

PREPARATION FOR JESUS' DEATH, PART 3:
INSTITUTING THE LORD'S SUPPER
(Matthew 26:17-30)

- I. Experiencing the FINAL PASSOVER (Matt. 26:17-25)
 - A. Setting the TIME (26:17-19)
 1. It was PASSOVER, the first day of Unleavened Bread
 2. Jesus and His disciples needed a PLACE to EAT
 3. He sent PETER and JOHN to PREPARE (cf. Lk. 22:8)
 - a. He had PRE-ARRANGED the LOCATION
 - b. His instructions were CLANDESTINE
 4. The TIME had been APPOINTED
 - B. Sharing the TABLE (26:20-21a)
 1. He was "RECLINING at table"
 2. He was with "the TWELVE DISCIPLES"
 3. They were EATING
 - C. Shocking the TWELVE (26:21b-24)
 1. He announced, "one of YOU will BETRAY Me"
 2. They were "DEEPLY GRIEVED"
 - a. Each FEARED his own INDISCRETION

- b. No one SUSPECTED JUDAS
 - 3. His explanation did not REVEAL the TRAITOR
 - 4. The BETRAYAL was FOREORDAINED
 - 5. The TRAITOR was CONDEMNED
 - D. Signifying the TRAITOR (26:25)
 - 1. He indicated to JUDAS that He KNEW
 - 2. He DISMISSED Judas from the MEAL
- II. Establishing the MEAL'S SIGNIFICANCE (Matt. 26:26-30)
- A. The DIRECTIVE (26:26a, 27)
 - 1. He blessed and broke BREAD for them to EAT
 - 2. He blessed and shared WINE for them to DRINK
 - B. The DOCTRINE (26:26b, 28)
 - 1. The BREAD represented His BODY
 - 2. The WINE represented His BLOOD
 - 3. His SACRIFICE would be for FORGIVENESS of sins
 - C. The DURATION (26:29)
 - 1. It REPLACED Passover as a PERPETUAL memorial
 - 2. It promised FULFILLMENT in "My Father's KINGDOM"
 - D. The DEPARTURE: They SANG, then LEFT to go the Mount of Olives (26:30)