

## SERMON NOTES & BIBLE TEXTS

Once again, you have a special insert in your bulletin that contains sermon notes, as well as three super Bible texts from the Gospel of *Mark*.

For brevity of time, we follow them *closely*.

Today, we treat Lessons 23-25 in your booklet, entitled “The Holy Week Journey.” This moves us to the 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> events of Passion Week!

Our three texts deal with **(1)** our **Savior’s preparation** for **His** last Passover meal, **(2)** **His conversation** at that Passover meal, especially concerning **His** imminent betrayal by Judas, and **(3)** **Christ’s Institution** of the Lord’s Supper.

We start with Mark 14:12-16:

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**Day 23—Preparing the Passover Meal:**

**14:12** On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover **lamb** was being sacrificed [**on Thursday afternoon of Holy Week**], the disciples [of **Jesus**] said to **Him**, “Where do You want us to go and prepare for **You** to eat the Passover?” **13** And **He** sent two of **His** disciples and said to them, “Go into the city, and a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him; **14** and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, ‘The **Teacher** says, “Where is **My** guest room in which **I** may eat the Passover with **My** disciples?’” **15** And he himself will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; prepare for us there.”

**16** The disciples went out and came to the city, and found *it* just as **He** had told [predicted it to] them; and they prepared the Passover. **(Note: The Passover lamb was killed at the Jerusalem Temple.)**

Let’s thoroughly examine this Biblical text of *Mark*.

John Mark’s father offered his guestroom. Mark would know all about it (cp. Acts 12:12). **Spiritual question:** What are **you** offering to **Jesus**? Let’s *continue* with praise, thanksgiving, and service to **GOD!**

We now move to our 2<sup>nd</sup> text from Mark 14:17-21. Join me on page 2:

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**Day 24—Eating the Passover Meal:**

**14:17** When it was evening [*near the time of sunset*], **Jesus** came with the Twelve. **18** As they were reclining at the table and eating, **Jesus** said, “Truly **I** say to you that one of you will betray **Me**—one who is eating with Me.”  
**19** They began to be grieved and to say to **Him** one by one, “Surely not I?”  
**20** And **He** said to them, “It is one of [you] Twelve, one who dips with **Me** in the bowl. **21** For the **Son of Man** is to go [**to be betrayed**], just as it is written of **Him**; but woe to that man [**namely, Judas**] by whom the **Son of Man** is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had never been born.”

We now explain these words of **Jesus**!

**Final thought:** **GOD** did not cause Judas to betray **Jesus**; **Satan** did, and **Jesus** knew that Judas would give into **Satan**. The Old Testament had predicted this in Psalm 41:9 where it says: “Even **My** close friend, on whom **I** relied, who shared **My** table, has turned against **Me**” (**CJB**).

Now onward to our 3<sup>rd</sup> and final text, Mark 14:22-25:

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**Day 25—Institution of the Lord’s Supper:**

**14:22** While **they** were eating, **He** took some bread, and after making a blessing, **He** broke it, and gave it to **them**, and said, “Take it; this **is My** body.”  
**23** And when **He** had taken a cup [of wine] and blessed it, **He** gave it to **them**, and **they** all drank from it. **24** And **He** said to **them**, “This **is My blood** of the covenant [**My** last will & testament], which is poured out for many. **25** Truly **I** say to **you**, **I** will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when **I** drink it new in the Kingdom of God” [**after My death, when all sin is forgiven and I am resurrected**].

Paul’s words from 1 Corinthians 10:16 are *essential* as a connection to **Christ**’s words in *Mark*:

“Is the cup...of wine]...not a **communion of the blood of Christ**?  
 Is the bread]... not a **communion of the body of Christ**?”

**Crucial point:** The **Lord’s Supper** is the New Testament Passover! **How?**