

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) 05 March 2017..... Matthew 14-16 Who is this Jesus?
- 2) 12 March..... Matthew 17-18 Is Jesus Fully God?
- 3) 19 March..... Matthew 19-20 What is Required?
- 4) 26 March..... Matthew 21:1-17 More Than a Prophet?
- 5) 02 April..... Matthew 21:18-46 What Happens If I Reject Jesus?
- 6) 09 April..... Matthew 22-23 Offered to All?
- 7) 16 April..... Matthew 28a Where is Jesus?
- 8) 23 April..... Matthew 24-25 What About the Future?
- 9) 30 April..... Matthew 26a How Do We Remember?**
- 10) 07 May..... Matthew 26b Do I Have the Strength?
- 11) 14 May..... Matthew 26c Loyal to Whom?
- 12) 21 May..... Matthew 27 Crucified for What?
- 13) 28 May..... Matthew 28b What Do We Do Now?

INTRODUCTION

- We begin the final countdown to our Lord's crucifixion, burial, and resurrection. True to Matthew's mode-of-operandi, he provides just the pure facts with little fanfare.

Passage	Comments		
Matthew 26:1-5	<p>The Plot to Kill Jesus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What would possess religious leaders, society's cream-of-the-crop, supposedly the nicest and most helpful & generous people around to devilish plot against someone who had healed 1,000's from any & every ailment? • Evidently, they had a heart problem, but WHY? • What does it take to soften one's heart toward God? 		
Matthew 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9; Luke 7:36-50 and John 12:1-8	<p>Jesus Has His Feet Washed Twice by Women</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p>Early in His ministry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Galilee (Luke 7) • House of Simon the Pharisee • Unnamed woman was a known sinner who got saved • Washed feet with tears • Simon was offended </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p>End of His Ministry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Bethany (Mat, Mrk, John) • House of Simon the Leper • Woman was Mary, noble & saved sister of Lazarus • Anointed head & feet with oil • Judas was offended </td> </tr> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both these women "got it" – they knew who Jesus really was • Simon the Pharisee and Judas "missed it" because they had a Heart Problem 	<p>Early in His ministry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Galilee (Luke 7) • House of Simon the Pharisee • Unnamed woman was a known sinner who got saved • Washed feet with tears • Simon was offended 	<p>End of His Ministry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Bethany (Mat, Mrk, John) • House of Simon the Leper • Woman was Mary, noble & saved sister of Lazarus • Anointed head & feet with oil • Judas was offended
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26:14-25	<p>Judas' Betrayal and the Last Passover</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was Judas saved or unsaved? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Judas saw the Messiah in action ♦ Judas witnessed tremendous miracles by Jesus ♦ Judas worked healings along with the other Apostles ♦ He was an Apostle in good standing as he had the seat of honor sitting next to Jesus at the Last Supper ♦ Judas seemed remorseful of betraying Jesus ♦ He threw away the 30 pieces of silver he received ♦ He hanged himself he was so despondent ♦ Yet, preaching, miracle working, & knowing about Jesus does not save Mat 7:23 ♦ What was Judas lacking for salvation?..... Luke 14:26 		
What is the Seat of Honor?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traditionally, the host of a formal meal would give the chief or honored guest at the table the first "sop." • The sop was a piece of bread or other small amount of choice food that was dipped in a sauce. The host, once he had the sop, would place it INTO the mouth of the honored guest. • The honored guest of a formal meal, who received the sop, sat to the LEFT of the host. • The Bible is clear as to the name of the honored guest that received the sop during Christ's last meal – Judas • "Jesus answered, 'He it is, to whom I shall give a SOP, when I have dipped [it].' And when he had dipped the SOP, he gave [it] to Judas Iscariot, [the son] of Simon." (John 13:21, 25 - 26, KJV) 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judas asked, after he received the sop, if it was HIM who was the betrayer (Matthew 26:23 - 25). • The disciples were seemingly unaware of any of the conversations regarding who was the betrayer. Judas had to be sitting next to Jesus for his whispered question and answer not be heard by the other disciples, except possibly John
26:26-29	<p>The Lord's Supper Instituted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v26 "...take, eat; this is MY body" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ How literal should this passage be taken? ♦ Catholics take this passage and others to justify their doctrine of Transubstantiation where the Eucharist becomes the actual body and blood of Jesus – BUT Jesus was speaking from a heavenly perspective, as He often did, where to eat His flesh and drink His blood is equivalent to hungering and thirsting for God's righteousness Matthew 5:6; John 6:53-58
26:30	<p>Jesus Sings with the Other Men</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What good does singing do? Consider this: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ God likes to hear NEW songs and people playing skillfully on their musical instruments Ps 33:3; 96:1 ♦ God puts a NEW song in our hearts Ps 40:3 ♦ In Heaven, God will hear NEW songs... Rev 5:9; 14:3 • For some of us musically-challenged people, music is nice to hear, but painful to join in singing loudly • BUT God enjoys music. It is a HIGH priority element of worship for Him

CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS.

- The Passion Week was not a pleasant time for Jesus and His disciples to endure.
- There seemed to have been only about 3 enjoyable incidences during this difficult time in the Lord's final week on earth:
 1. Jesus got his feet washed by a special lady (Mary)
 2. His last meal was with His special friends
 3. Jesus sung a special song to His Father one last time before heading for the Cross
- **One Last Consideration.** With NEW songs being song in Heaven, Heaven will be a place of creativity, freshness, and delight.

NEXT WEEK: Matthew 26:31-46. We see Peter proclaim undying loyalty to His Savior, then we see our Savior's human side as He prays three times for God to come up with a less painful way to die



Judas plans his big day.