

Calvary Chapel Eagle

The Gospel of Matthew Chapter 26

(Spend time in prayer before you start this study) Read Matthew Chapter 26

1. Verse 1-2. What did Jesus tell the disciples? Was He being very direct with them? Did Jesus know how He was going to die? Do you think they understood?

2. Verses 3-5. We now change scenes to see the plot that was being planned.
 - a. Who was part of this plot?

 - b. What were they planning?

 - c. Why didn't they want to do it during the feast, Passover?

3. Verses 6-13. Read Mark 14:3-9. We change scenes again, back to Jesus. Explain the story in your own words.

4. Read John 12:1-8. What is the same? What is different? Is this the same story?

5. Jesus told them in Matthew 26:2 that He would be crucified. Realizing this anointing happened right before His death, does it make more sense? Explain.

6. Verses 14-16. Read Mark 14:10-11 and Luke 22:3-6. Explain what happened.

7. Verses 17-30. Read Mark 14:12-26, Luke 22:7-23 and John 13:18-30. Jesus institutes the ordinance of the Lord's Supper or Communion. Explain the story in your own words.

8. Did the disciples understand that Judas was the betrayer? Explain.

9. Read 1 Corinthians 11:23-34. Explain, how and why we are to take communion.

10. Verses 31-35, also read Mark 14:27-31 and Luke 22:31-34. Jesus was always very honest with the disciples, He wanted them to know what was coming next. What was He warning them of?

11. Peter, trying to correct Jesus, answers the accusation. What was Peter's main problem that needed to be dealt with? Did, Peter believe Jesus? Do you think Peter and the other disciples were being sincere?

12. Do you ever have a hard time accepting what the Lord says? Do you ever try to argue or correct Him?

13. Many of us deal with a pride problem, tell us of a time that Jesus had to humble you?

14. Verses 36-46, also read Mark 14:32-42 and Luke 39-46.
 - a. Who did Jesus take with Him?

 - b. Verse 38, What did He say to them?

 - c. Why did Jesus go to the garden?

 - d. What was His prayer to the Father?

- e. What were the disciples doing?
- f. What were the disciples supposed to be doing and why?
- g. What did Jesus pray the second time?
- h. What did Jesus pray the third time?
- i. Is it a lack of faith to ask God for something more than once? Why?
- j. Did the disciples ever pray as Jesus wanted them to? How do you know?

15. What did Jesus tell them in verse 45 & 46?

16. Verses 47-56, also read Luke 14:43-50, John 18:1-11. Who arrived and who was with him?

17. What was the sign Judas would give?

18. Have you ever been betrayed by a kiss (a friend stabbing you in the back)? Tell us about it.

19. What did good old Peter do?

20. Did Jesus need Peter to defend Him?

21. Who could have Jesus called down? But, why didn't He? See verses 54 & 56.

22. What happened to all the disciples? How does verse 56 compare with verse 35?

23. Verses 57-68, also read Mark 14:53-72 and John 18:12-27. Where did they take Jesus?

24. Who followed at a distance? Why did he do this?

25. What did the chief priest seek in verse 59?

26. Have you ever had someone give false testimony against you? Tell us about it.

27. Jesus kept silent at first, then what did He say?

28. What did they accuse Jesus of? What was the sentence they gave Him?

29. What did they do to Jesus in verses 67 & 68?

30. Verses 69-75. We all know this familiar story, explain it in your own words.

31. Have you ever denied Jesus?