Matthew 26:1-16

Rejection of the King - Matthew 19-25

- o The Fig Tree...
 - After Jesus explained to the DISCIPLES what would take place at the END...
 - The Abomination of Desolation the Tribulation and Return of Jesus Christ...
 - He gave them the PARABLE of the Fig Tree to tell them when it would all START...
 - When the Fig Tree [Israel] blossoms [come back to life] the end is near...
 - In that GENERATION [100 years] all things will come to pass...
 - But we do NOT know the day or hour [thief in the night] so be READY!
- o Sheep and Goats...
 - When Jesus RETURNS [second coming] with the armies of Heaven [all the saints and angels]
 - 1260 days after the Abomination of Desolation the Battle of Armageddon...
 - He will sit on his THRONE in Jerusalem and Judge the NATIONS [who gets to enter His Kingdom]
 - He will separate the SHEEP from the GOATS they look the same...
 - What distinguished them is their actions SHEEP are selfless and GOATS are selfish...
 - SHEEP will enter into the Millennial Kingdom GOATS will be sent to the Lake of Fire!

1st - Preparing His Disciples... vs. 1-5

- o 1st The Passover... vs. 1-2
 - Finished... vs. 1
 - Now it came to pass when Jesus had finished all these sayings!
 - The phrase FINISHED [τελέω] these saying [λόγος] is used THREE times in Matthew:
 - After the completing the Sermon on the Mount Matthew 7:28
 - After completing His ministry in the Galilee Matthew 19:1
 - After completing His preparation for the cross in Judea Matthew 26:1
 - We have come to the END of the THIRD section of the book of MATTHEW...
 - We now come into the FINAL portion the RESURRECTION of the KING!
 - Pesach... vs. 1-2
 - [Jesus] said to His disciples: You know that after two days is the Passover!
 - Jesus told the Disciples they were TWO days from the PASSOVER...
 - PASSOVER [29 [בַּסָה in NT this is the FIRST time the word is used in NT!
 - Israel had been in captivity to Egypt slaves for 400 years Genesis 15:13
 - God sent Moses to deliver them from the Pharaoh bring them out of bondage...
 - God sent TEN plagues on the Egyptians ending with the DEATH Angel [first born]
 - Anyone could be spared IF they put the blood of a LAMB on their doors...
 - Then the DEATH Angel would PASS over them and they would be saved...
 - It was through the PASSOVER God brought His people out of slavery...
 - The feast of PASSOVER has been celebrated every year since [over 3000 years]
 - **John 1:29** "The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said: Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"
 - Jesus is the PASSOVER Lamb it is through His death sin PASSES over us...
 - We are set FREE from the bondage of sin no longer a SLAVE to this world!
 - Crucified... vs. 2
 - The Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified!
 - For the THIRD time Jesus told His DISCIPLES Matthew 16:21 Matthew 20:17
 - He would be BETRAYED [αραδίδωμι] and CRUCIFIED [σταυρόω]
 - The timeline of the PASSION week can be confusing!

- [Sunday] the Triumphal Entry was FOUR days [10 Nisan] before the cross Exodus 12:3
- [Monday] THREE days [11 Nisan] before the cross Jesus returned to the Temple...
- Where in the morning He was CONFRONTED by the Pharisees Sadducees and Lawyers...
- Then at night He gave His Disciples the teaching on the END times on the Mount of Olives...
- [Wednesday] TWO days later [13 Nisan] Jesus PREPARED for the cross Mark 14:1
- It is important to remember that Jews count a day from EVENING to MORNING Genesis 1:5
- So that NIGHT [14 Nisan] Jesus had the LAST supper on PASSOVER...
- [Thursday] the following morning [still 14 Nisan] He was Crucified...
- [Sunday] THREE days later [14 Nisan] He was RESURRECTED!
- o 2nd Jesus must die... vs. 3-5
 - The High Priest... vs. 3
 - Then the chief priests the scribes and the elders of the people assembled.
 - At the palace of the high priest who was called Caiaphas!
 - The LEADERS of Israel CHIEF priest SCRIBES and ELDERS [Pharisees and Sadducees]
 - All gathered together in the courtyard [αὖλή] of the HIGH Priest CAIAPHAS [Καϊάφας]
 - The role of the HIGH priest was passed down from Aaron Exodus 29:9
 - Yet CAIAPHAS had been appointed to the role by a Roman governor [Valerius Gratus]
 - It had become a POLITICAL position rather than a SPIRITUAL one!
 - The Plot... vs. 4
 - [They] plotted to take Jesus by trickery and kill Him!
 - The purpose for their MEETING how to CAREFULLY [δόλος] capture and KILL Jesus!
 - What is NOT recorded for us in Matthew is the RESURRECTION of Lazarus John 11:44
 - It took place just DAYS before the PASSOVER and ALL of Jerusalem was talking about it...
 - With up to TWO million pilgrims coming for the CELEBRATION [Josephus]
 - They realized if they did not do something everyone would FOLLOW Jesus...
 - And the LEADERS feared the Romans would blame them for NOT stopping Him...
 - CAIAPHAS said: it is better for ONE man to die then the NATION be destroyed John 11:50
 - Yet the very thing CAIAPHAS wanted to do was the PLAN of God...
 - ONE man would DIE so that EVERYONE else could be SAVED John 3:16
 - Not on Passover... vs. 5
 - They said: Not during the feast lest there be an uproar among the people!
 - They did NOT want to KILL Jesus during the PASSOVER...
 - Because they FEARED the people who believed Jesus was sent from God Luke 22:2
 - Therefore it would be much WISER to wait until the people had gone HOME...
 - Then they could arrest Jesus QUIETLY without making a scene!
 - But in spite of what they WANTED Jesus WAS crucified on PASSOVER...
 - The reason is because they were NOT in control Jesus was!
 - **John 10:18** "No one takes [my life] from Me but I lay it down of Myself."
 - Men make their plans they may have nothing but EVIL intentions...
 - They will SAY what they want and DO what they want...
 - But in the END God is in control and He makes things happen according to His will...
 - Meaning we get to rest and trust because we are on the WINNING side!
 - Ephesians 1:11 "[God] works all things according to the counsel of His will."
- 2ND Preparing His Burial... vs. 6-13
 - o 1st Alabaster Box... vs. 6-7
 - In Bethany... vs. 6
 - When Jesus was in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper!
 - BETHANY house [בֵּית] of the HUMBLE [עָנִי]

- Was a small village about THREE kilometers from Jerusalem...
- It was ALSO the home of Mary Martha and Lazarus John 11:1
- Iesus had made it His base while in Ierusalem Matthew 21:17
- And was in the HOME of a man named SIMON [Σίμων]
- We do NOT know who this was [common name] only that he had been healed of LEPROSY!
- Spikenard...
 - A woman came to Him having an alabaster flask of very costly fragrant oil.
 - She poured it on His head as He sat at the table!
 - A woman came to Jesus we do NOT know her name...
 - She came with an ALABASTER [ἀλάβαστρον] box filled with SPIKENARD **Mark 14:3**
 - SPIKENARD [νάρδος] is a valuable perfume [India] worth a YEARS wage **Mark 14:5**
 - And she POURED it on Jesus head while He was sitting!
 - This is one of THREE similar accounts found in the New Testament...
 - FIRST a woman [sinner] came to Jesus in the house of SIMON the Pharisee Luke 7:37
 - SECOND Mary [sister of Lazarus] came to Jesus in Bethany BEFORE the Triumphal Entry...
 - But she did NOT anoint His head she poured the oil on His feet John 12:3
 - THIRD This unnamed woman came poured SPIKENARD on Jesus head!
- o 2nd Complaining... vs. 8-9
 - Judas Iscariot... vs. 8
 - When His disciples saw it they were indignant saying: Why this waste?
 - The DISCIPLES were VERY unhappy [in pain]
 - Asking WHY was this VERY expensive perfume WASTED [ἀπώλεια]
 - When MARY had poured out her SPIKENARD just a few days earlier...
 - There was only ONE who had complained it was JUDAS John 12:5
 - And it seems VERY likely he was the CHIEF complainer again!
 - Not for the poor... vs. 9
 - For this fragrant oil might have been sold for much and given to the poor!
 - The justification was the SPIKENARD could [imperfect] have been sold of a LOT of money...
 - Then that MONEY could have been used for the POOR!
 - **John 12:6** "Not that [Judas] cared for the poor but because he was a thief and had the money box and he used to take what was put in it."
 - No doubt Jesus KNEW that Judas was a THIEF so WHY give him the MONEY box...
 - I have to think because God does NOT care about the MONEY...
 - If that is what Judas wanted he was welcome to have it...
 - But how sad to think with Jesus in right front of him he chose money instead!
- o 3rd Worshiping... vs. 10-13
 - Do not trouble... vs. 10
 - When Jesus was aware of it He said to them:
 - Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a good work for Me!
 - Jesus KNEW [γινώσκω] what was in the DISCIPLES heart [NOT concern for the poor]
 - So He QUESTIONED them WHY were they attacking [present] this woman...
 - What she had done for Him was GOOD [καλός]!
 - We know how to frame our WORDS so that what we say seems RIGHT [help the poor]
 - Yet our words often do NOT reflect our true MOTIVES...
 - We need to remember that we CANNOT fool God He sees the heart...
 - And He will hold us accountable not just for our ACTIONS but our MOTIVES **Hebrews 4:13**
 - Anointed.. vs. 11-12
 - For you have the poor with you always but Me you do not have always.

- For in pouring this fragrant oil on My body she did it for My burial!
- The POOR would always [πάντοτε] be there Jesus would NOT be...
- His time was coming to an END in only 43 days He would return to HEAVEN Acts 1:3
- And this woman was ANOINTING His body for His BURIAL the next day!
- In Biblical times the Jews did NOT embalm their dead...
- As a result the bodies would quickly start to SMELL John 11:39
- This is also why the women brough SPICES on Sunday morning Luke 24:1
- Getting the Message...
 - This means this woman UNDERSTOOD what all the DISCIPLES had missed...
 - Jesus had come to DIE He was heading to the CROSS...
 - WHY did she get what EVERYONE else did NOT...
 - Because she was not caught up in the desire for money [gave away a years wage]
 - She was NOT concerned about what others said [attacked by the disciples]
 - She understood that nothing was more important than Jesus!
 - What is it that we hold as the most important thing in life...
 - Are we seeking MONEY are we looking for ACCEPTANCE...
 - If we do then more than likely we do NOT understand what God is doing...
 - But if we CHOSE to put Jesus FIRST before anything else...
 - That is when everything becomes clear and see what God is doing!
 - **Romans 12:2** "Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."
- Remembered... vs. 13
 - Assuredly I say to you wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world.
 - What this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her!
 - AMEN [ἀμήν] what this women did became PART of the GOSPEL [εὐαγγέλιον]
 - Because to this day everywhere the GOSPEL is preached she is still REMEMBERED!
 - Many people try to leave their MARK they want their names to be remembered...
 - Yet memorials crumble plaques fade away donations are forgotten...
 - But not what this woman did we still talk about TWO thousand years later!
 - The things we do for ourselves the praise of men are ALL forgotten...
 - It is the things we do for the Lord that last forever **Matthew 6:20**
- 3rd Preparing His Betrayal... vs. 14-16
 - o 1st The motive... vs. 14
 - Then one of the twelve called Judas Iscariot went to the chief priests!
 - One of the TWELVE [disciples] Judas ISCARIOT...
 - ISCARIOT meaning MAN [אָישׁ] of the CITY [קריות]
 - Went to the CHIEF priest who were also looking for way to ARREST Jesus!
 - Perhaps Judas was frustrated by the WASTE of the SPIKENARD...
 - He saw that he could NOT profit from Jesus so he went looking elsewhere…
 - His motive had NEVER been to know God serve the Lord he was after the MONEY!
 - WHAT is our MOTIVE for coming to church WHY do we want to follow Jesus...
 - Are we only here to see what we can get from the Lord...
 - Thinking that we can PROFIT from God what happens when we find we CANNOT...
 - The message of the Gospel of Jesus is NOT about what we can get in this life...
 - God does NOT promise us wealth in this WORLD He promises us HEAVEN!
 - o 2^{nd} The price... vs. 15-16
 - Thirty pieces... vs. 15
 - [Judas] said: What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?

- And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver!
- Judas asked the PRIEST what would they give him for BETRAYING [αραδίδωμι] Jesus...
- They AGREED to give him THIRTY pieces of SILVER [ἀργύριον]
- The PRICE that was paid for a GORED servant **Exodus 21:32**
- There is some debate over how much this was worth...
- Depending on WHICH silver coin [Ptolemaic tetradrachms or Tyrian shekel]
- The value would have been between 6k Pesos [\$100] and 22k pesos [\$380]
- And Judas did NOT even get to keep that he gave it back Matthew 27:5
- What do we think is worth more than living for Jesus...
- TEN billion pesos to be PRESIDENT a famous MOVIE star...
- Even those are nothing compared to what we would give up...
- The best this world has to offer ONLY last only a FEW years [then we give it back]
- Why do we sell ourselves short when what Jesus has in store for us is eternal!
- The opportunity... vs. 16
 - So from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him!
 - Satan would ENTER Judas Luke 22:3
 - From then on Judas looked [imperfect] for a GOOD [εΰ] time [καιρος] to BETRAY Jesus...
 - And it would NOT take long only a few HOURS later [Garden of Gethsemane]
 - But the BETRAYAL was NOT a surprise Jesus knew it when He chose Judas...
 - The betrayal down to THIRTY pieces of silver was all prophesied!
 - **Zechariah 11:12** "They weighed out for my wages thirty pieces of silver."
 - WHY did Jesus keep Judas around WHY allow him to betray Him...
 - To give him the CHANCE to change the chance to become like the woman who gave it all!
 - If we are like Judas today the Lord knows our hearts...
 - If we are caught up in the cares of this world only looking for what we can get...
 - Jesus patiently WAITS hoping we will see life is far more than fame or money...
 - He wants us to realize that what matter most is giving ALL to Him...
 - Because true life eternal life is simply knowing Jesus John 17:3