



Matthew

Lesson 26

READ CHAPTER 26 and MARK 14:1-11

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Triumphal entry into Jerusalem</i> <i>Matthew 21:1-11</i> <i>Mark 11:1-11</i> <i>Luke 19:29-38</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Curses the fig tree and cleanses the Temple in Jerusalem</i> <i>Matthew 21:12-23</i> <i>Mark 11:12-17</i> <i>Luke 19:45-46</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Teaches in the Temple</i> <i>Matthew 21:23-25:46</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Anointed for His burial by Mary</i> <i>Matthew 26:1-16</i> <i>Mark 14:1-11</i> <i>Luke 22:1-6</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Celebrated Passover</i> <i>Matthew 26:17-30</i>
<i>Thursday evening to Friday evening</i>	<i>Matthew 26:31-27:61</i> <i>Arrested in Gethsemane, tried before Sanhedrin, taken to Pilate, crucified</i> <i>Mark 14:26-15:47</i> <i>Luke 22:7-23:55</i>



Two of the most important feasts for Israel are Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Though these are two separate festivals, they are often used interchangeably in the New Testament because of their inseparable relationship to one another. Passover celebration began at twilight (later for some Jews - it was at sunrise) on the 14th day of Nisan, and the Feast of Unleavened Bread was celebrated the following seven days the 15th through the 21st of Nisan. Many times in the N.T. the term "Passover" refers to both festivals. Passover is a

commemoration of the Death Angel passing over the Israelites and killing the firstborn of the Egyptians before God delivered them out of Egypt (Exodus 12:1-27). The Feast of Unleavened Bread is a commemoration of the week following when they had to eat bread that was unleavened because they left Egypt so quickly they didn't have time for it to rise (Exodus 12:18-24 & 39). It also symbolically represented their coming out of Egypt with no leftover influence of their former lives.

1. *Why is it significant that Jesus would offer His life on Passover? See Exodus 12:1-14.*

2. *What are the religious leaders doing as Jesus is preparing for His death?*

3. *According to John 12:1-8, who is the woman who anoints Jesus? What did Jesus say was her reason for doing it (Matthew 26:12)?*

4. *What happens immediately after the anointing? Matthew 26:14-16. What do you think prompted it?*



Matthew 26:17-75 gives a chronological sequence of events from Thursday morning Friday morning. Most theologians believe that there was a difference in time element for Galilean Jews and Judean Jews as to when the Passover celebration began. For those from the region of Galilee the holiday ran from sunrise to sunrise, but for the Judean Jews it ran from sunset to sunset. This is a very important historical reality that would be the only way that Jesus could celebrate the Passover with His disciples on Thursday night, and yet be the Passover Lamb that was killed at the same time the lambs were being killed on Friday evening before Passover. He and His disciples would have started Passover Thursday morning and eaten the meal on Thursday night. The others would have started Passover on Thursday evening and not eaten the meal until Friday evening. They wanted to finish the trial for Christ so they could celebrate Passover beginning Friday evening. Therefore, Christ celebrated Passover on Thursday evening, was arrested, tried and sentenced through the night Thursday into Friday morning. He was crucified at the time the Judean Jews would have been killing their lambs from 3-5 p.m. Friday. Also, in the years of 30 and 33 A.D. (therefore Christ's death must have taken place in one of these years) Passover fell on Friday. That would make the Friday of Christ's crucifixion "preparation day" or the day they prepared for the Sabbath as well as preparation for Passover (see Mark 15:42; Luke 23:54 and John 19:14, 31, 42)

5. *From the verses listed, give a short synopsis of each of the events as they take place.*

Matthew 26:17-29:

Matthew 26:30-45:

Matthew 26:46-56:

Matthew 26:57-68:

Matthew 26:69-74:

6. *What significant event is recorded in John 13:1-16 that Matthew doesn't record? What Kingdom principle is Jesus leaving with His disciples in these verses?*

7. *What promise does Jesus give them in John 16:7-14, and why is this promise so important?*

Prayer requests:

Group time notes:
