel, all that comes to us undeserving sinners by Christ's death, the foretaste of all the pleasures of eternity. No wonder Christ has such strong desire to eat this last meal with His disciples.
 - i. Lk22:14-16: When the hour had come, He sat down, and the twelve apostles with Him. 15 Then He said to them, "With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; 16 for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."
- IV. V9 – Peter and John ask where
- a. 9 So they said to Him, "Where do You want us to prepare?"
 - b. The difficulties of finding a location take first place in their minds. Crowded with worshipers from all around the Roman empire, Jerusalem would be bulging, its resources and rooms scarce. But, unlike Bethlehem at Christ's birth, Jerusalem still held bread, wine and a room for Jesus.
 - c. Morris "Jesus delegated Peter and John to make the necessary preparations for the little company (only Luke names the pair). Not unnaturally they ask where. They were Galileans and would need guidance as to where they should go in Jerusalem. And at this late time there would be few places available, despite the traditional readiness of the Jerusalemites to make such accommodation available without charge."²
- V. V10-12 – Jesus tells Peter and John exactly what will happen

¹ Bock, D. L. (1996). [Luke: 9:51–24:53](#) (Vol. 2, pp. 1710–1711). Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic.

² Morris, L. (1988). [Luke: an introduction and commentary](#) (Vol. 3, p. 322). Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press.

- a. 10 And He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him into the house which he enters. 11 Then you shall say to 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 Then he will show you a large, furnished upper room; there make ready."
- b. Jesus guides them to the Passover location via a man carrying a pitcher of water. Peter and John are told this man “will meet you”, so somehow this man was on the lookout for Jesus’ disciples, and for some reason this man would be carrying a pitcher of water. This could be a miraculous event, or it could have been pre-arranged by Christ. Either way, we see the Lord’s sovereign wisdom and providence on display.
- i. Christ’s greater wisdom: RC Sproul “...we can safely assume that Jesus was well aware that he had been betrayed by Judas, and that the conspiracy was already in motion. However, we also know that Jesus had a profound desire to celebrate the Passover and was not going to allow himself to fall into the hands of his captors until the hour he determined. Now obviously an ideal place for Judas to arrange an arrest away from the multitude would be at this meal. There was never a better time for a secret betrayal, a secret arrest, than on that particular evening when the streets of Jerusalem would be virtually deserted, when people would be gathered in small groups in their homes or, in the case of pilgrims, in borrowed rooms, to observe the Passover. So Jesus arranges for this meal not by announcing the site to all of the twelve, but rather by sending Peter and John, his two closest disciples, to a location not even they know about.”³
 - ii. Reliance upon Providence: Henry “Christ could have described the house to them; probably it was a house they knew, and he might have said no more than, Go to such a one’s house, or to a house in such a street, with such a sign, etc. But he directed them thus, to teach them to depend upon the conduct of Providence, and to follow that, *step by step*. They went, not knowing *whither they went, nor whom they followed*.”⁴
 - iii. Calvin views this as miracle: “But though he might have expressly pointed out the man by name, he chose rather to direct his disciples to him by a miracle, that, when they shortly afterwards saw him reduced to a state of weakness, their faith might remain firm, being supported by this evidence. It was no slight confirmation that, a few hours before he was put to death, he had given an undoubted proof that he was God, that

³ Sproul, R. C. (1999). [*A Walk with God: An Exposition of Luke*](#) (pp. 387–388). Great Britain: Christian Focus Publications.

⁴ Henry, M. (1994). [*Matthew Henry’s commentary on the whole Bible: complete and unabridged in one volume*](#) (p. 1901). Peabody: Hendrickson.

they might know that he was not constrained by necessity, but yielded of his own accord.”⁵

- iv. About the man carrying a pitcher of water: Morris “Peter and John were to look for *a man carrying a jar of water*, which would be distinctive, for women usually carried water jars (men carried water skins).”⁶
- c. Once Peter and John enter the house, they are to repeat the words of Jesus to the master of the house, “The Teacher says to you, ‘Where is the guest room where I may eat the Passover with My disciples?’”
 - i. Again, it appears this house-master was on the lookout for the arrival of Jesus’ disciples. Somehow, whether by miracle or by superior wisdom, Jesus has all this pre-arranged. Clearly, the Lord would not be taken into custody according to the schedule of His enemies. No, He went into their hands in Gethsemane just as it had been foreordained from before the foundation of the world.
 - ii. Note: Jesus is The Teacher. The Teacher is the Master of every house-master. Hospitality flows from knowing Jesus Christ is The Teacher, The Master and Owner of your home. This anonymous house-master shows us the source of all good hospitality, submitting to the Master and bringing Him into your home.
 - 1. Mt 25:34-40 "Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35 'for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; 36 'I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' 37 "Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? 38 'When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? 39 'Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' 40 "And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'”
- d. Jesus tells Peter and John that once they have spoken these words to the house-master, he will show them the “large, furnished upper room” to make ready for the Passover. Peter and John are simply to trust Christ: step 1 → follow the water-pitcher-man, step 2 → speak these particular words to the house-master, step 3 → large, furnished room. Whenever Christ speaks commands that lead to His defined outcomes, we obey Him gladly and expectantly.

⁵ Calvin, J., & Pringle, W. (2010). [*Commentary on a Harmony of the Evangelists Matthew, Mark, and Luke*](#) (Vol. 3, p. 196). Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software.

⁶ Morris, L. (1988). [*Luke: an introduction and commentary*](#) (Vol. 3, p. 323). Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press.

- i. Example, abiding in Christ unto answered prayers, Jn 15:7,8 “If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.”
 - ii. Abide in Christ, have His Words abiding in you, and then you will ask what you desire. You will have right desires, and you will pray to God, asking Him to fulfill these good desires. Both the good desires and the prayers of faith asking for these desires are fruits of abiding in Christ and His Word abiding in you. Finally, the fruit of receiving fulfilled desires comes: “it shall be done for you.”
- VI. V13 – They found it just as He had said to them
 - a. 13 So they went and found it just as He had said to them, and they prepared the Passover.
 - b. This simple phrase is the central idea of these two bookends:
 - i. Lk 19:32 “So those who were sent went their way and found it just as He had said to them.”
 - c. Lk 22:13 “13 So they went and found it just as He had said to them, and they prepared the Passover.”
 - i. The Divine wisdom, knowledge and power of Christ on display. Everything occurs just as He had said, down to every detail.
 - ii. Romans 11:32-36 “Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! 34 "For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has become His counselor?" 35 "Or who has first given to Him And it shall be repaid to him?" 36 For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.”
 - iii. Hebrews 1:1-4 “God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; 3 who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, 4 having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.”
 - iv. WSC
 - 1. Q7: What are the decrees of God? A7: The decrees of God are, his eternal purpose, according to the counsel of his will, whereby, for his own glory, he hath fore-ordained whatsoever comes to pass.
 - d. Peter and John followed through. They prepared the Passover, completing the commandment of Christ, *so they could eat together*. All this preparation wonder and glory, the water-pitcher, the house-master, the secrecy, the mystery, all of it, revealing Christ’s Divinity, and all of it so they could eat together.
- VII. Questions to know, love and obey God