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**BIBLE STUDY**

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**“BELOVED AND BETRAYED”**

**Luke 22:1-23**

***Luke 22:1 "Now the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called the Passover."***

The Feast of Unleavened Bread lasted 8 days. Passover was during this time. Leaven was symbolic of sin. Passover was a remembrance of the night in Egypt when all of Egypt's firstborn died, and God saved the firstborn of the Hebrews, because of the blood of the lamb which was over their door. Death passed over the house, where the blood was over the door, and did not enter. This Passover would be remembered for all of eternity for the Lord Jesus is the Passover Lamb.

***Luke 22:2 "And the chief priests and scribes sought how they might kill him; for they feared the people."***

They could not just rush out, get Jesus and kill Him; because the people would rise up in protest. Jesus had left Jerusalem and taught in the rural areas for weeks before He entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. At Passover time there were hundreds of thousands of people extra in Jerusalem, Jesus had taught in the temple on Monday and Tuesday after Palm Sunday. It seems large numbers of people came to hear Him teach. These chief priests and scribes were jealous of Jesus and that is really why they wanted to kill him.

***Luke 22:3 "Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve."***

Judas Iscariot, one of the trusted twelve, who traveled with Jesus and had opportunity to receive all the wonderful gifts of the Spirit that came upon the other eleven, fell. His greed for money opened him to the possibility to receive Satan within himself. This spirit of Satan had to have Judas' permission to enter him. Greed caused this possession. Judas loved money more than he loved God. Greed caused him to object to Mary’s anointing of Jesus for burial with expensive spikenard.

***John 12:4-6***

***4Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, which should betray him,***

***5Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor?***

***6This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein.***

***Luke 22:4 "And he went his way, and communed with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray him unto them."***

***Luke 22:5 "And they were glad, and covenanted to give him money."***

Judas had left Jesus and been with the others. When he became overcome by Satan, he went quickly to the chief priests and captains to make his terrible deal with them to betray Jesus. The religious leaders accepted his offer. This is the 30 pieces of silver mentioned in other Scriptures. Silver, of course, means redemption. Thirty is 3 times 10. Three is the number of the Godhead and Ten is symbolic of world government. We see in the amount paid Judas Iscariot that God is purchasing our redemption from the world. What Judas meant for evil will be the greatest victory ever won by Jesus for us.

***Luke 22:6 "And he promised, and sought opportunity to betray him unto them in the absence of the multitude."***

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Judas would catch Jesus away from the multitude and betray Him. The first opportunity Judas got, he would send for these people to take Jesus. They were leery of the crowd’s enthusiasm for Jesus, so they wanted Judas to betray him to them when the crowd was not present.

***Luke 22:7 "Then came the day of unleavened bread, when the passover must be killed."***

Jesus is the Passover Lamb, and He is also the Unleavened Bread. Unleavened means free from sin. Jesus is the Bread of life. As we have said before, even "Bethlehem" where Jesus was born means house of bread.

***Luke 22:8 "And he sent Peter and John, saying, Go and prepare us the passover, that we may eat."***

This last supper that Jesus was to eat with his disciples was what Peter and John were to go to prepare. This last supper would be served in the upper room. Jesus, Himself, is the Passover Lamb and will be crucified on the 14th day of Nissan which is Passover. The Jewish day begins at 6 P.M. in the evening and goes to 6 P.M. the next day. In Genesis, God established the evening and morning being a day. He ate the same day He was crucified. He ate the Passover supper just after 6 P.M. and was crucified later that day at approximately 9 A.M. in the morning.

***Luke 22:9 "And they said unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare?"***

***Luke 22:10 "And he said unto them, Behold, when ye are entered into the city, there shall a man meet you, bearing a pitcher of water; follow him into the house where he entereth in."***

***Luke 22:11 "And ye shall say unto the goodman of the house, The Master saith unto thee, Where is the guestchamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples?"***

***Luke 22:12 "And he shall shew you a large upper room furnished: there make ready."***

Here again, the Spirit of God has undoubtedly gone ahead and made preparations for Jesus and the disciples to have this room for the last supper. The man, probably a follower of Jesus, would oblige and show them a furnished room upstairs that they could use. The room was a large upstairs room where there would not be a disturbance from the busy streets.

***Luke 22:13 "And they went, and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready the passover."***

Little did these disciples know that their blessed Jesus was the true Passover Lamb. Their making ready consisted of making sure there was no leaven, getting special plates, and doing the things generally done by the father of the home for Passover.

***Luke 22:14 "And when the hour was come, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him." Luke 22:15 "And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer:"***

Jesus calls this meal that they are partaking of the Passover. Just after 6 P.M. on what we would call Wednesday evening, Jesus could have eaten Passover with His disciples. At 6 P.M. that evening, Passover could have begun. The next morning which would still have been Passover, they crucified Jesus at the third hour (between 6 A.M.-9 A.M.) six hours later at the ninth hour Jesus died. At the latest, it would have been 3 P.M., leaving plenty of time to get Him to the tomb before their High Sabbath began at 6 P.M. This way Jesus could have eaten Passover with the disciples and yet was the Passover Lamb, as well. Also, this timeline fulfills Jesus’ prophetic sign of 3 days and 3 nights.

***Matthew 12:38-40***

***38Then certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, Master, we would see a sign from thee.***

***39But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas:***

***40For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.***

***Luke 22:16 "For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God."***

***Luke 22:17 "And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide [it] among yourselves:"***

***Luke 22:18 "For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come."***

Jesus is eating Passover for the last time before His crucifixion. The next Passover any of them eat will not even be called Passover, but Communion. When the bread and wine are taken, it will be in remembrance of the true Passover Lamb, Jesus Christ our Lord. The kingdom of God that Jesus established was the church of the living God. In verse 18 here, it seems to be telling us that this is the last of the Passover for the believers; because in verses 19 and 20, He seems to begin Holy Communion.

***Luke 22:19 "And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake [it], and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me."***

***Luke 22:20 "Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup [is] the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you."***

As the church partakes of this meal together, we affirm our common faith in Christ’s substitutionary atoning sacrifice, our new covenantal, unified relationship with him, and his ongoing spiritual presence in our lives. As the apostle Paul told the church in Corinth,

***1 Corinthians 11:26 “As often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes”.***

We remember his death for us in the past and utilize its power and provisions for us in the present, until he returns for us in the future. What the law could not do, Jesus' shed blood did: purchased our salvation. We have talked throughout the Bible study how Jesus is the Bread. In fact, He is the unleavened Bread. His body (free of sin) is symbolized by the unleavened Bread. His blood is symbolized by the fruit of the vine. When we take communion, we are remembering what great price Jesus paid on the cross to save us.

***Luke 22:21 "But, behold, the hand of him that betrayeth me [is] with me on the table."***

Jesus announced that one of the Twelve, one of those sitting at the table with him, would betray him. Judas was at the table taking Passover and communion with Jesus. He was living a lie. He was already unfaithful to the Lord. Jesus knew who it was.

***Luke 22:22 "And truly the Son of man goeth, as it was determined: but woe unto that man by whom he is betrayed!"***

The crucifixion of Jesus had been planned from the foundation of the earth. God had foreknowledge of Judas Iscariot betraying Jesus, but it was not pre-determined. Judas had of his own free will allowed Satan to enter him. Judas did this through lust for money. The woe spoken will soon be found out when Judas kills himself after he betrays Jesus.

***Luke 22:23 "And they began to enquire among themselves, which of them it was that should do this thing."***

No one knew but Judas and Jesus who this was. The disciples might have killed Judas if they had known. This no doubt shocked them. They had no idea who the betrayer could be, and they began to argue among themselves. Thus, Jesus demonstrated his omniscience by announcing what would happen beforehand. But he also made it clear that his betrayal involved both divine sovereignty and human responsibility. In other words, what was about to happen had been foretold long ago in Scripture. It was God’s predetermined plan to sacrifice his Son—the Suffering Servant—to atone for sin.

***Isaiah 53:5-6***

***5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.***

***6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.***

Christ’s death on the cross was a fulfillment of God’s Word. But, at the same time, woe to that man by whom he is betrayed meant Judas was accountable for his actions. He was no puppet being forced to do something against his will. He chose to betray Christ for profit and was responsible for his sin.

**QUESTIONS**

1. Verse 1 says the Feast of Unleavened Bread is called what?
2. What was leaven symbolic of?
3. What was the Passover celebrating?
4. Who wanted to kill Jesus but feared the people?
5. What spirit entered Judas Iscariot?
6. Who did Judas meet with to plot against Jesus?
7. What did they covenant to give Judas?
8. What do the 30 pieces of silver symbolize?
9. Who is the Passover Lamb?
10. Who did Jesus send to prepare for the Passover meal?
11. What is another name this meal would be called by?
12. Where would this meal be served?
13. What day of the month is Passover?
14. At what hour of the day does the Jewish day begin?
15. At what hour was Jesus crucified?
16. Jesus wanted to eat Passover with His disciples before He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
17. How long did Jesus hang on the cross?
18. In verse 16, Jesus is eating Passover the last time and is establishing what?
19. The kingdom of God symbolizes what?
20. In verses 19 and 20, Jesus teaches what?
21. The old law of Passover is being made what?
22. The wine symbolizes what?
23. This unleavened bread symbolizes what?
24. Whose hand was on the table with Jesus?
25. What statement did Jesus say about the one who betrayed Him?