



The King and His Kingdom Matthew 26

“Betrayed and Denied- But Jesus Still Loves Us!”

26:1-5 All part of the plan! Jesus told them before...

Read Matt. 16:21-23, 20:17-19; Luke 18:31-34
and John 18:4-6.

26: 6-13 The Lamb of God arrives for sacrifice
(Bethany) and is set aside (anointed) for burial

- Mary's (sister of Martha and Lazarus) action is one of love, gratitude and respect. Mary wasn't just pouring out expensive perfume, she was pouring out her heart!
- 2nd time Jesus is anointed, the first (Mark 14) marks the beginning of His ministry, this is at the end to prepare His body for burial
- Judas, the embodiment of false piety, responds with a self-serving complaint (John 12:4-6 explains Judas' motives)

26:17-30 The Lord's Supper

Take and eat; this is my body (do this in remembrance of me. Luke 22:19)

Drink from it all of you, this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

An ongoing gift bringing us forgiveness of our sins and reminding us of the price Jesus paid for that forgiveness.

26:26-35 Well intentioned Peter *“Even if I have to die with you, I WILL NEVER disown you.”*

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26:30-55 Neglect and Betrayal in the Garden of Gethsemane “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here...with me.”

- A very real prayer (human nature) *“Father, if it is possible, take this cup from me. Yet not my will but your will be done.”*
- *“The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.”*
- Betrayed by a kiss: *“Greetings Rabbi...”*
- Well intentioned Peter acts according to his nature
- A glimpse of His glory: *“12 legions (72 thousand) of Angels (Also John 18:5ff “I am he... and they all fell...the Scriptures be fulfilled)*

26:57-75 Jesus before the Sanhedrin; an illegal trial with the verdict already decided.

- Peter watches and waits (See also John 18:15-18) and denies he knows Jesus
- *“Are you the Christ, the Son of God... Yes, it is as you say... He has spoken blasphemy...he is worthy of death.”*
- Peter disowns Jesus: *“He went out and wept bitterly...”*

Questions for Discussion: This chapter is full of key parts of Jesus journey to the cross, which are most meaningful for you? Why? Why do you think the disciples didn't understand Jesus' predictions about the cross? What do we miss that Jesus tell us? Like the Pharisees, many people have their minds made up about Jesus. Discuss this. Both Judas and Peter were sorrowful, what was the difference?