

Sacrifice of the Son (2)

Passover & Prayer

Mk. 14:1-42

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Introduction

- The week leading up to the crucifixion was eventful
 - Saturday: anointed for burial (Jn. 12:1-8)
 - Sunday: Triumphal entrance (Jn. 12:12-19)
 - Monday: Cleansed the Temple (Mk. 11:15-19)
 - Tuesday: Authority challenged & day of debates (Mt. 21 & 22)
 - Wednesday: nothing recorded
 - Thursday: Passover (Mt. 26)
 - Friday: arrest, trials, crucifixion, burial (Mt. 26 & 27)
 - Saturday: guard set at the tomb (Mt. 27)
 - Sunday: Resurrection & appearances (Mt. 28; Lk. 24)
- We want to focus on events that took place Thursday
 - See the Lord's passion, His humanity & divinity
 - Concern for disciples
 - Dread of the cross
 - See the Lord's purpose (Jn. 12:27)
 - Determination & commitment
 - Lacked support from those closest to Him
 - Suffering ahead
 - See the Lord's preparation
 - Strength to face it all

I. Passover (Mk. 14:12-16)

- The Passover was the Jewish feast instituted to commemorate deliverance from Egypt
 - Plagues 1-9: no results (Ex. 7-10)
 - Last plague: death of firstborn (Ex. 12:1-23)
 - Lamb sacrificed (Ex. 12:3-6)
 - Blood on doorposts & lintels (Ex. 12:7)
 - The Lord's Passover (Ex. 12:12-13, 17)
 - Escape from death & Deliverance from bondage and oppression
- Jesus is our Passover (1 Cor. 5:7)
 - The Lamb of God (Jn. 1:29)
 - Innocent sacrifice (Heb. 4:15)
 - Voluntary (Gal. 2:20)
 - Deliverance from bondage and oppression of sin (Rom. 6:16, 17)
- Institution of the Lord's Supper (Matt. 26:26-29)

- Unleavened bread (Matt. 26:17, 26)
- Fruit of the vine (Matt. 26:17, 27-29)
- Breaking bread (Acts 2:42, 46; 20:7)
- Observe with reverence (1 Cor. 11:20-29)

II. Betrayal & Denial

- Judas agreed to betray the Lord (Matt. 26:14-16)
 - For 30 pieces of silver – price (about 5-6 weeks pay)
 - Do we have a price?
 - Satan entered his heart (Lk. 22:3-6)
 - Will we allow Satan into our heart?
 - Particularly stinging to Jesus (Jn. 13:18-21)
 - Hurtful when we betray Him
- Peter's denial predicted
 - Sifting by Satan (Lk. 22:31-34)
 - Is Satan asking to sift you?
 - All would deny (Matt. 26:31-35)
- We all betray & deny the Lord (Rom. 3:23; 1 Jn. 1:8)
- Jesus died for Judas & Peter – you & me

III. Prayer In The Garden (Mk. 14:32-42)

- Gethsemane
 - Oil press: pressure, pouring out
- Jesus in duress (Mk. 14:33, 34)
 - Troubled: “to throw into terror or amazement; to alarm thoroughly” (Thayer)
 - Deeply distressed: “great distress or anguish, depressed” (Thayer)
 - Exceedingly sorrowful: “Overcome with sorrow so much as to cause one's death” (Thayer)
- Prayer of faith (Mk. 14:35, 36, 39, 41)
 - Knew suffering ahead
 - Father's will above His own
- Disappointed with the disciples (Mk. 14:37-41)
- Preparation was at an end (Mk. 14:41, 42) – for this purpose
 - Prepared entire life
 - Able to face trial

Conclusion

- On that fateful Thursday, we...
 - See the Lord's purpose
 - Determination & commitment
 - Lacked support from those closest to Him

- Suffering ahead
 - See the Lord's passion, His humanity & divinity
 - Concern for disciples
 - Dread of the cross
- Let us be thankful for the sacrifice of the Son – God's plan for saving us