

## “The Follow Jesus Project”

**Monday, Nov. 2**

**Scriptures to read:** Matthew 26:17-19, Mark 14:12-16  
Luke 22:7-13

**Thoughts to consider:**

If you read about the Passover meal in the Old Testament, you will find that families ate this meal together. At this time Jesus chose to observe it with His apostles. Peter and John were sent to make preparations. We don't know if the person who provided the upper room also made the provisions or if the apostles had to secure and kill the lamb, get the unleavened bread, wine and bitter herbs. This was a significant time which Jesus spent in an intimate environment with His chosen ones. He knew what would happen later that night. Family time together should be a time of celebration. We should make every effort to make this time special.

**Tuesday, Nov. 3**

**Scriptures to read:** Matthew 26:20, Mark 14:17, Luke 22:14-16  
Luke 22:24-30

**Thoughts to consider:**

Jesus desired to eat the Passover with His apostles. This feast commemorated a great deliverance from death through the sacrifice of a lamb. He knew that the real sacrifice and deliverance were about to be fulfilled. Luke indicates that the apostles had a disagreement concerning the seating arrangement at the table. Jesus promised special seating for the apostles in Heaven. The disciples still did not understand that the kingdom of which Jesus spoke was not an earthly kingdom. We can learn from this passage that if we live for Christ and endure sufferings and trials, we shall also reign with Him and receive a heavenly reward. May we never be envious of other people and feel that we have a more difficult life. Instead may we consider it an honor to belong to Christ and His kingdom.

**Wednesday, Nov. 4**

**Scripture to read:** John 13:1-20

**Thoughts to consider:**

The apostles had disagreed about the seating arrangement at the Passover Feast. Now Jesus gives a wonderful visual aid in teaching the lesson of humility. Had we been present, our initial response would have been the one voiced by Peter—“You shall never wash my feet.” After Jesus explained the importance of His act, Peter desired further cleansing. We need to realize that Jesus' act of dying on the cross for our sins was an even greater example of His servanthood. We need to picture Jesus with His basin and towel bowing before us the next time we have a “better-than-thou” attitude. Can you think of an act of servitude you can perform today?

**Thursday, Nov. 5**

**Scriptures to read:** Matthew 26:21-25, Mark 14:18-21,  
Luke 22:21-23, John 13:21-30

**Thoughts to consider:**

It is noteworthy that the other apostles still did not realize that Judas was the traitor. His hypocrisy had been successful. Even though Jesus had told the apostles that He would be rejected, would suffer and be killed, this was the first time that Jesus had indicated that one of them would betray Him. In fact each one of the apostles began to search his own heart instead of accusing one of the others. Even though Judas and Jesus exchanged words indicating Judas' guilt, the others were not aware. Had they been, surely they would have tried to prevent the betrayal. Like the apostles, none of us has a totally clear conscience. May we ask forgiveness for any hypocrisy of which we are guilty.

**Friday, Nov. 6**

**Scriptures to read:** Matthew 26:26-29, Mark 14:22-25, Luke 22:17-20  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26

**Thoughts to consider:**

Luke indicates that Judas was still present when Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper; Matthew and Mark tell of their encounter before relating this event. Since this took place during Passover wine would not have been used. The proper translation is “fruit of the vine.” The loaf and cup of which we partake each Lord's Day are emblems or symbols of Jesus' body and blood; they represent the body and blood. The blood sealed the covenant (or testament) through which Jesus saves men and atones for our sins. As we partake of those precious emblems, we must consciously focus on Jesus' sacrificial death for us. This unique opportunity should never be taken lightly.

**Saturday, Nov. 7**

**Scripture to read:** John 14:1-4

**Thoughts to consider:**

The disciples had just received disturbing news. Jesus' cure for a troubled heart is to trust in Him. The apostles had the fear that they would be homeless and wanderers without the presence of their Lord. Jesus is telling His apostles that belief in the heavenly Father and in His Son is the way to bring comfort and ease fears. Jesus was going away, but He was going to prepare an eternal home for His followers. These verses are often quoted at graveside rites, but they are for each of us to use daily as a reminder that Christ is preparing a place where we can live with Him eternally.

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