



The Gospel of Matthew

"Poured Out for Many"

Matthew 26:17-30

Now on the first day of 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 say, "My time is at hand; I am to keep the Passover at your house with My disciples.'"

And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them; and they prepared the Passover.

Matthew 26:17-19



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Setting: Passover Meal

- the yearly festival meal commemorating God's deliverance of Israel from bondage in Egypt to be His covenant people
- the meal included many symbolic elements used to re-enact God's redemption of His people

Now when evening had come, He was reclining with the twelve disciples.

And as they were eating, He said, "Truly I say to you that one of you will betray Me."

And being deeply grieved, they each one began to say to Him, "Surely not I, Lord?"

And He answered and said, "He who dipped his hand with Me in the bowl is the one who will betray Me."

The Son of Man is to go, 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 had never been born."

And Judas, who was betraying Him, answered and said, "Surely it is not I, Rabbi?" He said to him, "You have said it yourself."

Matthew 26:20-25



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His Imminent Betrayal

1. The enormity of the betrayal

- one of the twelve! – a friend, close companion, someone sharing the common dish
- exceedingly great guilt and condemnation of Judas – "better not to have been born"



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His Imminent Betrayal

2. The reason for this announcement
 - to prepare His disciples and strengthen their faith in Him
 - to affirm that His impending death is not a failure but according to God's plan

And while they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after a blessing, He broke it and gave to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is My body."

And when He had taken the cup and given thanks, He gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you; for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom."

And after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. (Matthew 26:26-30)



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The Words of Institution

1. The bread and the cup represent the sacrificial death of Jesus (His body and blood)



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2. The sacrificial death of Jesus is the ratification of the new covenant with His people
 - allusions to Exodus 24:8; Jeremiah 31:34



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3. The death of Jesus is a substitutionary, atoning death for the forgiveness of sins
 - Christ is our true Passover (cf. 1 Cor. 5:7)



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4. Eating the bread and drinking the cup convey the benefits of Jesus' redemptive death



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5. This supper looks forward to deliverance and life in the consummated kingdom