

Suffering and Death

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Events Preceding the Death of Christ

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The Anointing at Bethany (14:1-9)

Setting: Plotting of the Sanhedrin (vv.1-2)

CHAPTER 14

1 Now the passover and the *feast of unleavened bread* was after two days. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how they might seize him by subtlety and kill him. **2** For they said, Not in the feast, lest perhaps there be a tumult of the people.

The Anointing (v.3)

3 And when he was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper, as he lay at table, there came a woman having an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly; and having broken the alabaster flask, she poured it out upon his head.

Objections Raised to the Anointing (vv.4-5)

4 And there were some indignant in themselves, and saying, Why has this waste been made of the ointment? **5** for this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor. And they spoke very angrily at her.

The Lord's Defense of the Woman (vv.6-9)

6 But Jesus said, Let her alone; why do ye trouble her? she has wrought a good work as to me; **7** for ye have the poor always with you, and whenever ye would ye can do them good; but me ye have not always. **8** What "she" could she has done. She has beforehand anointed my body for the burial. **9** And verily I say unto you, Wheresoever these glad tidings may be preached in the whole world, what this *woman* has done shall be also spoken of for a memorial of her.

Judas Arranges the Betrayal (14:10-11)

10 And Judas Iscariote, one of the twelve, went away to the chief priests that he might deliver him up to them; **11** and they, when they heard it, rejoiced, and promised him to give

money. And he sought how he could opportunely deliver him up.

The Passover and the Lord's Supper (14:12-31)

Preparation for the Passover, Upper Room Located (vv.12-16)

12 And the first day of unleavened bread, when they slew the passover, his disciples say to him, Where wilt thou that we go and prepare, that thou mayest eat the passover? **13** And he sends two of his disciples, and says to them, Go into the city, and a man shall meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him. **14** And wheresoever he enters, say to the master of the house, The Teacher says, Where is my guest-chamber where I may eat the passover with my disciples? **15** and "he" will shew you a large upper room furnished ready. There make ready for us. **16** And his disciples went away and came into the city, and found as he had said to them; and they made ready the passover.

Supper: His Betrayal Foretold (vv.17-21)

17 And when evening was come, he comes with the twelve. **18** And as they lay at table and were eating, Jesus said, Verily I say to you, One of you shall deliver me up; he who is eating with me. **19** And they began to be grieved, and to say to him, one by one, Is it I? *and another, Is it I?* **20** But he answered and said to them, One of the twelve, he who dips with me in the dish. **21** The Son of man goes indeed as it is written concerning him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of man is delivered up; *it were* good for that man if he had not been born.

The Lord's Supper Instituted (vv.22-26)

22 And as they were eating, Jesus, having taken bread, when he had blessed, broke *it*, and gave *it* to them, and said, Take *this*: this is my body. **23** And having taken *the* cup, when he had given thanks, he gave *it* to them, and they all drank out of it. **24** And he said to them, This is my blood, that of the *new* covenant, that shed for many. **25** Verily I say to you, I will no more drink at all of the fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom

of God. **26** And having sung a hymn, they went out to the mount of Olives.

The Disciples Desertion Foretold, Peter and the Disciples' Boast (vv.27-31)

27 And Jesus says to them, All ye shall be offended, for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered abroad. **28** But after I am risen, I will go before you into Galilee. **29** But Peter said to him, Even if all should be offended, yet not I. **30** And Jesus says to him, Verily I say to thee, that thou to-day, in this night, before *the* cock shall crow twice, thou shalt thrice deny me. **31** But he said *so much* exceedingly the more, If I should have to die with thee, I will in no wise deny thee. And likewise said they all too.

Gethsemane (14:32-42)

32 And they come to a place of which the name is Gethsemane, and he says to his disciples, Sit here while I shall pray. **33** And he takes with him Peter and James and John, and he began to be amazed and oppressed in spirit. **34** And he says to them, My soul is full of grief even unto death; abide here and watch. **35** And, going forward a little, he fell upon the earth; and he prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass away from him. **36** And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible to thee: take away this cup from me; but not what I will, but what "thou" wilt.

Abba Father in Mark 14. The sonship cry "*Abba Father*" is mentioned in Mark. In Mark, we have Jesus as the perfect servant, and He never addresses God as His Father all through the days of His service. But in the Garden of Gethsemane, the service is over, and the cross stands ahead. There we see all the intimacy of relationship that the Son had with His Father.

37 And he comes and finds them sleeping. And he says to Peter, Simon, dost thou sleep? Hast thou not been able to watch one hour? **38** Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh weak. **39** And going away, he prayed again, saying the same thing. **40** And returning, he found them again sleeping, for their eyes were heavy; and they knew not what they should answer him. **41** And he comes the third time and says to them, Sleep on now, and take your rest. It is enough; the hour is come; behold, the Son of man is delivered up into the hands of sinners. **42** Arise, let us go; behold,

he that delivers me up has drawn nigh.

Betrayal and Arrest (14:43-52)

43 And immediately, while he was yet speaking, Judas comes up, *being* one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd, with swords and sticks, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. **44** Now he that delivered him up had given them a sign between them, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that is he; seize him, and lead *him* away safely. **45** And being come, straightway coming up to him, he says, Rabbi, Rabbi; and he covered him with kisses. **46** And they laid their hands upon him and seized him. **47** But a certain one of those who stood by, having drawn his sword, struck the bondman of the high priest, and took off his ear. **48** And Jesus answering said to them, Are ye come out as against a robber, with swords and sticks to take me? **49** I was daily with you teaching in the temple, and ye did not seize me; but *it is* that the scriptures may be fulfilled. **50** And all left him and fled. **51** And a certain young man followed him with a linen cloth cast about his naked *body*; and *the young men* seize him; **52** but he, leaving the linen cloth behind *him*, fled from them naked.