



“Redemption Prepared”

Sunday, October 8, 2023 | Text: Matthew 26:17-25

[17] Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?” [18] He said, “Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’” [19] And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

[20] When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. [21] And as they were eating, he said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me.” [22] And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, “Is it I, Lord?” [23] He answered, “He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. [24] The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.” [25] Judas, who would betray him, answered, “Is it I, Rabbi?” He said to him, “You have said so.”

*Exodus 12; Psalm 41:9; Eph. 1:3-13; Rev. 13:8; 1 Cor. 5:6-8

Application:

1. A great betrayal.

2. A greater preparation.

3. A greater redemption.

If you were to share a key insight from today’s sermon with a friend, what would you say in a sentence or two?

Discussion Questions: Read Exodus 12. What does Passover commemorate & why is it significant? What’s the meaning of “Unleavened Bread” in the feast? What preparations had to be made? Why did Jesus say, “My time is at hand”? How is God’s sovereignty on display in this passage? What are the consequences of Judas’ sin of betrayal? If the betrayal of Judas was part of God’s greater plan, why is Judas culpable? How does the Gospel bring a greater redemption than the Exodus from Egypt? Where was the lamb in the Gospel Passover accounts? How does faith in Jesus lead to new life and fresh starts?

Next Sunday’s Sermon: Matthew 26:26-35

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