

KING JESUS' BLOOD OF THE COVENANT

Matthew 26:1-30

Key verse 28

“This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.”

1. What was the point of Jesus' fifth major discourse (1; Ch.24-25)? What did Jesus predict again and how does it relate to the Passover (2; Ex 12:13; Jn 1:29)? What were Jewish religious leaders plotting (3-5)?
2. What did one woman do for Jesus at Simon the Leper's house (6-7)? Why was this controversial (8-9)? Why did Jesus call this “a beautiful thing” (10-12)? Why did Jesus say this story would accompany gospel preaching (13)?
3. Where did one of the Twelve go and why (14-16)? How does this contrast with what the woman did? How and why did Jesus want his disciples to prepare the Passover (17-19)? Why was celebrating this Passover so important?
4. What did Jesus tell his disciples during the meal and how did they respond (20-22)? What does this show about them? Why did he bring this up now (23-24)? How did Judas respond (25)?
5. Read verses 26-28. What did Jesus do and offer to his disciples, with what symbolic meaning? What did Jesus mean by “my blood of the covenant” (1:21; Ex 24:8; Heb 8:8-12; 10:14-18)?
6. What other promise did Jesus give his disciples (29-30)? What does Jesus' blood of the covenant mean to you personally?