

Matthew 26:17-30

The Unfinished Feast

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Intro –

1. The Passover Plot

v. 26:1 - Now it came to pass, when Jesus had finished all these sayings, *that* He said to His disciples, “You know that after two days is the *Passover*, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified.” Then the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders of the people assembled at the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, and *plotted* to take Jesus by trickery and kill Him.

Mark 11:15-18 - Jesus entered the temple courts and began driving out those who were buying and selling there... The chief priests and the teachers of the law heard this and *began looking for a way to kill Him*, for they feared Him, because the whole crowd was amazed at His teaching.

John 11:57 - The chief priests and Pharisees had given orders that if anyone found out where Jesus was, he should report it so that they might arrest Him.

v. 14 - Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, “What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?” And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver. So from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him.

John 6 - Jesus said, "I've chosen the twelve of you, but one of you is a *devil*."

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John 12:4-6 - Judas Iscariot said, "Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it.

Matthew 6:24 - "No one can serve two masters. Either you'll hate the one and love the other, or you'll be devoted to the one and despise the other. You can't serve both God and money."

2. The Passover Preparations

v. 17 - Now on the first *day of the Feast* of the Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where do You want us to *prepare* for You to eat the Passover?" And He said, "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, "My time is at hand; I'll keep the Passover at your house with My disciples.'" So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them; and they *prepared the Passover*."

Exodus 12 - Your lamb must be without blemish...the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight...Don't leave any of it until morning...Don't break any of its bones.

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3. The Passover Purpose

v. 20 - When evening had come, He sat down with the twelve.

Exodus 12:3 - On the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household.

v. 21 - Now as they were eating, He said, “Assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me.” And they were exceedingly sorrowful, and each of them began to say to Him, “Lord, is it I?”

v. 23-25 - Jesus answered and said, “He who dipped *his* hand with Me in the dish will betray Me. The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he hadn't been born.” Then Judas, who was betraying Him, answered and said, “Rabbi, is it I?” He said to him, “You've said it.”

John 13:27-30 - Then Jesus said to Judas, “What you're about to do, do quickly.” But no one at the table knew why Jesus said this to him. Since Judas kept the money bag, some thought Jesus was telling him to buy what was needed for the feast, or to give something to the poor. As soon as Judas had taken the bread, he went out. And it was night.

v. 26 - And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke *it*, and gave *it* to the disciples and said, “Take, eat; this is My body.”

v. 27 - Then He took the cup.

Exodus 6:6-7 - "I'm the LORD, and I'll bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I'll free you from being slaves to them, I'll redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment. I'll take you as my own people, and I'll be your God. Then you'll know that I'm the LORD your God.

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Cup #1 - The Cup of Blessing (The KID-dish cup)

Cup #2 - The Cup of Deliverance (The huh-GAH-duh cup)

Cup #3 - The Cup of Redemption (GO-lah cup)

Isaiah 53:6 - All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

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Cup #4 - The Cup of Praise (hah-LAYL cup)

Zechariah 13:9 - "They will call on My name and I'll answer them; I'll say, 'They are My people,' and they'll say, 'The LORD is our God.'"

Psalm 118:22-24 - The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the LORD has done this, and it's marvelous in our eyes. This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

1 Corinthians 11:26 - As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.
