

Bible Story 41: JESUS CONTINUES LAST WEEK

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| SCRIPTURE: | Is Anointed | Matthew 26:6-13 |
| | Judas Plans to Betray Jesus: | Matthew 26:14-16; Luke 22:1-6 |
| | Lord's Supper: | Matthew 26:17-30; Luke 22:7-23; Mark 14:12-26 |
| | Washes Disciples' Feet: | John 13:1-17 |
| | Judas Leaves to Betray Jesus: | John 13:18-30; 18:1-3 |
| | Predicts that Peter Will Deny Knowing Him: | Mark 14:27-31 |

MEMORY VERSE: John 13:34

BIBLE STORY:

TUESDAY EVENING

On Tuesday evening of Passover Week, Jesus was in the home of Simon the Leper in Bethany. While Jesus was eating and reclining at the table, a woman came with an expensive jar of perfume. She broke the jar of perfume and poured it on Jesus' head.

The disciples saw the woman pour the expensive perfume on Jesus' head. They asked, ***"Isn't this wasteful? The perfume could be sold for lots of money. It is worth more than a year's salary. This money could have been given to the poor!"***

Jesus replied, ***"Leave the woman alone! You will always have the poor with you. This woman poured the perfume on My body to prepare Me for burial."***

Then Judas Iscariot, one of the disciples, left and went secretly to the high priests. Judas asked them, ***"How much money will you give me if I hand Jesus over to you?"*** The high priests replied, ***"We will give you thirty silver coins."***

Agreeing with this, Judas returned to Jesus and secretly looked for the best moment to hand Jesus over to the high priests.

WEDNESDAY

On Wednesday, Jesus remained quietly in Bethany.

THURSDAY

On Thursday, Jesus sent His two disciples, Peter and John, to an upper room in Jerusalem to make preparations for the Feast of the Passover meal.

Later Jesus and all twelve of His disciples were together in the upper room to observe and eat the Passover meal. During the meal, Jesus got up, took off His outer garment, and wrapped a towel around His waist. Then He got a basin of water and began to wash and dry each of His disciples' feet.

Peter did not want Jesus to wash his feet.

Jesus said, ***"You will not have any part with Me, Peter, if you do not let Me wash your feet."***

Peter replied, ***"Jesus, then wash my feet, my hands and my head!"***

Jesus told His disciples that He washed their feet as an example. They were to wash one another's feet; meaning they were to humbly serve one another.

After the observance of the Passover meal, Jesus took bread and prayed. Then Jesus said, ***"Take this bread and eat it. As you eat it, remember that the bread represents my body which is given for you."*** (Jesus was referring that He would give His body for all people when He died on the cross.) The disciples took the bread He gave them, broke off pieces of the bread, and eat it.

Next Jesus took the cup of wine and prayed. Jesus said, ***"As you drink from the cup, remember my blood which is given for you."*** (Jesus was referring that He would shed His blood for all people when He died on the cross.) Each disciple took the cup He gave them and drank from it.

(Jesus began this new ordinance that is called the Lord's Supper. It is an ordinance for all His believers to observe.)

Then Jesus and His disciples sang a hymn and left, going to the Garden of Gethsemane at the Mount of Olives.

Meanwhile, Judas had left earlier to tell the high priests where they would find Jesus. The high priests gave Judas thirty pieces of silver for betraying Jesus.

As they were walking toward the garden, Jesus predicted that they would all abandon Him. Peter said, ***"Jesus, I'll never abandon you."***

Then Jesus replied, ***"Peter, tonight you will deny knowing me three times before the rooster crows two times."***

Jesus and His disciples continued walking to the Garden of Gethsemane at the Mount of Olives.

LIFE LESSONS:

1. Jesus washed the disciples’ feet as an example of serving one another. Have a servant attitude and help others.
2. The Lord’s Supper is an ordinance to remember Jesus and His death on the cross. Respect the Lord’s Supper in your church.
3. Judas betrayed Jesus. Be faithful to Jesus through your words, gestures and actions.
4. Jesus and the disciples sang a hymn after taking the Lord’s Supper. Sing hymns, praising our Lord.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What did the woman do with the expensive perfume? What did the disciples say? What did Jesus reply?
2. What happened when Judas went secretly to talk with the high priests?
3. Judas was willing to betray Jesus. What does it mean to “betray” someone?
4. What are some ways that people can betray Jesus today?
5. What did Jesus do when He got up from the table and put a towel around His waist?
6. What was Peter’s reaction? What did Jesus reply to Peter? What happened?
7. What was Jesus teaching His disciples when He washed their feet?
8. How can we reach out and help others?
9. Jesus observed a new ordinance, the Lord’s Supper, with His disciples.
 - (1) What did Jesus do with the bread? What did the bread represent?
 - (2) What did Jesus do with the wine? What did the wine represent?
10. Do believers of Jesus observe the Lord’s Supper in their churches today? How? Why?
11. What did Judas do when he left the upper room?
12. Jesus and the disciples sang a hymn when they finished the Lord’s Supper. What are some of your favorite hymns or Christian songs?

SUGGESTIONS FOR THIS BIBLE STORY:

Choose activities that may be used in your specific situation. Consider the age and maturity of each person, locality where the story will be told (customs and traditions), and available resources, time and space.

PRESENTATION:

- Ask, “What special meals do you celebrate throughout the year? What do you do?”
- If possible, show unleavened bread; it’s bread without yeast. Let each one taste it. Explain that unleavened bread was eaten during the Passover meal.
- Using appropriate expressions, tell the Bible story in your own words. Immediately after telling the story, make applications of life lessons taken from the Bible story to the lives of the listeners.

vance of the Lord’s Supper.

- (3) Discuss ways to respect the observance of the Lord’s Supper in your church.

MUSIC ACTIVITY:

- Jesus and His disciples sang a hymn after observing the Lord’s Supper. Do music activities. Examples:
 - (1) Sing or listen to your favorite Christian songs.
 - (2) Compose a new song together.
 - (3) Dramatize a song through pantomime, using scarves, flags, sticks, etc.
 - (4) Go and sing special music to a home bound person, a family member, friend or colleague in the hospital, etc.

GUEST SPEAKER:

- Ask the pastor or another person to speak to your group, explaining about the observance of the Lord’s Supper.
 - (1) Explain the elements of the Lord’s Supper and what each one means: the bread and the wine/grape juice. (If possible, show the elements and serving utensils your church uses.)
 - (2) Explain who can participate during the obser-

BAKE BREAD:

- Bake bread. Enjoy eating warm bread afterwards. Share a loaf of bread with someone.
- Bake unleavened bread and eat it.

SPECIAL MEAL:

- Prepare and eat a special meal together.

DAILY BIBLE READING - *Luke 22:1-23; Matthew 26:6-30; Mark 14:12-31; John 13:1-30; 18:1-3*

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