

## Matthew 26

### The Plot Against Jesus

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he said to his disciples, <sup>2</sup>"As you know, the **Passover** is **two days away**—and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified."

<sup>3</sup>Then the **chief priests** and the elders of the people assembled in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, <sup>4</sup>and they plotted to **arrest Jesus** in some **sly way** and **kill him**. <sup>5</sup>"But not during the Feast," they said, "or there may be a riot among the people."

### Jesus Anointed at Bethany

<sup>6</sup>While Jesus was in Bethany in the home of a man known as Simon the Leper, <sup>7</sup>a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, which she poured on his head as he was reclining at the table.

<sup>8</sup>When the disciples saw this, they were **indignant**. "Why this waste?" they asked. <sup>9</sup>"This perfume **could have been sold at a high price and the money given to the poor**."

<sup>10</sup>Aware of this, Jesus said to them, "Why are you bothering this woman? She has done a beautiful thing to me. <sup>11</sup>The poor you will always have with you, but you will not

## Mark 14

### Jesus Anointed at Bethany

<sup>1</sup>Now the **Passover** and the Feast of Unleavened Bread were only **two days away**, and the **chief priests** and the **teachers of the law were looking for some sly way** to arrest Jesus and kill him. <sup>2</sup>"But not during the Feast," they said, "or the people may riot."

<sup>3</sup>While he was in Bethany, reclining at the table in the home of a man known as Simon the Leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on his head.

<sup>4</sup>Some of those present were saying **indignantly** to one another, "Why this waste of perfume? <sup>5</sup>It could have been sold for more than a year's wages<sup>[a]</sup> and **the money given to the poor**." And they rebuked her harshly.

<sup>6</sup>"Leave her alone," said Jesus. "Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. <sup>7</sup>The poor you will always have with you, and you can help them any

## Luke 22:1-62

### Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus

<sup>1</sup>Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread, called the **Passover**, was approaching, <sup>2</sup>and the **chief priests** and the **teachers of the law were looking for some way** to get rid of Jesus, for they were afraid of the people.

always have me. <sup>12</sup>When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial. <sup>13</sup>I tell you the truth, wherever this gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her."

#### Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus

<sup>14</sup>Then one of the Twelve—the one called Judas Iscariot—went to the chief priests <sup>15</sup>and asked, "What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?" So they counted out for him thirty silver coins. <sup>16</sup>From then on Judas watched for an opportunity to hand him over.

#### The Lord's Supper

<sup>17</sup>On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Where do you want us to make preparations for you to eat the Passover?"

<sup>18</sup>He replied, "Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, 'The Teacher says: My appointed time is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house.' " <sup>19</sup>So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them and prepared the Passover.

<sup>20</sup>When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve. <sup>21</sup>And while they were eating, he said, "I tell

time you want. But you will not always have me. <sup>8</sup>She did what she could. She poured perfume on my body beforehand to prepare for my burial. <sup>9</sup>I tell you the truth, wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her."

<sup>10</sup>Then Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Jesus to them. <sup>11</sup>They were delighted to hear this and promised to give him money. So he watched for an opportunity to hand him over.

#### The Lord's Supper

<sup>12</sup>On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the Passover lamb, Jesus' disciples asked him, "Where do you want us to go and make preparations for you to eat the Passover?"

<sup>13</sup>So he sent two of his disciples, telling them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. <sup>14</sup>Say to the owner of the house he enters, 'The Teacher asks: Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' <sup>15</sup>He will show you a large upper room, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there."

<sup>3</sup>Then Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, one of the Twelve. <sup>4</sup>And Judas went to the chief priests and the officers of the temple guard and discussed with them how he might betray Jesus. <sup>5</sup>They were delighted and agreed to give him money. <sup>6</sup>He consented, and watched for an opportunity to hand Jesus over to them when no crowd was present.

#### The Last Supper

<sup>7</sup>Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. <sup>8</sup>Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover."

<sup>9</sup>"Where do you want us to prepare for it?" they asked.

<sup>10</sup>He replied, "As you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him to the house that he enters, <sup>11</sup>and say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' <sup>12</sup>He will show you a large upper room, all furnished. Make

you the truth, one of you will betray me."

<sup>22</sup>They were very sad and began to say to him one after the other, "Surely not I, Lord?"

<sup>23</sup>Jesus replied, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me."

<sup>24</sup>The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born."

<sup>25</sup>Then Judas, the one who would betray him, said, "Surely not I, Rabbi?"

Jesus answered, "Yes, it is you."<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>26</sup>While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body."

<sup>27</sup>Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you."<sup>28</sup>This is my blood of the<sup>1</sup> covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>29</sup>I tell you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it anew with you in my Father's kingdom."

<sup>16</sup>The disciples left, went into the city and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

<sup>17</sup>When evening came, Jesus arrived with the Twelve.

<sup>18</sup>While they were reclining at the table eating, he said, "I tell you the truth, one of you will betray me—one who is eating with me."

<sup>19</sup>They were saddened, and one by one they said to him, "Surely not I?"

<sup>20</sup>"It is one of the Twelve," he replied, "one who dips bread into the bowl with me."<sup>21</sup>The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born."

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<sup>23</sup>Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, and they all drank from it.

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<sup>14</sup>When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. <sup>16</sup>For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God."

<sup>17</sup>After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you.

<sup>18</sup>For I tell you I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

<sup>19</sup>And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

<sup>20</sup>In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."<sup>21</sup>But the hand of him who is going to betray me is with mine on the table. <sup>22</sup>The Son of Man will go as it has been decreed, but woe to that man who betrays him."<sup>23</sup>They began to question among themselves which of them it might be who would do this.

<sup>24</sup>Also a dispute arose among

<sup>30</sup>When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

#### Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial

<sup>31</sup>Then Jesus told them, "This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written:

"I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered."<sup>[c]</sup> <sup>32</sup>But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee."

<sup>33</sup>Peter replied, "Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will."

<sup>34</sup>"I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times."

<sup>35</sup>But Peter declared, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you." And all the other disciples said the same.

#### Gethsemane

<sup>36</sup>Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." <sup>37</sup>He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. <sup>38</sup>Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here

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<sup>30</sup>"I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "today—yes, tonight—before the rooster crows twice<sup>[d]</sup> you yourself will disown me three times."

<sup>31</sup>But Peter insisted emphatically, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you." And all the others said the same.

#### Gethsemane

<sup>32</sup>They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." <sup>33</sup>He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled. <sup>34</sup>"My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death," he said to them. "Stay here and keep watch."

<sup>35</sup>Going a little farther, he fell

them as to which of them was considered to be greatest.

<sup>25</sup>Jesus said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors.

<sup>26</sup>But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves.

<sup>27</sup>For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

<sup>28</sup>You are those who have stood by me in my trials.

<sup>29</sup>And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me, <sup>30</sup>so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

<sup>31</sup>"Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you<sup>[a]</sup> as wheat.

<sup>32</sup>But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."

<sup>33</sup>But he replied, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death."

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, "I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me."

<sup>35</sup>Then Jesus asked them, "When I sent you without

and keep watch with me."

<sup>39</sup>Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

<sup>40</sup>Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Could you men not keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter.

<sup>41</sup>"Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak."

<sup>42</sup>He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done."

<sup>43</sup>When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy.

<sup>44</sup>So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing.

<sup>45</sup>Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour is near, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>46</sup>Rise, let us go! Here comes my betrayer!"

to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. <sup>36</sup>"Abba, <sup>[e]</sup> Father," he said, "everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."

<sup>37</sup>Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Simon," he said to Peter, "are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour? <sup>38</sup>Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak."

<sup>39</sup>Once more he went away and prayed the same thing.

<sup>40</sup>When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. They did not know what to say to him.

<sup>41</sup>Returning the third time, he said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>42</sup>Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!"

purse, bag or sandals, did you lack anything?"

"Nothing," they answered.

<sup>36</sup>He said to them, "But now if you have a purse, take it, and also a bag; and if you don't have a sword, sell your cloak and buy one. <sup>37</sup>It is written: 'And he was numbered with the transgressors'<sup>[b]</sup>; and I tell you that this must be fulfilled in me. Yes, what is written about me is reaching its fulfillment."

<sup>38</sup>The disciples said, "See, Lord, here are two swords."

"That is enough," he replied.

#### Jesus Prays on the Mount of Olives

<sup>39</sup>Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him. <sup>40</sup>On reaching the place, he said to them, "Pray that you will not fall into temptation." <sup>41</sup>He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, <sup>42</sup>"Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." <sup>43</sup>An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. <sup>44</sup>And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.<sup>[e]</sup>

<sup>45</sup>When he rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow.

### Jesus Arrested

<sup>47</sup>While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived. With him was a large crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and the elders of the people. <sup>48</sup>Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: "The one I kiss is the man; arrest him." <sup>49</sup>Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him.

<sup>50</sup>Jesus replied, "Friend, do what you came for."<sup>[d]</sup>

Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him. <sup>51</sup>With that, one of Jesus' companions reached for his sword, drew it out and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

<sup>52</sup>"Put your sword back in its place," Jesus said to him, "for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. <sup>53</sup>Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? <sup>54</sup>But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?"

<sup>55</sup>At that time Jesus said to the crowd, "Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? Every day I sat in the temple courts teaching, and you did not arrest me.

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<sup>43</sup>Just as he was speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, appeared. With him was a crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests, the teachers of the law, and the elders.

<sup>44</sup>Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: "The one I kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard." <sup>45</sup>Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him. <sup>46</sup>The men seized Jesus and arrested him. <sup>47</sup>Then one of those standing near drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

<sup>48</sup>"Am I leading a rebellion," said Jesus, "that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? <sup>49</sup>Every day I was with you, teaching in the temple courts, and you did not arrest me. But the Scriptures must be fulfilled." <sup>50</sup>Then everyone deserted him and fled.

<sup>51</sup>A young man, wearing nothing but a linen garment, was following Jesus. When they seized him, <sup>52</sup>he fled naked, leaving his garment behind.

<sup>46</sup>"Why are you sleeping?" he asked them. "Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation."

### Jesus Arrested

<sup>47</sup>While he was still speaking a crowd came up, and the man who was called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him, <sup>48</sup>but Jesus asked him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"

<sup>49</sup>When Jesus' followers saw what was going to happen, they said, "Lord, should we strike with our swords?"

<sup>50</sup>And one of them struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear.

<sup>51</sup>But Jesus answered, "No more of this!" And he touched the man's ear and healed him.

<sup>52</sup>Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple guard, and the elders, who had come for him, "Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come with swords and clubs? <sup>53</sup>Every day I was with you in the temple courts, and you did not lay a hand on me. But this is your hour—when darkness reigns."

<sup>56</sup>But this has all taken place that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

#### Before the Sanhedrin

<sup>57</sup>Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas, the high priest, where the teachers of the law and the elders had assembled. <sup>58</sup>But Peter followed him at a distance, right up to the courtyard of the high priest. He entered and sat down with the guards to see the outcome.

<sup>59</sup>The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death. <sup>60</sup>But they did not find any, though many false witnesses came forward.

Finally two came forward <sup>61</sup>and declared, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and rebuild it in three days.' "

<sup>62</sup>Then the high priest stood up and said to Jesus, "Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?"

<sup>63</sup>But Jesus remained silent.

The high priest said to him, "I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Christ,<sup>[e]</sup> the Son of God."

#### Before the Sanhedrin

<sup>53</sup>They took Jesus to the high priest, and all the chief priests, elders and teachers of the law came together. <sup>54</sup>Peter followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. There he sat with the guards and warmed himself at the fire.

<sup>55</sup>The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death, but they did not find any. <sup>56</sup>Many testified falsely against him, but their statements did not agree.

<sup>57</sup>Then some stood up and gave this false testimony against him: <sup>58</sup>"We heard him say, 'I will destroy this man-made temple and in three days will build another, not made by man.' " <sup>59</sup>Yet even then their testimony did not agree.

<sup>60</sup>Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, "Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?" <sup>61</sup>But Jesus remained silent and gave no answer.

<sup>64</sup>"Yes, it is as you say," Jesus replied. "But I say to all of you: In the future you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven."

<sup>65</sup>Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He has spoken blasphemy! Why do we need any more witnesses? Look, now you have heard the blasphemy. <sup>66</sup>What do you think?"

"He is worthy of death," they answered.

<sup>67</sup>Then they spit in his face and struck him with their fists. Others slapped him <sup>68</sup>and said, "Prophecy to us, Christ. Who hit you?"

#### **Peter Disowns Jesus**

<sup>69</sup>Now Peter was sitting out in the courtyard, and a servant girl came to him. "You also were with Jesus of Galilee," she said.

<sup>70</sup>But he denied it before them all. "I don't know what you're talking about," he said.

<sup>71</sup>Then he went out to the gateway, where another girl saw him and said to the people there, "This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth."

Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Christ, <sup>[f]</sup> the Son of the Blessed One?"

<sup>62</sup>"I am," said Jesus. "And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven."

<sup>63</sup>The high priest tore his clothes. "Why do we need any more witnesses?" he asked.

<sup>64</sup>"You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?"

They all condemned him as worthy of death. <sup>65</sup>Then some began to spit at him; they blindfolded him, struck him with their fists, and said, "Prophecy!" And the guards took him and beat him.

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<sup>66</sup>While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came by. <sup>67</sup>When she saw Peter warming himself, she looked closely at him.

"You also were with that Nazarene, Jesus," she said.

<sup>68</sup>But he denied it. "I don't know or understand what you're talking about," he said, and went out into the entryway. <sup>[g]</sup>

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<sup>54</sup>Then seizing him, they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest. Peter followed at a distance.

<sup>55</sup>But when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter sat down with them. <sup>56</sup>A servant girl saw him seated there in the firelight.

She looked closely at him and said, "This man was with him."

<sup>57</sup>But he denied it. "Woman, I don't know him," he said.

<sup>58</sup>A little later someone else saw him and said, "You also

<sup>72</sup>He denied it again, with an oath: "I don't know the man!"

<sup>73</sup>After a little while, those standing there went up to Peter and said, "Surely you are one of them, for your accent gives you away."

<sup>74</sup>Then he began to call down curses on himself and he swore to them, "I don't know the man!"

Immediately a rooster crowed. <sup>75</sup>Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken: "Before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times." And he went outside and wept bitterly.

<sup>69</sup>When the servant girl saw him there, she said again to those standing around, "This fellow is one of them."

<sup>70</sup>Again he denied it. After a little while, those standing near said to Peter, "Surely you are one of them, for you are a Galilean."

<sup>71</sup>He began to call down curses on himself, and he swore to them, "I don't know this man you're talking about."

<sup>72</sup>Immediately the rooster crowed the second time. <sup>[1]</sup> Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken to him: "Before the rooster crows twice <sup>[1]</sup> you will disown me three times." And he broke down and wept.

are one of them."

"Man, I am not!" Peter replied.

<sup>59</sup>About an hour later another asserted, "Certainly this fellow was with him, for he is a Galilean."

<sup>60</sup>Peter replied, "Man, I don't know what you're talking about!" Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed.

<sup>61</sup>The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him:

"Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times." <sup>62</sup>And he went outside and wept bitterly.