

Refuge City Church — October 4, 2020
“The Gospel of Mark” (Mark 14:12-26)

Introduction

- **Last Study**

- We left off by looking at a beautiful act of devotion and worship, only to conclude with an act of treachery.
 - **Luke 22:3-6**, “Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was of the number of the twelve. He went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers how he might betray him to them. And they were glad, and agreed to give him money. So he consented and sought an opportunity to betray him to them in the absence of a crowd.”

- **Today**

- We look at another beautiful act of worship! One we get to participate in!

Scripture Reading (Mark 14:12-26)

Verses 12-16

12 And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, “Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?” **13** And he sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, **14** and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ **15** And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us.” **16** And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

- **THE PREPARATION**

- Jesus sends Peter and John [**Luke 22:8**] to go prepare the Passover meal.
 - An unblemished lamb is chosen [**Exodus 12:5**]
 - Some 250,000 lambs were killed during Passover.
 - Unleavened bread prepared, along with bitter herbs. [**Exodus 12:8**]
 - A memorial day/celebration... “a statute forever”... as a feast [**Exodus 12:14**] of God’s salvation and deliverance from Egypt.
- Specific instructions on what to do, who to look for, and where to go; similar to the instructions for His triumphal entry.
 - All that has transpired, and will transpire, in Jesus’ sovereignty, He had it all planned out.
 - Nothing about what was to happen was ‘coincidence’ or by accident.
 - The room was even furnished, ready for their arrival.

Verses 17-21

17 And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. **18** And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.”
19 They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, “Is it I?” **20** He said to them, “It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. **21** For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.”

- THE PROCLAMATION

- Jesus announces what he had known all along... one of the 12 would betray him.
 - **Reminder:** Judas had known by this time as well.
 - **Context:** Just prior to this announcement **[John 13]**, we see Jesus perform an act unbecoming of a Rabbi... he washes his disciples feet... including Judas!
 - Judas had 30 pieces of silver ‘in his pocket’ as Jesus washed his feet; a symbol of humility, service, love, and cleanliness **[what was going through Judas’ mind]**
 - Regardless of our sin, or even intent to sin, Jesus loves us and died for us all!
 - **John 13:1**, “Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.”
 - **Romans 5:6,8**, “For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.. “but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”
- All of this done as a fulfillment of scripture.
 - **Psalms 41:9**, “Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.”
- **[Verse 21a]** “As it is written of him...”
 - Jesus points out again that all of scripture **[the law and the prophets]** spoke about and pointed to this moment.
 - **Mark 9:12**, “**[Jesus speaking]**...Yet why do the Scriptures say that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be treated with utter contempt?”
 - **1 Peter 1:10-11 NLT**, “This salvation was something even the prophets wanted to know more about when they prophesied about this gracious salvation prepared for you. They wondered what time or situation the Spirit of Christ within them was talking about when he told them in advance about Christ’s suffering and his great glory afterward.”
 - **Isaiah 53:5-6**, “But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.”
- **[Verse 21b]** It would be better had Judas not been born!
 - **QUOTE:** “The fact that God turns the wrath of man to his praise does not excuse the wrath of man.” [C.E.B. Cranfield]

- We are all responsible for our sinful action. For us now, we must STOP all justification for our continued sin.
 - Yes, Jesus died for your sins. But that does not excuse *anyone* to take advantage of what Jesus did for you so you can live your life *how* you want.
 - There is a strong difference in being 'sorry' for what you did, and repenting of who you used to be!
 - **Romans 6:22-23**, "But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."
- Jesus explains the result of eternal separation is eternal punishment. We are accountable.
 - Imagine the mind of Judas at this moment... yet he carries on.
 - **John 13:27-30**, "Then after he had taken the morsel, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "What you are going to do, do quickly." Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. Some thought that, because Judas had the moneybag, Jesus was telling him, 'Buy what we need for the feast,' or that he should give something to the poor. So, after receiving the morsel of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night."
 - This whole time, Judas could have repented. He could have confessed. He could have returned the 30 pieces of silver. But he didn't. He allowed his pride to take advantage of the ministry he was involved in, Jesus' humble love for him, the washing of his feet, and the meal shared.

Verses 22-26

22 And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." **23** And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. **24** And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. **25** Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." **26** And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

- THE PROPITIATION

- Jesus now institutes a new covenant, with new meaning for new memorials.
 1. He replaced the Passover lamb with Himself.
 - **John 1:29**, [John the Baptist] "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"
 - **Isaiah 53:7**, "He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth."
 2. He replaced the unleavened bread with Himself.

- **John 6:32-35**, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, ‘Sir, give us this bread always.’ Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.”
3. He replaced the wine with Himself.
- In the same way Mary poured out the ointment in full devotion of her love for Him, Jesus would completely pour out himself for us.
 - **Ephesians 2:13**, “But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.”
 - What does ‘Propitiation’ mean = atonement; payment; permanent replacement **[substitute gives the impression its a temporary act]**
- Through Christ’s sacrifice on the cross, we are made new. Given a new life, and now celebrate a new covenant/memorial as He replaces the Passover feast with Communion.
 - **1 Peter 1:18-19**, “knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.”
 - **Luke 22:19**, “Do this in remembrance of me.”