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# JESUS AND THE DISCIPLES



**A**S Jesus went out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Master, at these stones and these buildings!" He said, "As for these things which you see, the days shall come when there shall not be left one stone upon another that has not been thrown down."

And as he sat upon the Mount of Olives, his disciples came to him privately, saying, "Tell us. When shall these things be? And what shall be the sign of your coming and of the end of the world?"

And Jesus answered and said to them:

"Take care that no man deceives you. For many shall come in my name, saying, 'I am Christ,' and shall deceive many. You shall hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see that you do not become troubled, for all these things must come to pass. This is not the end yet.

"For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There shall be famines and pestilences and earthquakes in different places. All this is the beginning of sorrows.

"Then there shall be great troubles such as there have not been since the beginning of the world, troubles that there never have been and there never shall be. And unless those days were to be shortened, no living things could be saved. But for the sake of my chosen ones, those days shall be shortened.

## THE END OF TIME

"The sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken.

"Then the sign of the Son of man shall appear in the heavens, and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn. And they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his chosen ones from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

"Now learn a lesson from the fig tree: When its branch is still tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. So likewise you, when you see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.

"Truly I say to you, this generation shall not pass until all these things are fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

"No man knows the day and the hour, not even the angels of heaven, but my Father only. Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord will come. But know this, that if the man of the house had known what





time the thief would come, he would have watched and would not have allowed his house to be broken into.

"Therefore, be ready also. For at the time when you do not think it, the

Son of man is coming. Blessed is the servant whom his lord shall find doing his duty when he comes. Truly I tell you, he shall make him ruler over his goods.

## THE WISE AND FOOLISH BRIDESMAIDS

"Thus the kingdom of heaven shall be like ten bridesmaids who took their lamps and went forth to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were wise and five were foolish.

"They that were foolish took their lamps but took no oil with them. The wise ones took oil in vessels with their lamps.

"As the bridegroom was late, they

you. Go instead to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.'

"While they went to buy, the bridegroom came and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage, and the door was shut. Afterwards the other bridesmaids came, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open the door to us.' But he answered and said, 'Truly, I do not know you.'

"Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of man comes.



all slumbered and slept. But at midnight the cry went up, 'Behold, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.' Then all the bridesmaids rose up and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps have gone out.' But the wise answered, saying, 'We cannot, lest there should not be enough both for us and for

## THE UNPROFITABLE SERVANT

"Again the kingdom of heaven is like a man setting off for a distant country who called together his servants and delivered to them his goods. To one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one—to each according to his special abilities. Then he set off on his journey.

"He who received the five talents went and traded with them and made five more. And likewise he who received two gained two more. But he who received one went and dug in the earth and hid his lord's money.

"After a long time, the lord of those servants came home and reckoned with them. He who had received five talents came and brought five more, saying, 'Lord, you gave me five talents. Behold, I have earned five more beside them.'

"His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Come, share with your lord his joy.'

"Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew that you are a hard man harvesting where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not threshed. And I was afraid, and went and hid your money in the earth. Lo, here you have what is yours.'



"His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Come share with your lord in his good fortune.'

"Then he who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you gave me two talents. Behold, I have earned two more beside them.'

"His lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not threshed. Therefore you should have loaned out my money and then at my returning I should have had my money back with interest.'

"Therefore take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten

talents. For to every one who has, more shall be given, and he shall have plenty. But from him who has not, shall be taken away even that which he has. Now cast the unprofitable servant into outer darkness.

"There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

## THE DAY OF JUDGMENT

"When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon his glorious throne, and before him shall be gathered all nations. And he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. He shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

"Then the King shall say to those on his right hand, 'Come, you blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world. For I was hungry, and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger, and you took me in. I was naked and you clothed me. I was sick and you visited me. I was in prison and you came to me.'

"Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry, and feed you? Or thirsty, and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger, and take you in? Or naked, and clothe you? Or when did we see you sick, or in prison, and come to you?'

"And the King shall answer and say to them, 'Truly I tell you, inasmuch as you have done it to one of the least of these my brothers, you have done it to me.'

"Then he shall also say to those on his left hand, 'Be off, you accursed ones, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you did not feed me,







thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink. I was a stranger and you did not take me in. I was naked and you did not clothe me. I was sick and in prison and you did not visit me.'

"Then they too will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not help you?'

"Then shall he answer them saying, 'Truly I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did not do it to me.'

"And these shall go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

#### JUDAS PLOTS TO BETRAY JESUS

And it came to pass when Jesus had finished all these sayings, that he said to his disciples, "You know that after two days is the feast of the Passover and the Son of man is to be betrayed and crucified."

Then the chief priests and the scribes and the elders of the people assembled together in the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas. And they discussed how they might take Jesus by trickery and kill him.

But they said:

"Not on the feast day, lest there be an uproar among the people."

Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said to them:

"What will you give me, if I deliver him to you?"

And when the chief priests heard him, they were glad and made an agreement with him for thirty pieces of silver. Judas accepted and from that time on he sought above all an occasion when the crowd would be absent.





## THE LAST SUPPER

On the day of unleavened bread, when the Passover lamb was to be sacrificed, Jesus sent forth two of his disciples, saying, "Go into the city and prepare the Passover feast, so that we may eat."

And the two disciples asked him:

"Where are we to prepare it?"

He said, "When you have come into the city, you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him into the house he enters. And say to the man of the house, 'The Master says, "Where is the guest chamber where I shall eat the Passover feast with my disciples?"' And he will show



you a large room, furnished. Make ready there."

They went and found it all as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover feast.

When the evening came, Jesus sat down with the twelve. And he said to them, "How greatly I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I

suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat another until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

And as they were eating, Jesus took bread and blessed it, and breaking it into pieces he gave it to them, saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them saying:

"Drink you all of it; for this is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Take this, and divide it among you. For I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until I drink it anew with you in my Father's kingdom."

When the supper was ended, Jesus rose from the table, laid aside his garments, and took and fastened a towel about him. Pouring water into a basin he began to wash the disciples' feet

and to wipe them with the towel he had wrapped around him.

When he came to Simon Peter, Peter said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?"

Jesus answered and said to him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will understand after."

Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet."

Jesus answered him, saying, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with me."

Then Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and



my head." But Jesus answered and said, "He who is clean needs only to wash his feet to be clean all over. And you are clean—but not all of you." Jesus added the words "not all of you" for he knew who was to betray him.

### "DO AS I HAVE DONE TO YOU"

After he had washed their feet and had taken his garments and was seated again, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Master and Lord, and you speak well, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your

feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.

"Truly, truly I say to you, the servant is not greater than his lord, nor is he that is sent greater than he that sent him. If you know these things, happy are you if you do them.

### JESUS REVEALS HIS BETRAYER

"I speak not of you all. I know whom I have chosen, for the scripture must be fulfilled which says,

*'He who eats bread with me  
Has lifted up his heel against me.'*"

When Jesus had spoken, he was deeply troubled and said: "Truly, truly I say to you that one of you shall betray me."

Then the disciples looked at one another, not knowing of whom he spoke. Now close beside Jesus at the table was one of the disciples whom he loved. Simon Peter therefore beckoned to this disciple that he should ask who it was of whom Jesus spoke. Then he, leaning towards Jesus, said to him. "Lord, who is it?"

Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I shall give a piece of bread, when I have dipped it in the bowl." And when he had dipped the bread, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon.

And after Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him. Then Jesus said to him, "What you must do, do quickly."

Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. For some of them thought, since Judas had the purse, that Jesus had told him to buy the things that would be needed for the festival, or that he should give something to the poor.

Then having received the bread, Judas went out immediately. And it was night.





## FAREWELL TO THE DISCIPLES



WHEN Judas had departed, Jesus said, "My children, for only a little while longer shall I be with you. You shall seek me, but as I said to the Jews, now I say to you: Where I am going, you cannot come.

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. As I have loved you, so also should you love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

"Greater love has no man than this: that a man lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do whatever I command you. I shall call you no longer servants, for a servant does not know what his lord does; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe in me too. In my Father's house are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you back with me: that where I am, you may be also."

Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, where are you going?"

Jesus answered him, "Where I am going, you cannot follow me now, but you shall follow me later."

Peter said to him, "Lord, why cannot I follow you now? I would lay down my life for your sake."

Jesus answered him, "Will you lay down your life for my sake? Truly I say to you, the cock will not crow before you have denied me three times."

And he said to them, "When I sent you out without purses or shoes, did you lack anything?"

They said, "Nothing."

Then he said to them, "But now, he who has a purse, let him take it, and also his wallet. And he who has no sword, let him sell his robe and buy one. For I tell you, the writing in the scripture must be fulfilled in me: 'And he was counted among the outlaws.' For there is a purpose to things concerning me."

And they said, "Lord, see, here are two swords."

And he said to them, "It is enough."





# THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE



**W**HEN they had sung a hymn, they went out of the city to the Mount of Olives

Then Jesus said to them, "You will all desert me this night. For it is written, 'I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' But after I have risen again, I will go before you into Galilee."

Peter answered and said to him,

"Though everyone else may desert you, I will never desert you." Jesus said to him again, "I tell you truly that tonight before the cock crows, you shall deny me three times."

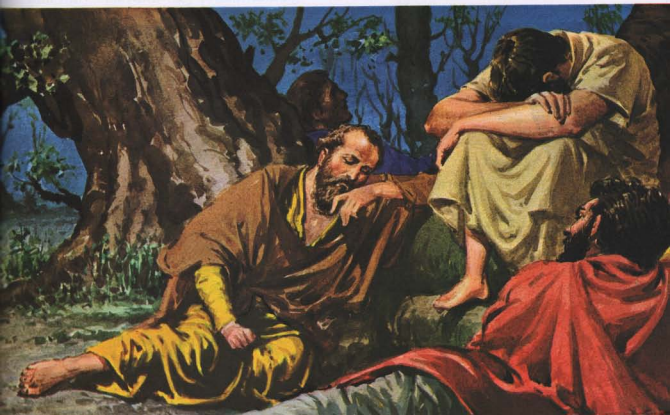
But Peter said to him, "Even though I should die with you, I would never deny you." And all the disciples said likewise.

Then Jesus went forth with them to a place over the brook Cedron, where there was a garden called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over yonder and pray."

He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and he began to be sorrowful and heavy of heart. Then he said to them, "My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death. Stay you here and watch with me."

## JESUS PRAYS

He went on a little farther and fell to his face and prayed, saying, "O my Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me. Nevertheless, let not my will but your will be done."





And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him. Then, being in agony, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like great drops of blood falling to the ground.

And he came back to the disciples and found them asleep, and said to Peter, "What, could you not watch with me one hour? Watch now, and pray that you do not fall into temptation. The spirit is indeed willing, but the flesh is weak."

He went away again a second time and prayed, saying, "O Father, if this cup of suffering cannot pass from me unless I drink it, your will shall be done." And he came and found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy. Then he left them and went away again and prayed a third time, saying the same words.

And when he returned, he found them asleep again, and he said to them, "Sleep on now and take your rest. It is enough. The hour has come when the Son of man shall be betrayed into the hands of sinners."

Then he said, "Rise up. Let us go. Behold he that betrays me is at hand."

## THE BETRAYAL

While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people.

Now he that betrayed him gave them a signal, saying, "Whomever I shall kiss, he is the one. Hold him fast."

And with that he came to Jesus and said, "Hail, Master," and kissed him.

Jesus said to him, "Friend, why have you come?" Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and took him.

Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said to him, "Put up your sword again in its place. For all who draw the sword shall die by the sword. Do you think that I could not now pray to my Father and he would immediately give

me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled which say that it must be thus?" And he touched the man's ear and healed him.

At the same time he said to the multitudes, "Have you come out as if against a thief, with swords and clubs, to take me? I sat daily with you, teaching in the temple, and you laid not a hand on me."

But all this was done that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the disciples forsook him, and fled.

### PETER DENIES JESUS

They who had arrested Jesus led him to Caiaphas, the high priest, where the scribes and elders were assembled. But Peter followed him at a distance to the high priest's palace, and went in and sat with the servants, to see the end.

Now the chief priests and elders and all the council sought false witnesses against Jesus, so that they could put him to death. But they found nothing. Although many people came to testify falsely, still they found nothing.

At last two false witnesses came and said, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it again in three days.'"

The high priest arose and said to him, "Do you answer nothing? What is it that these witnesses say against you?"

But Jesus held his peace. Then the high priest said to him, "I ask you by the living God that you tell us whether you are the Christ, the Son of God."

Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I say to you: In the days to come, you shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven."

Then the high priest tore his clothes, saying, "He has spoken blasphemy. What further need have we of witnesses? Behold, now you have heard his blasphemy. What think you?"

They answered and said, "He deserves to die."

Then they did spit in his face, and strike him, while others hit him with the palms of their hands, saying, "Prophecy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?"

Simon Peter meanwhile remained outside with the servants. And the maid at the door said to him, "Are you not one of this man's disciples?"

And he said, "I am not."

The servants and officers had made a fire of coals for it was cold and they were standing by it, warming themselves. Peter stood there also and they said to him, "Are you not, too, one of his disciples?"

He denied it and said, "I am not."



Then one of the high priest's servants and a kinsman to the one whose ear Peter had cut off said, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?"

Peter then denied again and immediately the cock crew.

Then the Lord turned and looked at Peter and Peter remembered the words of Jesus, "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." And Peter went out and wept bitterly.