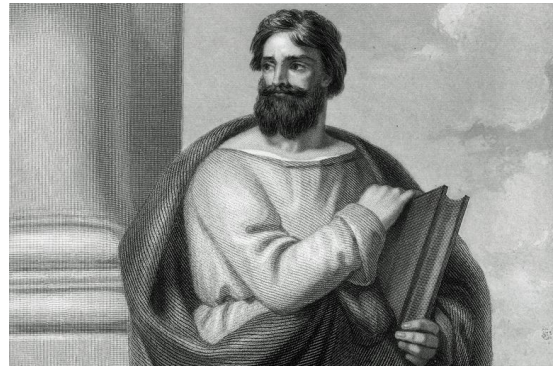


THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

LUKE



LUKE 22:1-37

PREPARING FOR THE PASSOVER (VV. 1-13)

- What special way were the priests looking to arrest Jesus?
 - Why would this be difficult?
- What do you think was the reason for Judas' betrayal?
 - Why did money appeal to Judas?
 - Lessons for us?
- Who did Jesus send to set things up for the Passover?
 - What was the sign that Jesus gave them?
 - Did they find the signs and the place that Jesus told them about?
 - What was Passover like in Jesus' day?

THE LORD'S SUPPER (VV. 14-23)

- Why did they "recline" at table?
- What did Jesus mean when He said that He would not partake this meal with them again until it is fulfilled in the Kingdom of God?

- What is this first cup taken over which Jesus gave thanks?
 - **Background:** Traditions that grew up around the Passover meal included the drinking of 4 cups of wine. This cup mentioned in v.17 seems to have been the first one, which would have been blessed like this...
 - “Blessed art thou, O Lord, our God, the King of the world, who hast created "the fruit of the vine": blessed art thou, O Lord our God, the King of the world, who hath chosen us above all people, and hath exalted us above every tongue, and hath sanctified us by his commandments; and thou hast given unto us, O Lord our God, in love, the stated festivals for joy, and the feasts and seasons for rejoicing; this day of the feast of unleavened bread, this time of our freedom, a holy convocation, in remembrance of the going out of Egypt; for thou hast chosen us, and thou hast sanctified us, above all people; and the feasts of thine holiness with joy and rejoicing thou hast made us to inherit: blessed art thou, O Lord, who hast sanctified Israel, and the seasons: blessed art thou, O Lord our God, who hath kept us alive, and preserved us, and hast brought us to this time.” (Haggada Shel Pesach. fol. 241. 1, 2. ed. Basil. p. 3, 4. ed. Rittangel)
 - After this, everyone drinks from the cup
 - Is this part of the Lord’s Supper — why or why not?
- What did Jesus do with the bread that He took next?
 - What does it represent?
 - Did Jesus mention anything about His “broken body” as He broke the bread?
- What did Jesus do with the cup?
 - What does it represent?
 - What does “the new covenant in My blood” mean?
- Was Judas at the meal?
 - Did Judas have a choice in this betrayal, or was he tragically fated from the beginning to betray Jesus?
 - Why did Jesus say, “...woe to that man by whom He is betrayed!”
 - How did the apostles respond to the revelation that one of them would betray Jesus?

- What do you think they discussed (v. 23)?

WHO IS THE GREATEST? (VV. 24 - 30)

- Was this the first time that the apostles had argued about who was the greatest?
- John tells us (John 13) that this argument was sparked before the meal even got started. What started the disagreement?
- What seems to have started the argument of who was the greatest at this point?
- Jesus' teaching about the greatest...
 - What did the Gentiles do, strive for?
 - What would make leadership in the Kingdom different?
 - Can you see a hint of the earlier foot washing incident of John's Gospel in v. 27?
- What was Jesus' promise to the apostles in light of this strife over greatness? (vv. 28-30)
- Lessons for us: elders, preachers, deacons, teachers, husbands, parents?

WORDS TO THE APOSTLES (VV. 31 - 38)

- An interesting nugget from the Greek: "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded permission to sift you (*plural*) like wheat; but I have prayed for you (*singular*), that your (*singular*) faith may not fail; and you (*singular*), when once you (*singular*) have turned again, strengthen your (*singular*) brothers."
- Would God grant permission for Satan to sift them (or us) like wheat?
 - What does it mean to "sift you like wheat"?
 - Are there other examples of this in the Bible?

- Lessons for us?
- What responsibility is Jesus giving to Simon (Peter) in view of the suffering and confusion ahead?
 - What is Jesus implying in His statement to Peter, when He says, "...and when you have turned again..." (vv. 31,32)?
 - What is Peter's response to this implication (v. 33)?
 - Matthew 26:33 _____
 - Matthew 26:35 _____
 - Mark 14:29 _____
 - Mark 14:31 _____
 - What was Jesus' prophecy about Peter's loyalty?
- What was the "limited commission" (Luke 9:3ff) supposed to be teaching the apostles?
 - Had they learned it (v. 35)?
- How were the "rules" now changing (v. 36)?
 - Does this imply that the Lord would no longer provide for them?
 - Why would they need to have swords?
 - Would two swords (v. 38) be enough to start a revolution?
 - What would it be enough for?
 - Who was apparently carrying one later?
- What was Jesus implying when He says, "...AND HE WAS NUMBERED WITH TRANSGRESSORS'; for that which refers to Me has its fulfillment.'" (v. 37)?