

Holy Thursday – 2022
Thursday, 4/14 at 11 am & 7 pm

Text: An Overview of
Luke 22:7-53 NAS-95

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What Happened?

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Introduction: Dear friends in Christ: This year we are focusing on *the Gospel according to Luke*. Last Saturday and Sunday, we considered every event from Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem through the plans of Judas to betray Jesus into the hands of the Jewish leaders.

Today, we focus on the events of Holy Thursday. Some years we say *Maundy* Thursday; that term is connected to *John chapter 13* and Jesus' washing of His disciple's feet. Since that is not our focus this year, we say *Holy* Thursday.

1. **The Passover Meal Is Prepared:** **22:7-13:** ⁷ Then came the first day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. ⁸ And Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, so that we may eat it." ⁹ They said to Him, "Where do You want us to prepare it?" ¹⁰ And He said to them, "When you have entered the city, a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him into the

house that he enters. ¹¹ And you shall say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, "Where is the guest room in which I may eat the Passover with My disciples?"' ¹² And he will show you a large, furnished upper room; prepare it there." ¹³ And they left and found everything just as He had told them; and they prepared the Passover. // The Passover meal looked **back** to God setting the people free from their slavery in Egypt and **ahead** to the Promised Messiah and His work to set us free from sin, death, and Satan. Passover is a one-day festival; then the seven-day festival of Unleavened Bread follows immediately after. The terms Passover and Unleavened Bread are used interchangeably for those eight days.

2. **Jesus Comments about the Kingdom of God:** **22:14-18:** ¹⁴ When the hour had come [to eat the Passover meal – at sundown on Thursday], [Jesus] reclined at the table, and the apostles

with Him. ¹⁵ And He said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; ¹⁶ for I say to you, I shall never again eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” ¹⁷ And when He had taken a cup [one of several cups] and given thanks, He said, “Take this and share it among yourselves; ¹⁸ for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine from now on until the kingdom of God comes.” // Jesus knew this would be His last meal before He was crucified; He was also longing to complete His mission. Think: As dead lambs provided the doorframe blood and spared physical life, so a dead Jesus would open God’s kingdom and give eternal life! [Hymn]

3. **Jesus Institutes the Lord’s Supper:** **22:19-20:** ¹⁹ And when [Jesus] had taken some bread and given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.” ²⁰ And in the same way He took the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood.” // With unleavened bread in His hand, Jesus said, “This is My body...” – something we cannot comprehend, but we believe. We celebrate the Lord’s

Supper often to remember †who Jesus is and †what He did, also, to be assured of God’s forgiveness! Then Jesus referred to the contents of the cup as “My blood...” – something we cannot comprehend, but we believe. Jesus’ blood pointed to His death – later that same day. As our death puts our last will and testament in force, so Jesus’ death sealed the new covenant – that all repentant believers would have God’s gift of eternal life. [Hymn]

4. **Jesus Speaks about His Betrayer:** **22:21-23:** ²¹ “But behold, the hand of the one betraying Me is with Mine on the table. ²² For indeed, the Son of Man is going as it has been determined; but woe to that man by whom He is betrayed!” ²³ And they began to discuss among themselves which one of them it might be who was going to do this thing. // Jesus knew, and He wanted Judas to know He knew – as a final call to repent. “Betraying,” – is a present participle, because Judas was in the middle of his process of betrayal.
5. **Jesus Speaks about Greatness:** **22:24-30:** ²⁴ And there arose also a dispute among them as to which one of them was regarded to be greatest [such a thoughtless topic, especially since Jesus had just spoken about His betrayer]. ²⁵ And He said to them,

“The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who have authority over them are called ‘Benefactors’ [a title of honor for outstanding public leaders].²⁶ But it is not this way with you, but the one who is the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like the servant.²⁷ For who is greater, the one who reclines *at the table* or the one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines *at the table*? But I am among you as the one who serves.²⁸ You are those who have stood by Me in My trials;²⁹ and just as My Father has granted Me a kingdom, I grant you³⁰ that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.” // Jesus wants us to see how the sinful world is *backwards*: Those who are served – *are viewed as the greatest*. But for Jesus and His followers, *we are to be the opposite*. Jesus said of Himself, “...the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many” (Mk. 10:45). As He served us, *so let us serve Him and others!*

6. **Jesus Foretells Peter’s Denial: 22:31-34:**³¹ “Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded *permission* to sift [all of] you like wheat;³² but I have prayed for you [Simon], that your

faith may not fail; and you [Simon], when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.”³³ But he said to Him, “Lord, with You I am ready to go both to prison and to death!”³⁴ And [Jesus] said, “I say to you, Peter, the rooster will not crow today until you have denied three times that you know Me.” // Jesus is always right! The Bible says, “...let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall” (1 Cor. 10:12). [Hymn]

7. **Jesus Foretells a Significant Change: 22:35-38:**³⁵ And He said to them, “When I sent you out without money belt and bag and sandals, you did not lack anything, did you?” They said, “No, nothing.”³⁶ And He said to them, “But now, whoever has a money belt is to take it along, likewise also a bag, and whoever has no sword is to sell his coat and buy one.”³⁷ For I tell you that this which is written must be fulfilled in Me, ‘AND HE WAS NUMBERED WITH TRANSGRESSORS’; for that which refers to Me has *its fulfillment*.”³⁸ They said, “Lord, look, here are two swords.” And He said to them, “It is enough.” // Jesus wanted His apostles to know that *after He was arrested*, things would be much different for them. [Hymn]

8. **Jesus Prays in Gethsemane: 22:39-46:**

³⁹ And He came out and proceeded as was His custom to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples also followed Him. ⁴⁰ When He arrived at the place, He said to them, **“Pray that you may not enter into temptation.”** ⁴¹ And He withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, and He knelt down and *began* to pray, ⁴² saying, **“Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done.”**

⁴³ Now an angel from heaven appeared to Him, strengthening Him.

⁴⁴ And being in agony He was praying very fervently; and His sweat became like drops of blood, falling down upon the ground. ⁴⁵ When He rose from prayer, He came to the disciples and found them sleeping from sorrow,

⁴⁶ and said to them, **“Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not enter into temptation.”** //

Jesus knew about the *horrible agony* that would soon come upon Him. He prayed, “Father, if You have a plan B, *please take it* – but Your will, *not Mine*, be done.”

9. **Jesus Is Betrayed: 22:47-53:** ⁴⁷ **While [Jesus] was still speaking, behold, a**

crowd *came*, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was preceding them; and he approached Jesus to kiss Him. ⁴⁸ But Jesus said to him, **“Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?”** ⁴⁹ When those who were around Him saw what was going to happen, they said, “Lord, shall we strike with the sword?” ⁵⁰ And one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. ⁵¹ But Jesus answered and said, **“Stop! No more of this.”** And He touched his ear and healed him. ⁵² Then Jesus said to the chief priests and officers of the temple and elders who had come against Him, **“Have you come out with swords and clubs as you would against a robber? ⁵³ While I was with you daily in the temple, you did not lay hands on Me; but this hour and the power of darkness are yours.”** // A kiss is meant to show friendship, *but Judas used it to mark Jesus for death*. The sword showed a human response, *but Jesus gave a divine response*. Satan thought he was in control, *but some devil-destroying events are coming!*
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