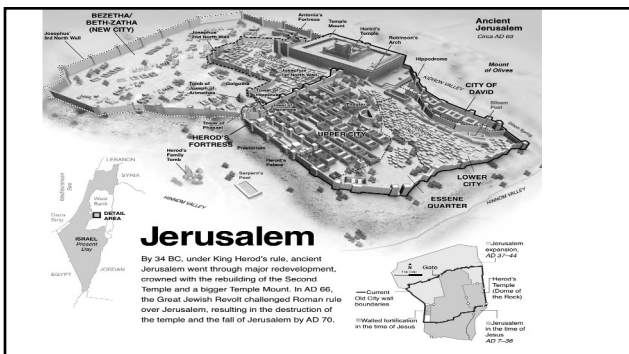


**THE GOSPEL OF
MATTHEW**

Chapter 26:17-35

Thursday Morning Bible Study
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
Wauwatosa, WI

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Preparing the Passover – 26:17-19

- **17 – The “first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread” – an 8 day festival, beginning with Passover. The first day of the Passover is Thursday evening, when the new day begins.**
- **“Where should we prepare the Passover?” A logical question, since Jesus and his disciples have no home.**
- **18 – Jesus directs them to a certain person in the city. Mark and Luke add that they were to follow a man carrying a jar of water. An Essene?**
- **Foods would include lamb, bitter herbs, charoeth, matzoh, parsley, and wine.**

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The Passover Meal – 26:20-30

- 20 – Evening, a new day. Attendees are Jesus and the Twelve. They ate reclining.
- 21 – We are not given the details of the meal. Jesus announces that one of the Twelve would betray him.
- 22 – They were sad at this, and asked “Lord, is it I?” They didn’t really know what Jesus was saying.
- 23 – “One who dipped his hand in the bowl with me.” It would definitely be one of the 12 since “dipping the hands” was part of the ritual of the meal.

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The Passover Meal – 26:20-30

- 24 – “The son of Man will go . . .” The crucifixion will happen, but the outcome for the betrayer is tragic.
- 25 – Judas responds, asking if it was him. Jesus responds, “Yes.” Was Jesus giving Judas a chance to repent? Was Judas questioning in himself whether to go ahead with it? We’ll never know. But Judas knows that Jesus knows, and he does it anyway.

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The Passover Meal – 26:20-30

- 26-29 – The “Lord’s Supper”. While we don’t know exactly the ritual used then, the meal today consists of having 3 pieces of unleavened bread stacked in a “Trinity”. The middle one is broken and part hidden away. Did Jesus use this one when he took it, blessed it, broke it and gave it to them, telling them that this was his body?
- The Passover meal consists of 4 cups of wine: Sanctification, Praise, Redemption and Hope. The 3rd one comes right after the meal.

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- “This my blood . . .” This would have been jarring! Jews were forbidden to drink/eat the blood of any animal. He is obviously telling them that his blood was to be shed, but it will be for their good.
- The 1st covenant was ratified when Moses sprinkled the blood of a lamb on the people.
- Jeremiah 31:31-34 speaks about a new covenant which would bring forgiveness of sins.
- What we say in the celebration of the Sacrament is a compiling of Matthew, Mark, Luke and 1 Corinthians.

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The Passover Meal – 26:20-30

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| <p>Passover</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A lamb – year-old male without defect (The blood of the lamb saved them.) • Unleavened bread • Wine | <p>Holy Communion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus – the Lamb of God • Unleavened bread – the Body of Christ • Wine – The blood of Christ shed to save us |
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The Passover Meal – 26:20-30

Roman Catholic	Lutheran	Reformed
	Bread Wine	Bread Wine
Body Blood	Body Blood	
“Changed into”	“Is”	“Symbolizes”

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The Passover Meal – 26:20-30

- 29 – Jesus ushers in a new era when he tells them to continue this meal, and he would join them again in His Father’s kingdom.
- 30 – “Sung a hymn” – There are a number of “Hillel” psalms that were used at the end of the Passover meal. (Psalms 115-118)

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Jesus predicts Peter’s denial” – 26:31-35

- 31 – On the way to the Mount of Olives, Jesus predicts that they will all “stumble” because of him.
- He quotes Zech 13:7, saying that they will all run away.
- 32 – This “scattering” will not be permanent. After his resurrection he will meet them in Galilee.
- 33 – Peter confidently states that he will never fall away.
- 34 – But Jesus says, “No, you will deny me three times before morning.”

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Jesus predicts Peter’s denial” – 26:31-35

- About the “rooster”: The Talmud insists, and Josephus agrees, that there were no chickens in Jerusalem. However, in the early morning, a Jewish priest would issue a loud call to prayer – something that was done three times. This priest was referred to as the “rooster.”
- 35 – But Peter is not deterred. He affirms that he would never deny Jesus, and all the disciples agreed.

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