

# **Sunday School Lesson**

**April 3, 2022**

**THE PASSOVER WITH THE DISCIPLES**

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**MATTHEW 26:17-30**

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# QUESTIONS FOR US TODAY

1. How do you feel about the sacrifice which Jesus made for you?
2. How do we, as present day Christians, celebrate the life, death and Resurrection of Christ Jesus?
3. How faithful are we in obeying the Word of the Lord?

# Sunday School Lesson Objectives

1. To understand how and why Jesus directed His disciples for the Passover meal – the last one He would have with them in this life.
2. To understand how Jesus talked about His imminent betrayal and betrayer.
3. To understand what Jesus directed us to do, in recognition of and in commemoration of His Supreme Sacrifice for our sins.

# **Sunday School Lesson Segments**

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- 1. Points of Information: Matthew**
- 2. Other Individuals for Today's Lesson**
- 3. Lesson Context**
- 4. Lesson Text**

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## Points of Information – Matthew

Matthew's original name was Levi. Although Matthew refers to himself by this name (which most of us know him by), the Gospels according to Mark and Luke refer to him by his original name: Levi. The name "Matthew" means "Gift of Jehovah."

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The Gospel according to Matthew is one of the three Synoptic Gospels – written with similar content, points of view and sequence. The others were written by Mark and Luke.

# Points of Information – Matthew

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Before being called to Discipleship by Jesus, Matthew's occupation was as a tax collector. This line of work was dreaded by the populace for at least a couple of reasons. These servants of the Roman Empire collected taxes for the despised and oppressive government. And, with the government's permission, the tax collectors were allowed to charge extra monies above the tax amounts for themselves. Hence, these collectors – also known as "publicans" – were regarded as veritable "leeches" upon their own people.

# Points of Information – Matthew

Matthew became one of the original Twelve Disciples when he was called by Christ Jesus. This was recorded by Luke (5:27-28), by Mark (2:14) and by Matthew himself (9:9).

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Immediately after he was called to follow Jesus, Matthew invited Our Lord and Savior to his home for a feast along with a number of his (Matthew's) friends and associates (including other tax collectors). Jesus accepted the invitation and went to Matthew's home, facing criticism from Pharisees, scribes and others. Matthew 9:9-11; Mark 2:14-16; Luke 5:27-30.

## Points of Information – Matthew

To establish the case for Jesus as the Messiah, Matthew began the Gospel (Verses 1:1-17) with a genealogical listing – tracing the lineage of Jesus as the Son of God from the Hebrew patriarch, Abraham.

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Luke, another Gospel writer, presents a genealogy of Our Lord and Savior (Luke 3:23-38) in a reverse order, and goes all the way back to Adam, presenting Jesus as the Son of Man, even as Verse 38 ends with these words: "... son of Adam, son of God."



# Points of Information – Matthew

In a fitting closing, the Great Commission from Jesus the Christ is recorded in the final Verses of the Gospel according to Matthew (28:19-20).

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**“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”**

# Other Individuals for Today's Lesson

1. Peter.

2. John.

3. Judas Iscariot.

# Parallel Passages for Today's Lesson

1. Mark 14:12-26

2. Luke 22:7-23.

3. John 13:21-22.

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## CONTEXT (PART 1)

Jesus had just engaged in a discussion focused on eschatology – about what will happen in the end times. Matthew 24:3—25:46. As the Christ and His disciples were on the Mount of Olives, this teaching is known as the Olivet Discourse.

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Now, Jesus was ready for the celebration of Passover. Matthew 26:1,2.

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## CONTEXT (PART 2)

In the meantime in Bethany, a woman (likely Mary, the sister of Martha and Lazarus) righteously anointed the head of Christ Jesus. Matthew 26:6-13.

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And meanwhile, the plotting to kill Our Lord and Savior moved forward. Matthew 26:3-5, 14-16.



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**MATTHEW 26:17-30**

## **MATTHEW 26:17 (NRSV)**

**On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus saying, "Where do You want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?"**

**[As told in Luke 22:8, the disciples here were Peter and John.]**

## **MATTHEW 26:18-19**

**He said, "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with My disciples'."**

**So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.**



## **MATTHEW 26:20-21**

**When it was evening, He took His place with the twelve;**

**and while they were eating, He said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me."**

**MATTHEW 26:22-23**

**And they became greatly distressed and began to say to Him one after another, "Surely not I, Lord?"**

**He answered, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me."**

## **MATTHEW 26:24-25**

**The Son of Man goes as it is written of Him, but woe to that one whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born."**

**Judas, who betrayed Him, said, "Surely not I, Rabbi?" He replied, "You have said so."**

## **MATTHEW 26:26-28**

**While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it He broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is My Body."**

**Then, He took a cup, and after giving thanks He gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you;**

**for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.**

## **MATTHEW 26:29-30**

**I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's Kingdom."**

**When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.**

## REMEMBER THIS:

- 1. Let us celebrate the sacrifice which the Lord made for our sins.**
- 2. Let us not become betrayers.**
- 3. Let us do what the Lord commands us to do.**

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