

**CHARITY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
BIBLE STUDY ASSIGNMENT – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2022
“THE PASSION, PASSOVER AND POWER OF JESUS CHRIST”**

On Wednesday April 13, 2022, we continue with “The Passion, Passover and Power of Jesus Christ” and look at the days before the lynching of Jesus, called his crucifixion. Please read Matthew Chapter 26 and join us.

Please read Matthew Chapter 26 and answer these questions:

1. What is meant by the term “the Passion of Christ” and where in the New Testament did it originate?

ANSWER: The term the Passion of Christ refers to suffering that Christ went through in his betrayal, denial, beating, and crucifixion. The term is from Acts 1:3 in KJV: To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God: ACTS 1:3 KJV

2. Why do you think the disciples got upset with the woman who poured the perfume on Jesus’ feet while he had dinner at Simon the Leper’s house and what was her name?

ANSWER: This is in Matthew 26:6-13, and many confuse this anointing with the earlier anointing in John 12:1-8 where the woman there is identified as Mary the sister of Martha and Lazarus. But in Matthew 26:2 this second anointing of Jesus, with the unidentified woman, happened two days before the Passover which would have been Tuesday or Wednesday and John 12:1 says this first anointing happened six days before Passover which would have made it Thursday or Friday the previous week. In the John text Mary anointed Jesus’ feet and in Matthew the unnamed woman anointed Jesus’ head! Umm! Judas Iscariot was the first to object and the other disciples followed him in John 12:4, not because of his concern for the poor but rather because he was a thief and the treasurer. He planned to steal the money! And surely, he had the same reason the second time!

3. Who did Judas Iscariot go to see to betray Jesus and how much money did they give him to sell out Jesus?

ANSWER: Judas Iscariot went to the chief priests and elders to betray Jesus. They gave him 30 pieces of silver or about \$21.60 the price of a slave Exodus.

4. What was the Passover and how did it get started?

ANSWER: The Passover was the first of the three great festivals of the Hebrew people. It referred to the sacrifice of a lamb in Egypt when the Israelites were slaves. The Hebrews put blood of the lamb on their doorposts as a signal to God that He should "pass over" their houses when He destroyed all the firstborn of Egypt to persuade Pharaoh to let His people go. Passover was observed on the 14th day of the first month, Abib, with the service beginning in the evening (Lev 23:6). It was on the evening of this day that Israel left Egypt. (from Nelson's Illustrated Bible Dictionary, Copyright © 1986, Thomas Nelson Publishers

5. Where in this Scripture do we see how Judas gave himself away as the one who had betrayed Jesus and how did Jesus confirm Judas' betrayal?

ANSWER: In Matthew 26:23-25 Jesus says to the disciples that one of them who ate from the bowl would be betray him and Judas exposed himself by calling Jesus Rabbi after all of them had just called Jesus, Lord. And Jesus confirmed that Judas was the betrayer in Matthew 26:25 when Jesus said, "You have said it."

Matthew 26:20-25 NLT

20 When it was evening, Jesus sat down at the table with the twelve disciples.

21 While they were eating, he said, "I tell you the truth, one of you will betray me."

22 Greatly distressed, each one asked in turn, "Am I the one, Lord?"

23 He replied, "One of you who has just eaten from this bowl with me will betray me.

24 For the Son of Man must die, as the Scriptures declared long ago. But how terrible it will be for the one who betrays him. It would be far better for that man if he had never been born!"

25 Judas, the one who would betray him, also asked, "Rabbi, am I the one?" And Jesus told him, "You have said it."

6. Where in this section of Matthew do you see the origin of the Last Supper?

ANSWER: Read Matthew 26:26-30.

7. Why do you think this final meal of Jesus and his disciples became known as the Lord's Supper and now Holy Communion?

ANSWER: In Matthew 26:26-30 Jesus turned the Passover meal into his last Passover which became Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples on earth and then in verses 26-29 Jesus introduces the Lord's Supper. You can see more on the meaning of the Lord's Supper (or Holy Communion) in 1 Corinthians 11:23-29.

8. Was Judas still in the room when Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper?

ANSWER: According to John 13:21-30 Judas left during the Last Supper and before it became the Lord's Supper.

9. What do you think is so powerful about what Jesus said in Matthew 26:28 about his blood being the "new covenant" and the sign of atonement?

ANSWER: Jesus instituted a new covenant, or agreement, between humans and God. This concept is key to all New Testament theology and forms the basis for the name of the "New Testament" portion of the Bible. Under this new covenant, Jesus would die in the place of -sinners. Unlike the blood of animals, Jesus' blood would truly remove the sins of all who would put their faith in him. And Jesus' sacrifice would never have to be repeated; it would be good for all eternity (Hebrews 9:23-28). The prophets looked forward to this new covenant that would fulfill the old sacrificial agreement (Jeremiah 31:31-34), and John the Baptist called Jesus "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29 NKJV). **READ** Jeremiah 31:31-34 to see how this was God's plan all along!