

24 HOURS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

MARK 14:12-26

IT'S NOT MY FAULT

On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the Passover lamb, Jesus' disciples asked him, "Where do you want us to go and make preparations for you to eat the Passover?"

So he sent two of his disciples, telling them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. Say to the owner of the house he enters, 'The Teacher asks: Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large upper room, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there." The disciples left, went into the city and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

When evening came, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. While they were reclining at the table eating, he said, "I tell you the truth, one of you will betray me--one who is eating with me." They were saddened, and one by one they said to him, "Surely not I?"

"It is one of the Twelve," he replied, "one who dips bread into the bowl with me. The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born."

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, and they all drank from it. "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many," he said to them. "I tell you the truth, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it anew in the kingdom of God."

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

Passover was in Jesus' day, and still is today, an important celebration in Judaism. Passover is a remembrance of when God delivered the Hebrews from slavery in Egypt. It is also a time of hope and anticipation as they look toward the coming Messiah. It was during the Passover Meal (Seder) that Jesus stunned his disciples with talk of a betrayer and then as he took bread...

1. We are somewhat **UNEASY** when our faith in Jesus leads us to honest introspection.

We really don't like to **FACE** our human frailties. In fact we have an uncanny knack of putting on a false front in an attempt to make ourselves look good or at least not look too bad.

Our higher aspirations often succumb to our base human **FAILINGS**.

28. The "Good News" is that Jesus knows the ugly truth about us, yet invites us into communion with him anyway so that we might find **LIFE**.

Jesus was certain of his mission, the **CROSS**.

Jesus was certain of human **SIN** but just as certain of God's **LOVE** therefore he was certain of God's ultimate victory!

4. The Lord's Supper reminds us that there is life **BEYOND** our failures. We don't have to live making excuses, or trying to make ourselves look better, or even in despair over how far we have fallen. In the Lord's Supper we look to the past in what Jesus has done for us that opens the way for us to *know God* and we look to our future *with God* in eternity.