Matthew 26:17-30

Resurrection of the King - Matthew 26-28

- o Preparing His Disciples...
 - Jesus told the Disciples He would be BETRAYED and CRUCIFIED [third time He told them]
 - Jesus was the LAMB of God who would take away our SIN so DEATH would pass over us...
 - As He was telling His disciples the RELIGIOUS leaders were plotting at the house of Caiaphas...
 - After the resurrection of Lazarus all of Israel was following Jesus He had to DIE...
 - But they did NOT want to KILL Jesus on the PASSOVER yet God was the one in control!
- o Preparing His Burial...
 - Jesus was in Bethany at the house of Simon the Leper...
 - A woman came in and poured SPIKENARD [very valuable] on His head...
 - Some of the DISCIPLES [Judas] were upset it could have been sold and given to the POOR...
 - But Jesus rebuked them the woman understood Jesus was about the DIE!
- o Preparing His Betrayal...
 - Then Judas Iscariot [from the city] went to the chief priests to BETRAY Jesus...
 - They offered him THIRTY pieces of silver Zechariah 11:12
 - Where the woman had GIVEN all and understood the plan of God...
 - Judas WANTED it all and therefore was willing to betray the Lord!

• 1^{ST} - Preparing the Meal... vs. 17-19

- o 1st Unleavened Bread... vs. 17
 - Looking back...
 - Now on the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus!
 - The FEAST of Unleavened bread was one of the SEVEN feasts of Israel Leviticus 23:4-8
 - It looked back at how God rescued Israel from the bondage of Egypt!
 - The Jews had to leave so FAST their BREAD did not have time to rise Exodus 12:39
 - Therefore as part of the PASSOVER $[\pi \acute{a}\sigma \gamma \alpha]$ they were NOT to eat any LEAVEN...
 - If anyone did eat LEAVEN the would be CUT off from Israel Exodus 12:19
 - To this day the PASSOVER $[\pi \acute{\alpha} \sigma \chi \alpha]$ begins by kids removing all the BREAD [leaven]
 - Leaven
 - LEAVEN [ζύμη] what we commonly call YEAST [causes bread to RISE]
 - Is a used as a picture in the Bible always to describe SIN I Corinthians 5:7
 - LEAVEN [yeast] is a micro-organism [plant] begins to DECAY when it touches flour...
 - The gas given off by the process causes bread to PUFF up and rise...
 - A little leaven is ALL that is needed to saturate a whole batch of bread dough!
 - In the same way SIN has the ability to spread DECAY cause men to be PUFFED up...
 - And it only takes a LITTLE for it to SPREAD and infect the WHOLE church Galatians 5:9
 - Because LEAVEN [sin] will CUT us off from the presence of God...
 - Jesus came to be our PASSOVER Lamb He came to take away SIN [leaven]!
- o 2nd The First Day... vs. 17
 - Confusion...
 - Saying: Where do You want us to prepare for You to eat the Passover?
 - There is some CONFUSION about WHEN this PREPARATION took place...
 - The Passover lamb is sacrificed at SUNDOWN on the 14 day of Nisan Leviticus 23:5
 - The Feast of Unleavened bread begins the next day [15 day of Nisan] Leviticus 23:6
 - Yet we are told that on this FIRST day of the Unleavened Bread they SACRIFICED the Lamb!
 - Luke 22:7 "Then came the Day of Unleavened Bread when the Passover must be killed."

- Timeline...
 - This CONFUSION has caused questions about the TIMING of the Last Supper...
 - The best assumption is that PASSOVER [14 Nisan] is seen as the FIRST day of the FEAST...
 - That then continued on as Unleavened Bread for SEVEN more days...
 - And when we look at the BIG picture it seems to confirm the timeline!
 - [Sunday] the Triumphal Entry was FOUR days [10 Nisan] before the cross Exodus 12:3
 - [Monday] THREE days [11 Nisan] before the cross Jesus was confronted in the Temple...
 - [Wednesday] TWO days later [13 Nisan] the disciples PREPARED for the feast Mark 14:1
 - It is important to remember that Jews count a day from EVENING to MORNING Genesis 1:5
 - So that NIGHT [now the 14 Nisan] Jesus had the LAST supper on PASSOVER [πάσχα]
 - [Thursday] the following morning [still 14 Nisan] Jesus was Crucified [not Friday]
 - [Sunday] THREE days later [17 Nisan] He was RESURRECTED!
 - Matthew 12:40 "The Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth."
 - NOT that it matters what DAY Jesus was crucified what is matters is that our SIN is paid...
 - But many of the things we believe to be Biblical are just TRADITIONS...
 - That is why it is so important to study our Bibles learn what the Word says!
- o 3rd Anonymous... vs. 18-19
 - No names...
 - [Jesus] said: Go into the city to a certain man and say to him:
 - The Teacher says My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with My disciples.
 - So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them and they prepared the Passover!
 - What is interesting is that in this command there are NO proper nouns no NAMES...
 - Jesus told His DISCIPLES [unnamed] they MUST [imperative] go into the city [Jerusalem]
 - There they would meet a MAN [$\delta \epsilon \tilde{i} \nu \alpha$] someone whose name was NOT important...
 - They MUST [imperative] tell that man the TEACHER [διδάσκαλος] wanted to use his house...
 - They would prepare the PASSOVER [πάσχα] there because His TIME [καιρός] was NEAR...
 - And $[\kappa\alpha i]$ the DISCIPLES did as Jesus had instructed!
 - Glory to God...
 - This MEAL is one of the most important events in HISTORY the LAST supper...
 - Yet we have NO idea WHOSE house they met in or WHO prepared the meal...
 - Because this event was all about ONE person Jesus Christ!
 - When God commands us to do something we must obey...
 - But we do NOT do it for the GLORY or the RECOGNITION...
 - Our goal should be to have our names be FORGOTTEN we do NOT matter...
 - What we want is for people to see Jesus He is the POINT!
 - I Corinthians 10:31 "Whatever you do do all to the glory of God!"
- 2ND GIVING A CHOICE... vs. 20-25
 - o 1^{st} The opportunity... vs. 20-21
 - When evening had come He sat down with the twelve.
 - Now as they were eating He said: Assuredly I say to you one of you will betray Me!
 - When EVENING was come [Wednesday] the beginning of the 14 day of Nisan...
 - When the Jews were commanded to kill and eat the PASSOVER lamb Exodus 12:6
 - Jesus sat down with the TWELVE men He had CHOSEN Matthew 10:1-4
 - But as they were EATING [present] Jesus said to the TWELVE...
 - AMEN [ἀμήν] one of them would [indicative] BETRAY [παραδίδωμι] Him...
 - It was NOT a question Jesus already KNEW who the BETRAYER was!
 - John 6:70 "Did I not choose you the twelve and one of you is a devil?"
 - JUDAS had already gone to the chief priests been given THIRTY pieces of silver...

- But he had NOT yet BETRAYED the Lord he still had a choice...
- And Jesus was giving him the opportunity to REPENT!
- We ALWAYS have a CHOICE when it comes to SIN...
- We might think we are too far down the road there is NO turning back...
- But NO one is too far gone there is NO sin God cannot forgive Romans 5:20
- And God WANTS to forgive us all we have to do is being willing to TURN to Him!
- o 2nd Self-reflection... vs. 22
 - They were exceedingly sorrowful and each of them began to say to Him: Lord is it [me]?
 - When the DISCIPLES heard this they were VERY [σφόδρα] sad...
 - Then EACH of them began to ask is it ME [ἐγώ εἰμί] Lord [κύριος]
 - NONE of them was confident enough to say NOT me...
 - Meaning ALL of them had DOUBTS and had thought about betraying the Lord!
 - We tend to FORGET when others make mistakes we are SINNERS as well...
 - We might think we would NEVER be so foolish as to do that [Judas]
 - But the truth is we are more than capable of ANY sin...
 - WHEN we make mistakes we do NOT judgment we want GRACE...
 - If we remember that we will be far KINDER to others when they stumble!
 - Matthew 7:2- "With what judgment you judge you will be judged."
- o 3rd Showing Kindness... vs. 23
 - [Jesus] answered and said: He who dipped his hand with Me in the dish will betray Me!
 - Jesus answer to their DOUBT he who DIPS [aorist] with Me will BETRAY [indicative] Me...
 - But this did NOT reveal who the BETRAYER was they ALL dipped with Him...
 - Jesus was still reaching out to Judas telling Him he was still welcome!
 - In the Jewish culture food was shared with everyone at the table...
 - There was a bowl in the middle where EVERYONE dipped [and double dipped]
 - So when you shared a meal with someone you were SHARING everything [germs]!
 - If we know someone who is struggling with sin reach out to them...
 - They expect judgment they expect to be shunned they expect to be rejected...
 - When instead they are given the Love of God it can change their heart!
 - Romans 2:4– "Knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance."
- o 4th Warning of wrath... vs. 24
 - The Son of Man indeed goes 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 not been born!
 - Since Judas did NOT confess or respond to KINDNESS Jesus gave him a WARNING...
 - The Son of Man [title for Jesus] would go [indicative] as it was written Psalm 41:9
 - But WOE to the man who Jesus was BETRAYED [passive] by...
 - It would have been [imperfect] BETTER [$\kappa\alpha\lambda\delta\varsigma$] if [ϵ i] that man had NOT [\circ v] been BORN...
 - Meaning Judas was heading the WRONG way he was NOT going to make it to HEAVEN!
 - It is hard to confront people with their SIN especially those who we care about...
 - We might think it is better NOT to confront someone who is sinning...
 - But the truth is leaving someone in their SIN is risking them going to HELL...
 - Therefore we are called to EXHORT them in spite of how we fear it might hurt them...
 - Not that we can make them REPENT it is their CHOICE but we can WARN them...
 - Our motive needs to be LOVE we want to see them FORGIVEN!
 - **Ephesians 4:15** "Speaking the truth in love."

- o 5th No Repentance... vs. 25
 - Playing innocent...
 - Then Judas who was betraying Him answered and said:
 - Rabbi is it [me]? He said to him: you have said it!
 - Judas who was actively choosing to BETRAY [present] Jesus...
 - ANSWERED Him by saying is it ME [ἐγώ εἰμί] Rabbi he did NOT say Lord [κύριος]
 - He was trying to ACT just like everyone else HIDE his DARK motive...
 - Therefore Jesus no doubt with a heavy heart said it is YOU!
 - Into the Darkness John 13:27
 - After the piece of bread Satan entered him. Then Jesus said to him: What you do do quickly!
 - Unwilling to repent unwilling to change Judas sealed his fate...
 - Judas was determined to go through with his plan to betray God...
 - Because he loved MONEY this world more than he loved the Lord...
 - Therefore satan entered him again and he ran out into the DARKNESS of night...
 - None of the disciples understood what had happened they did NOT expect Judas...
 - The assumed he had the money maybe Jesus told him to pay for the meal!
 - **Genesis 6:3** "The LORD said My Spirit shall not strive with man forever."
 - If a personal CONTINUALLY refuses to turn to the Lord they will NOT repent...
 - There will come a point when God will give them what they want...
 - If someone is intent on refusing God refusing to go to Heaven intent on going to hell...
 - If they want their sin more than God God will NOT force them to change...
 - But we do NOT know when that point is ONLY God knows II Timothy 2:19
 - So we keep on loving them hoping praying that they still choose life!
 - Hebrews 3:13 "Warn each other every day... so that none of you will be deceived by sin." [NLT]
- 3rd The Last Supper... vs. 26-30
 - o 1st The Bread... vs. 26
 - Three in one...
 - As they were eating Jesus took bread!
 - With Judas now gone Jesus could do what He had been waiting for...
 - He took the Unleavened BREAD it is a FLAT [unleavened] bread called MATZAH [מצה]
 - There are THREE pieces of MATZAH inside in ONE bag [matzah tosh]
 - The ONLY piece that is eaten in the PASSOVER it the SECOND piece!
 - The idea of God being THREE in ONE has caused a lot of confusion...
 - The reason is because there is NOTHING else like God...
 - It should NOT come as a surprise that finite man CANNOT comprehend and infinite God...
 - And the Bible does NOT try to explain to us HOW the TRINITY works!
 - But there can be no DOUBT that it is how God defines His character...
 - The doctrine of the TRINITY DEITY of Jesus is a NON-negotiables of our FAITH...
 - Romans 9:5: Eternally blessed GOD Isaiah 9:6: the mighty GOD
 - John 20:28: Our Lord and GOD I John 5:20: the True GOD Titus 2:3: Great God
 - Afikomen...
 - [Jesus] blessed and broke it And gave it to the disciples and said: Take eat. This is My body!
 - The MATZAH is unleavened [no sin] PIERCED and STRIPED [Jews do not know why]
 - It is also known as the bread of affliction **Deuteronomy 16:3**
 - But only the center piece of the MATZAH is broken called the AFIKOMEN [comes after]
 - The AFIKOMEN is wrapped in a white cloth and taken away and hidden [buried]
 - It is brought out at the END of the MEAL at the conclusion of the PASSOVER!
 - God became as a man IMMANUEL to live a perfect sinless life...

- Jesus did what no one else could He fulfilled the righteous requirement of the LAW...
- Then He was BROKEN so we could be HEALED forgiven of our sins!
- **Isaiah 53:5** "He was wounded for our transgressions He was bruised for our iniquities... and by His stripes we are healed."
- o 2nd The Wine... vs. 27-29
 - Four cups...
 - Then He took the cup and gave thanks and gave it to them saying: Drink from it all of you!
 - Jesus commanded the DISCIPLES they were to ALL $[\pi \tilde{\alpha} \varsigma]$ drink from THE [\dot{o}] cup...
 - There are FOUR cups in all that are used in the PASSOVER!
 - KEDDUSH the first cup is BLESSING giving THANKS for all God has done Luke 22:17
 - MAKKOT the second cup is PLAGUES remembering the TEN plagues of Egypt
 - HAGEULAH the third cup is REDEMPTION taken AFTER the meal Luke 22:20
 - HALLEL the fourth cup is PRAISE declaring next year we will be in Jerusalem!
 - It was the THIRD cup REDEMPTION that Jesus gave for ALL $[\pi \tilde{\alpha} \varsigma]$ to drink...
 - Because Jesus came to REDEEM everyone bring us back to God John 3:16
 - New Covenant... vs. 28
 - For this is My blood of the new covenant which is shed for many for the remission of sins!
 - Jesus told His DISCIPLES that the CUP is [present] His BLOOD...
 - BLOOD represents LIFE if we have no blood we die Leviticus 17:11
 - What Jesus was saying is that He was going to DIE so we could have a NEW Covenant...
 - A NEW way for us to be FORGIVEN [ἀφίημι] of our SINS!
 - Romans 3:20 "No one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are." [NLT]
 - The OLD covenant had a FAULT that is why there was a need for NEW Covenant...
 - The FAULT is NOT in the Law it is PERFECT **Romans 7:12**
 - The FAULT is in US we are NOT perfect Romans 3:23
 - And it only takes one sin to keep us out of heaven James 2:10
 - While the perfect LAW has the power to show us we are SINNERS Romans 7:7
 - The LAW is LIMITED it has no POWER to make us PERFECT!
 - **Hebrew 8:10-12** "This is the [NEW] Covenant... their sins I will remember no more."
 - REMEMBER [οὐ μὴ subjunctive] the most powerful negation in Greek...
 - We are sinners we have made countless mistakes but we have Jesus...
 - And now when God looks down on us He does NOT see our FAULTS...
 - He instead sees the PERFECT life of His Son Jesus He sees us as FAULTLESS!
 - Psalm 103:12 "He removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west."
 - Communion Luke 22:19
 - Do this in remembrance of Me!
 - We MUST [imperative] be doing [present] this so we do NOT forget!
 - This is where we get the COMMAND from the Lord to partake of COMMUNION...
 - Because while it is true that salvation is FREE for us it is given by GRACE [gift]
 - We must never forget that it cost Jesus EVERYTHING!
 - **I Corinthians 11:26** "As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup [we] proclaim the Lord's death till He comes."
 - Marriage Supper... vs. 29
 - 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!
 - Jesus concluded by giving an amazing PROMISE...
 - He would NEVER [où $\mu\dot{\eta}$ subjunctive] drink the fruit of the vine [HaGeulah] again...

- Until He did it with them in the Kingdom of His Father!
- In Jewish custom when a GROOM proposed to His BRIDE...
- He would seal their engagement with a shared cup of wine...
- After the engagement the groom would leave and return to his fathers house...
- There He would remain separate from His bride for an undefined amount of time...
- He would return in day and hour when least expected to get His BRIDE for the wedding!
- John 14:3 "I go to prepare a place for you... I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am there you may be also."
- Jesus is waiting for the day when HE gets to come and bring us HOME [rapture]
- Every time we partake of COMMUNION we are looking forward to the WEDDING!
- o 3rd Hallel Psalms... vs. 30
 - When they had sung a hymn they went out to the Mount of Olives!
 - The PASSOVER finished with a HYMN and then they went to the MOUNT of olives...
 - To a place called the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus would be BETRAYED!
 - Psalms 113-118 are known as the HALLEL Psalms...
 - They remember the Passover and the deliverance of Israel from Egypt...
 - These psalms are sung every year to this day as part of the Passover ceremony!
 - **Psalm 116:8-12** "You have delivered my soul from death.... I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.... I will take up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the LORD."
 - We cannot know for certain but I can imagine this is the HYMN they were singing...
 - For the DISCIPLES the words might have just been TRADITION...
 - But Jesus KNEW they were far more than that it was PROPHECY...
 - He knew He was about to DIE but through Him death would be DEFEATED...
 - Giving LIFE to EVERYONE who takes up the CUP of salvation calls on the name of the LORD!
 - **I Corinthians 15:55-57** "Death where is your sting? Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."