

Lesson February 10: Passover

1. Read **Mark 14:1-11** and answer:

- The Passover was also called by what other name?
- How many days are there until Passover at this time?
- Why were the leaders afraid to arrest and kill Jesus publicly?
- Jesus is at Bethany in the home of whom?
- What happens there that is similar to what had happened earlier?

Note: This is the second time that Jesus is anointed while at a meal. When and where did the previous time occur? (See **John 12:1**)

- How is this different?
- How did Jesus reply to those who objected?
- What did this happening a second time prompt Judas to do?

2. Read **Luke 22:7-18** and answer:

- Who did Jesus send to prepare for the Passover meal?
- What instructions did he give them as to know where to prepare?

Note: Getting water was usually done by women. To find a man doing it would have been unusual and unmistakable.

- With whom did Jesus eat the Passover meal?
- What did Jesus tell his disciples about his partaking of the Passover?
- When did he say that he would drink of the fruit of the vine again?

Note: What are the only two things mentioned as being eaten or drunk at the meal? This indicates that it was not THE Passover meal but simply a normal Jewish meal eaten before THE Passover meal. (note – no lamb, no bitter herbs, etc.). Jesus later died at the time the Passover lamb was killed.

3. Read **Luke 22:24- 30** passage and answer:

- What dispute arose during the meal?
- What did Jesus say about who is the greatest?
- Who did he use as an example?

Note: If the disciples thought that Peter was to be the first “head” of the church, why did they keep arguing about which of them was the greatest? And who did Jesus say would be the greatest among them – the one who was served, or the one who did the serving?

4. Read **John 13:1-20** and answer:

- Jesus knew what was about to happen and wanted to show the disciples his love, so what did he do as an object lesson for them?
- When Peter objected, what did Jesus say?
- After Jesus finished, what did he tell the disciples?

Note: It was the job of a servant, or the least important of those at a meal to wash the feet of the other guests. Remember, they had just been arguing over who was the greatest (or the least).

- Jesus was not commanding foot-washing as part of a worship service. What was he teaching them about humility?

- What did Jesus mean when he said that not all of the disciples were “clean?”
- What scripture does he quote? (See **Psalms 41:9**)
- Why did he say that he was telling them this?
- How did Jesus identify the “one who betray him”? (Also see **Mark 14:17-21**)

Note: The bread was used as a “scoop” to dip up thin paste of vegetables from a bowl as part of the meal.

- What did Jesus do specifically to let that disciple know that he knew who it was who would betray him? (Also see **Matt 26:25**)

5. Read **John 13:21-30** and answer:

- What happened when Judas took the bread?
- What did Jesus tell him?
- What did the other disciples think Jesus meant?

Note: The other disciples may not have thought it strange that Judas got up and left after talking to Jesus since Judas was in charge of the group’s money.

6. Read **John 13:31-38** and answer:

- After Judas had left, what did Jesus tell his remaining disciples?
- What new command did he give them?
- What did he tell Peter that he would do?

7. Read **Matthew 26: 26-33** and answer:

- While they were eating, Jesus took bread, broke it and gave it to them. What did he say this bread now represented?
- Then he took the cup and gave it to them to drink. What did he say that this now represented?
- When did Jesus say that he would drink it again?
- What does our partaking of these emblems “show”? (See **1Cor 11:23-26**)
- What does this mean?

Note: In what way does Jesus “drink the cup” with us in the kingdom? Some have said that the fruit of the vine is transformed into Jesus’ literal blood, and the bread into His literal flesh – what in these verses tells us that is not true? Those same people say that during this “transformation” into the literal body and blood, that Jesus is sacrificed again – but read **Hebrews 7:27** and **Hebrews 9:28**. Jesus was sacrificed once for all.

8. Read **Luke 22: 31-32, 35-38** and answer:

- What did Jesus say that Satan had done that Peter didn’t know about?

Note: Who did Satan ask God for permission to “sift like wheat” (not just Peter)? This was not just a test for Peter for all of the disciples.

- As they were preparing to leave the upper room, what did Jesus tell them they would now need?
- Why?

Note: See **Isa 53:12** – How would this have affected how the disciples were viewed? They were all lumped under the heading of “transgressors” or troublemakers as viewed by the authorities and the Jewish leaders.