

MATTHEW 26 vs 17

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17 Now the first day of the feast of unleavened bread,

In Leviticus 23 Moses tells us there are 7 days: in Hebrew: **moed**, during 3 annual parties for the people: **7 specific days of the Lord**; appointments the Lord told His people He would keep; these 7 days belong to Him. **Without Him, they have NO significance**. Sadly, most in the church do not know and could not recall half of those... 7 appointed days. Paul tells us... these days were **shadows of things to come**; appointments to be fulfilled by **Jesus** the **Christ** / **Yeshua** the **Messiah** of God.

Actually, according to Moses, the day of unleavened bread is the 2nd moed belonging to the Lord.

the disciples came to Jesus, saying to Him / the word is: **mathetes**; those doing their math,

Where will You have us prepare for You to eat the Passover? / the **pascha**; this word is used 28 times in the NT. Moses says, it is the first **moed** -- the first feast **day** belonging to the Lord... on the list in Leviticus; and these 24 hours recorded in the Gospel, set in motion events that changed the world... starting with this first appointment. Doesn't it make you wonder: what significance those other 6 days hold, that belong to the Lord?

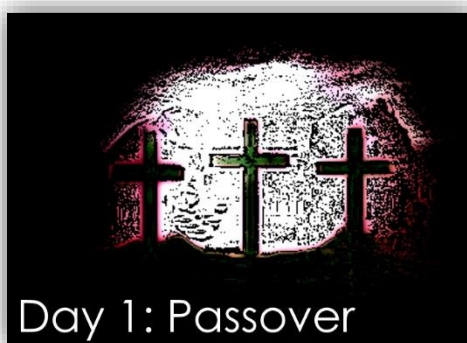
18 And He said, Go into the city to such a man, and say to him, The Master says My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with My disciples.

19 And the disciples did as Jesus had appointed them / the **mathetes**; those doing their math did as He had arranged;

and they made ready the Passover.

20 Now when evening had come, He sat down with the twelve / and that would be in late afternoon or early that night... when the sun set, and the new day began.

21 And as they did eat / as they consumed the bountiful preparation; the Passover was a joyous feast... a time of great celebration and giving thanks to God. How much time elapsed; we do not know. But sometime during that **Tuesday evening** Matthew recalls,



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He said, Truly / Amen! Jesus uses a strong interjection... to highlight the events unfolding... which He could see His disciples were oblivious to... starting with:

I say to you, that one of you will betray Me.

²² And they were exceedingly sorrowful, and each one of them began to say,

Lord, is it I? / can you imagine? The disciples didn't have a clue, but at least they started by questioning themselves first; these 3 Greek words: **kurios eimi ego**: they asked Lord, Boss... are you indicating me?

²³ And He answered and said / sizing up the situation; remember Judas was sitting next to Him, **he who wets his hand with Me in the dish, the same will betray Me.**

²⁴ **The Son of man goes as it is written of Him: but woe / how terrible it will be, 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 Then Judas, who betrayed Him, answered and said,

Master, is it I? / **didaskalos**... meaning: **teacher**. or did he nervously ask, Is it I-yi-yi? :

Jesus discreetly said to him, You said it!

²⁶ And as they were eating,

Jesus took unleavened bread, and giving the good words / **eulogeo**; speaking the good words, in other words: Jesus gave thanks to God the Father; and don't you wonder why Jesus was so thankful that night? After all He was going to die!



and broke it / Jesus broke the bread. If you are given one of those little round processed things at the Table of the Lord -- they are just leftovers from Babylon, so break it! Instead of mindlessly gulping it down: We remember Him! **First snap it in two**; and teach your friends to do the same! There is nothing mystical in the bread. Remember what Jesus Christ did 2000 years ago... when His body was broken for us... that ours might be healed! I always smile when I hear the thoughtful people wherever I attend the table of the Lord... breaking that little round piece of bread they receive!

Jesus took unleavened bread, and broke, it and gave it to the disciples / not difficult to understand, something most people do every day, something most people forget to do making it into some mysterious Woo Woo. He gave it to those doing their math, putting it all together 1+1+1; also, not difficult to understand for those who are His sheep, the light and salt of the earth,

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and said, Take / not difficult to understand; mankind prefers to take, rather than to give,

eat / not difficult; it's bread;

this is My body / years earlier, Jesus told them: He was **the Door**; He said, He was the **good Pastor**; Jesus also said... He was **the Way... the Truth**, and many other things Jesus said before this night.

Jesus the Door, the good Pastor, the Light of the world, the Way... the Word... the Rock...
our Jesus took unleavened bread and broke it, and gave it to the disciples, and said,

Take, eat; this is My body / and since they didn't have time to sit for a painting; or take a photo, no cell phone selfies; Jesus took a simple, daily activity and grabbed it for Himself: to be remembered; it is for our benefit; something we can do even in our homes, or at work... on the beach; wherever we gather in His name to take bread, we can remember Him, and what He did. Jesus is a good Teacher!

²⁷ **And He took the cup, and gave thanks** / this word is: **eucharisteo**; it is an action word... what we all can do: at our homes... in the park... or in the airport. Jesus gave thanks to God the Father!

and gave it to them, saying, Drink all of it;

²⁸ **For this is My blood of the new testament** / new **ditheke**; also translated **covenant**: a contract; an agreement; the book of Hebrews tells us in several details of the new covenant and better way; and what is better than Jesus?

poured out, for many for the remission of sins.

²⁹ **But I say to you, I will not drink from now on, of this fruit of the vine** / and that is interesting; Jesus did know what was in the cup, and it wasn't His blood; He wasn't confused; He was leaving soon, He is a good Teacher: He always likes to keep things simple, so His students understand. In His Sermon on the Mount, He cleared up many things: including oaths and promises; saying, let your yes, be yes and your no be no. Say what you mean, mean what you say. And here, Jesus gives His students doing the math... **another cell phone selfie; to take and remember Him**. Jesus says:

My new agreement with you can be seen in this little fruit of the vine cup; because Jesus had a bigger cup to drink, as He took that life-blood in His veins and went and did some heavy lifting.

I will not drink from now on, of this fruit of the vine,

until that day when I drink it again with you in kingdom of My Father.

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Now, that does not sound like Jesus is going to be drinking **His blood**... with His disciples... in the kingdom of His Father, does it?

You know, our hocus pocus traditions and muddle-headed thinking... can make void the Word of God. So, one last time, let's hear what Jesus said:

I will **not drink from now on, of this **fruit of the vine**,**

until that day when I drink it again with you in the kingdom of My Father.

The Man of Sorrows