

42—Final Passover; First Lord's Supper

Matthew 26:1-35; Mark 14:1-31; Luke 22:1-38



1. Read Matthew 26:1-5; Mark 14:1-2; Luke 22:1-2. What two Jewish feasts were drawing near? What did Jesus say would happen during this time (Matthew 26:2)? What were the enemies of Jesus doing which would soon prove the prediction of Jesus to be correct (Matthew 26:3-5; Luke 22:2)?
2. Who do the enemies of Jesus enlist to betray Jesus (Matthew 26:14-16; Mark 14:10-11; Luke 22:3-6)? What do we know about the character of this betrayer from other passages (John 6:64, 70-71; 12:6)?
3. Typically, what would have been involved in preparing the Passover meal? Who was tasked with this job (Matthew 26:17-20; Mark 14:12-17; Luke 22:7-13)?
4. What dispute breaks out during this Passover meal (see Luke 22:24-30)? What must Jesus remind them and how is their argument at this time particularly foolish? What is true greatness?

5. What is it that troubles Jesus as He eats the Passover Meal and what does He reveal (Matthew 26:20-21; Mark 14:18; John 13:21)? What had Jesus done for the apostles just prior (John 13:1-20)?

6. What question do the disciples begin to ask after this revelation from Jesus (Matthew 26:22-25; Mark 14:19-21; Luke 22:21-23; John 13:22-30)? With this question in mind, what should we all realize about the potential within our own hearts?

7. While Judas was the actual betrayer of Jesus, what does Jesus predict about each of the rest of the apostles (Matthew 26:31; Mark 14:27)?

8. After Jesus predicts the overall failure of the apostles, how does Peter respond (Matthew 26:32-35; Mark 14:28-31; Luke 22:31-34; John 13:36-38)? What has Jesus done for Peter prior to his bold claim?

9. Luke 22:35-38 Jesus seems to make a contrast to how the disciples were received early in His ministry and how they will be received after the death of Jesus. Why would times be different from this point forward? How would they need to prepare for the future differently?

10. Imagine yourself at this final Passover Meal with Jesus. What would be going through your mind as a disciple if you were aware of the multiple predictions of Jesus? What does this scene tell us about the inability of human nature to recognize the serious nature of the moment?