

Jesus' Blood of the Covenant

Matthew 26:1-30

Key Verse: 26:28

1. Read verse 1-5. What had Jesus been saying to his disciples? What did he now tell them? How was the Passover related to Jesus' crucifixion? How did the plot against Jesus develop? (3-5)
2. Read verses 6-11. What was the beautiful thing done to Jesus? Why do you think she did this? (Lk 7:47,50; Jn 12:1-7) What was the controversy that arose because of her action? Why? What did Jesus teach them?(10-11)
3. How is this act a reflection of Jesus' own pouring out of his life? What did Jesus teach about his world mission plan? How would this act become a part of gospel history? (12-13)
4. Read verses 14-16. Who was Judas Iscariot? What was his motive in betraying Jesus? Read verses 17-19. What instructions did Jesus give his disciples about preparing the Passover? What did he mean by "my appointed time?" Why did Jesus want to eat the Passover with his disciples?
5. Read verses 20-24. While they were eating, what did Jesus tell his disciples? What does their response show about them? How did Jesus warn the betrayer and prepare the disciples? How did Judas respond? (25)
6. Read verse 26. (Lk 22:19,20; 1Co 11:23-26) What did Jesus do? What does it mean that he gave thanks? (Two times) What does the bread and the eating of it represent? (Jn 6:35)
7. Read verse 27-30. When he gave them the cup to drink, what did he teach about the meaning of his shed blood? (Jer 31:31-34; Jn 6:53-56) What promises did Jesus give them? (29,30)