

I. The plot to arrest Jesus was planned (v. 1-6)

A. The plan was arranged by the religious leaders

“The chief priests and teachers of the law and the leaders among the people were trying to kill him.” (Luke 19:47)

B. They found a willing accomplice among the disciples

“Even my close friend, whom I trusted, he who shared my bread, has lifted up his heel against me.” (Psalm 41:9)

C. Judas willingly agreed to betray Jesus

II. Jesus was determined to have a last supper with his disciples (v. 7-13)

A. Jesus had prepared for this time with his disciples

B. Jesus was determined to give himself as the sacrifice for sins

C. Jesus is the perfect and final Passover Lamb

“John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, ‘Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.’” (John 1:29)

III. The last Passover celebration (v. 14-17)

A. Jesus planned one last teaching moment

B. Jesus predicted his coming suffering

C. Jesus pointed forward to a future kingdom celebration

“You will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” (2 Peter 1:11)

IV. The first communion celebration (v. 18-20)

A. The bread: the body of Christ

1. It was given for us

“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If a man eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.” (John 6:51)

2. It was broken for us

“He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities, the punishment that brought us peace was upon him and by his wounds we are healed.” (Isaiah 53:5)

3. It should be remembered by us

B. The wine: the blood of Christ

1. It was poured out for us

“You know it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.” (1 Peter 1:18-19)

2. It ushered in the new covenant

Jeremiah 31:31-34 (just reference)

- a. A promise of inward heart change
- b. A promise of holy living
- c. A promise of intimate knowledge
- d. A promise of great forgiveness