

Humans At Their Worst, Jesus At His Best

Matthew 26:14-35

Good Friday Memorializes the day when Jesus Paid the sin-penalty for ALL humankind.

But Prior to this day, Jesus Gathered His disciples in the Upper Room.

Today we see Human Beings at their Very Worst & Jesus Christ at His Very Best.

1. THE SETTING FOR SUPPER (vv.14-16)

- Judas was often BY the Lord's side, but Proved he was never ON the Lord's side.
- Judas' Question to the high priest Reveals the motivating principle of his life...SELF.
- Many Today would betray Jesus for a LOT LESS than Judas did.

2. THE STAGES AT SUPPER:

- The PREPARATION of the meal (vv.17-19)
- The Blood of the Passover lambs Temporarily "Covered" the sins of the people Until the time when the precious Lamb of God Himself would Pour Out His blood to Cover Sin FOREVER.
- The REVELATION of the betrayer (vv.20-25)
- Everyone was Enjoying their Passover Meal when Jesus Dropped a bombshell. (v.21)
- Verse 24 shows Divine Sovereignty & human Responsibility...Judas CHOSE to Betray Jesus & he CHOSE to Leave.
- The INSTITUTION of the Lord's Supper. (vv.26-30)
- The Centuries of the Passover Meal Pointed FORWARD to the Death of Jesus while the Lord's Supper Points BACK to what Jesus Accomplished at the Cross.
- Every time we Break this bread & Drink this cup, we are Reminded of His Body that was Broken on the Cross & His Blood that Shed to cover our sins.
- **OBSERVE THE LORD'S SUPPER**

3. THE SCATTER AFTER SUPPER (vv.30-35)

- Jesus Predicted that ALL the disciples would Forsake Him...
- We Never Arrive at a point of Spirituality where we are Beyond the possibility of failing the Lord.
- Get just as Close to Jesus as you can & STAY THERE!
- Is it Difficult for the World to know WHOM you Belong to?
- Jesus calls us to Renounce ANY so-called right to choose our Life's Direction and Recognize the Lordship of Christ in EVERY area of our lives.

