

“Preparing to Die”

Matthew 26:1-30

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JESUS' DEATH is **FORETOLD**.

When Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said to his disciples² “You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified.”³ Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas,⁴ and plotted together in order to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him.⁵ But they said, “Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people.”
Matthew 26:1-5 (English Standard Version)

JESUS' DEATH is **ANTICIPATED**.

Now when Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper,⁷ a woman came up to him with an alabaster flask of very expensive ointment, and she poured it on his head as he reclined at table.⁸ And when the disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, “Why this waste?⁹ For this could have been sold for a large sum and given to the poor.”¹⁰ But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, “Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a beautiful thing to me.¹¹ For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me.¹² In pouring this ointment on my body, she has done it to prepare me for burial.¹³ Truly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her.”
Matthew 26:6-13 (ESV)

JESUS' DEATH is **EXPLAINED**.

Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?"¹⁸ He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'"¹⁹ And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover . . .²⁶ Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body."²⁷ And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you,²⁸ for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.²⁹ I tell you I will not drink again 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 a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.
Matthew 26:17-19; 26-30 (ESV)

The Double Meaning of the Meal

- Commemoration of **the Exodus**: the sacrifice of the Passover lamb

- Commemoration of Christ's **sacrificial death**

. . . we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.¹¹ And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God . . .¹⁴ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.
Hebrews 10:10-12, 14 (ESV)