Matthew

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Monday, 9:30 – 11:00 am | Matthew - Lesson 34

To be discussed –09/21/26 | Matthew 26:1-35

1. Read Matthew 26:1-5. What did Jesus tell his disciples? Why? What were the religious leaders plotting to do? What was their immediate problem in doing so?

2. Read Matthew 26:6-13, John 12:1-8. What did Mary do and why? What was the response of the disciples to her actions? How did Jesus commend and defend her?

3. Read Matthew 26:14-16. For what reasons might Judas have betrayed Jesus?

4. Read Matthew 26:17-30, Mark 14:12-16. How does the detailed preparation for the Passover as well as the previous verses in Matthew 26 demonstrate Jesus' complete knowledge and control over all that was going to happen.

5. What solemn statement did Jesus make in Matthew 26:21? Did the disciples believe him? What further information did he give them in vv. 23-24 that increased the enormity of the betrayal?

6. Did Judas have a choice in his decision to betray Jesus? Does divine sovereignty and foreknowledge take away or excuse human responsibility?

7. Consider the meaning of Passover from Jeremiah 31:31-34, 1 Cor. 11:23-26, Heb. 9:11-15, 24-26. What new meaning did Jesus give to the unleavened bread and the wine of the Passover dinner? Did Jesus understand the violent and sacrificial death he was about to undergo?

8. What is the new covenant? What are we remembering when we celebrate communion?

9. Read Matthew 26:31-35. What did Jesus know? What did Peter and the disciples "think" they knew? Why do you think he told them in advance what would happen?