

Formed questions on Matthew 26-27:31 Episodes 37-39

Review: From Matthew 23-25

Chapter 24:1-28 God's Judgment of Israel and the World

Chapter 24:29-51 A call for vigilance, even in difficult times

Chapter 25:1-46 Three parables of vigilance

Matthew Chapters 26:1-35 Episode 37

Conclusion: Passion, Death and Resurrection- Victory of the King

Last discourse finished in Chapter 25

1) What is significant about the statement given in 26:1 "When Jesus had finished all these sayings, He said to His disciples, "You know that after two days the Passover is coming and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified?"

2) Why do you think Matthew includes the story of the woman anointing Jesus with the expensive ointment at the start of His passion narrative? Who might the woman be? And what was the dinner celebration about as mentioned in John 12.

3) Compare the price of the ointment on Jesus with the price paid by the priests for Judas's betrayal? What does this say about the attitude of Judas compared to the woman?

4) What is the response Jesus gives to the woman after Judas complains? And how does Judas respond and act?

5) When the time comes during the Passover meal for the disciples to eat the lamb, what does Jesus ask them to eat instead? What is His reasoning and teaching-what is He doing?

6) What does it mean to “Prepare for the Passover?” What does Pasch mean?

7) Why did the disciples need to prepare a place to eat together?

8) About what time was the previous Passover celebrated before this Passover described in Matthew 26, according to the book of John? What miraculous event had taken place at that time?

9) What were the three things the Hebrews were required to do to celebrate the Passover according to the Jewish Law?

10) How does drinking the blood of the New Covenant relate to the Old Covenant in Exodus 24:8? “..And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people.”

11) What happened before and after the disciples participated in the Passover meal in verses 26:25 and 26:30-35?

12) What does all this say about sin and the forgiveness of sin? Hint- Hebrews 9:22 and Leviticus 17:11

Matthew Chapters 26:36-68

Episode 38

Theme: Praying in Gethsemane and the arrest of Jesus

1) What is the meaning of the word Gethsemane, its origin and the spiritual significance of this place?

2) Tim Gray tells of the 8 olive trees that were planted 1100 years ago. According to tradition what do these tree's symbolize?

3) In Exodus 12:42 Moses says, "It was a night of watching (passover) by the Lord, to bring them out of the land of Egypt , so this same night is a night of watching kept to the Lord by all the son's of Israel throughout their generations." What is similar to this with the events that take place at the Garden of Gethsemane?

4) What does Jesus mean by saying in verse 29, "I tell you that I shall not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's Kingdom?"

5) What does Jesus model for us in this Passion event?

6) The olive press was developed to go through 3 different kinds of stages of pressing the olives for oil. The oil produced through the first stage was sacred oil given to the temple. The 2nd stage gave the oil for cooking and medicinal purposes. The third was

used for oil lamps. What also happened 3 times in the garden with Jesus and His 3 disciples during this night? Why could this be important to ponder?

7) What other betrayal of a King in the Old Testament is similar to how Judas betrayed Jesus?

8) Why does Jesus not make a defense against all the false witnesses against Him? When does He actually answer the High Priest?

Matthew 26:69-27:31 Episode 39

Theme: Passion Narrative- to go strong in the Lord-go to your Father

1) How does Peter fulfill the prediction Jesus made in 26:34?

2) According to Daniel 7:13 who is suffering, and implicitly who will undergo this same suffering? How does this relate to Peter denouncing Him?

3) Where did Judas make a fateful mistake after He confessed his betrayal of innocent blood? And how is this different from Peter's response?

4) Why does the Chief Priest say “It is not lawful to put the 30 pieces of silver into the treasury of the temple?” What Old Testament book again proves the prophecy of Judas betraying Jesus for the 30 pieces of silver, casting them into the treasury of the Lord?

5) What does choosing Barabbas over Jesus say about the crowd’s desire for leadership and why does Pilate give in to them with their choice?

6) Conclusion: What does the passion narrative have in common with the Old Testament and its narrative?

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And why is this important to us as Catholics today?