

Day 37 Wednesday
Supper, Singing and Sorrow

Jesus Institutes the Lord's Supper
Mark 14:22-25

22 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them and said, "Take, eat; this is My body."

23 Then He took the cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, and they all drank from it.

24 And He said to them, "This is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many.

25 Assuredly, I say to you, I will no longer drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

We Always Worship
Mark 14:26

26 And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial

Mark 14:27-31

27 Then Jesus said to them, "All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written: 'I will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.'

28 "But after I have been raised, I will go before you to Galilee."

29 Peter said to Him, "Even if all are made to stumble, yet I will not be."

30 Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you that today, even this night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times."

31 But he spoke more vehemently, "If I have to die with You, I will not deny You!"

And they all said likewise.

**The Prayer in the Garden
The Garden at Gethsemane**

Mark 14:33-34

32 Then they came to a place which was named Gethsemane; and He said to His disciples, “Sit here while I pray.”

33 And He took Peter, James, and John with Him, and He began to be troubled and deeply distressed.

34 Then He said to them, “My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch.”

1st Prayer
Mark 14:35-38

35 He went a little farther, and fell on the ground, and prayed that if it were possible, the hour might pass from Him.

36 And He said, “Abba, Father, all things are possible for You. Take this cup away from Me; nevertheless, not what I will, but what You will.”

37 Then He came and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, “Simon, are you sleeping? Could you not watch one hour?”

38 Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

2nd Prayer
Matthew 26:42-43

42 Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done.”

43 And He came and found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy.

Luke 22:43-44

43 Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him.

44 And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

3rd Prayer
Matthew 26:44-46

44 So He left them, went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

45 Then He came to His disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners.

46 Rise, let us be going. See, My betrayer is at hand.”

Betrayal and Arrest in Gethsemane

Matthew 26:47-49

47 And while He was still speaking, behold, Judas, one of the twelve, with a great multitude with swords and clubs, came from the chief priests and elders of the people.

48 Now His betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “Whomever I kiss, He is the One; seize Him.”

49 Immediately he went up to Jesus and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed Him.

Excessive Force

John 18:2-14 NKJV

2 And Judas, who betrayed Him, also knew the place; for Jesus often met there with His disciples.

3 Then Judas, having received a detachment of troops, and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, came there with lanterns, torches, and weapons.

“I Am He”

John 18:4-14 NKJV

4 Jesus therefore, knowing all things that would come upon Him, went forward and said to them, “Whom are you seeking?”

5 They answered Him, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus said to them, “I am He.” And Judas, who betrayed Him, also stood with them.

6 Now when He said to them, “I am He,” they drew back and fell to the ground.

7 Then He asked them again, “Whom are you seeking?” And they said, “Jesus of Nazareth.”

8 Jesus answered, “I have told you that I am He. Therefore, if you seek Me, let these go their way,”

9 that the saying might be fulfilled which He spoke, “Of those whom You gave Me I have lost none.”

Responding in the Flesh and Not by the Spirit

John 18:10-11 NKJV

10 Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus.

11 So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into the sheath. Shall I not drink the cup which My Father has given Me?"

Luke 22:49-51

49 When those around Him saw what was going to happen, they said to Him, "Lord, shall we strike with the sword?"

50 And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear.

51 But Jesus answered and said, "Permit even this." And He touched his ear and healed him.

Matthew 26:52-56

52 But Jesus said to him, “Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword.

53 Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels?

54 How then could the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must happen thus?”

55 In that hour Jesus said to the multitudes, “Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs to take Me? I sat daily with you, teaching in the temple, and you did not seize Me.

56 But all this was done that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.”

Then all the disciples forsook Him and fled.

Arrested Before the High Priest

John 18:12-14

12 Then the detachment of troops and the captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound Him.

13 And they led Him away to Annas first, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas who was high priest that year.

14 Now it was Caiaphas who advised the Jews that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.

From Supper to the Garden

Jesus and the disciples have completed the Passover dinner. Like most Galileans, they celebrate it the evening Passover begins, not the next afternoon as the Judeans do. They have been in the upper room of a house in Jerusalem, but now return to the Mount of Olives, where they have spent every night this week (Luke 21:37).

“Hallel”

Hymns based on Psalms 113–118 and 136, also called the "great Hallel," are important parts of the feast. Hallel, praise, the name given to the group of **Psalms 113-118**, which are psalms of praise. It is called "The Egyptian Hallel," because it was chanted in the temple whilst the Passover lambs were being slain.

It was chanted also on other festival occasions, as at Pentecost, the feast of Tabernacles, and the feast of Dedication. The Levites, standing before the altar, chanted it verse by verse, the people responding by repeating the verses or by intoned hallelujahs. It was also chanted in private families at the feast of Passover.

Mark 14:26

“And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.”

These were probably the hymns which our Saviour and his disciples sang at the conclusion of the Passover supper kept by them in the upper room at Jerusalem.

Jesus has chosen the location, the garden of Gethsemane, carefully (Mark 14:32). The garden sits on the west side of the Mount of Olives, at the intersection of two roads that come east out of Jerusalem. If Jesus had taken the disciples to Bethany, two miles farther east, His followers there might have rebelled against the priests' guards, either endangering themselves or preventing the crucifixion.

The garden of Gethsemane is a location which ensures God's plan is fulfilled. The distance from Bethany allows Him to protect His followers. And, since Judas knows this place (John 18:2), it makes it easy for the Sanhedrin to arrest Him.