

Passion Narratives, Class 6 lecture notes

We'll skip a lot of dialogue to move on to the story of the Passion.

Jesus characterizes the Pharisees (Mt 23.1-11)

Jesus condemns the Pharisees (Mt 23.13-36) (Note that there are 7 woes)

Lament over Jerusalem (Mt 23.37-39) / Prophecy of the destruction of the Temple (Mt 24.1-2)

Mt 23.37 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! 38 See! Your house is left to you desolate; 39 for I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!'"

Mt 24.1 Then Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and His disciples came up to show Him the buildings of the temple. 2 And Jesus said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not one stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down."

The eschatological discourse (Mt 24.3-25.46)

Eschatology = having to do with the "last things," i.e., death, judgment, heaven & hell.

The plot to kill Jesus (Mt 26.1-4, Mk 14.1-2, Lk 22.1-2)

26.1 Now it came to pass, when Jesus had finished all these sayings, that He said to His disciples, 2 "You know that after two days is the Passover, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified."

3 Then the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders of the people assembled at the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, 4 and plotted to take Jesus by trickery and kill Him. 5 But they said, "Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people."

Mary anoints Jesus for burial (Mt 26.6-13, Mk 14.3-9, Jn 12.2-8)

Mt 26.6 And when Jesus was in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, 7 a woman came to Him having an alabaster flask of very costly fragrant oil, and she poured it on His head as He sat at the table. 8 But when His disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, "Why this waste? 9 For this fragrant oil might have been sold for much and given to the poor."

10 But when Jesus was aware of it, He said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a good work for Me. 11 For you have the poor with you always, but Me you do not have always. 12 For in pouring this fragrant oil on My body, she did it for My burial. 13 Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her."

Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus (Mt 26.14-16, Mk 14.10-11, Lk 22.3-6)

Mt 26.14 Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests 15 and said, “What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?” And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver. 16 So from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him.

The Passover prepared (Mt 26.17-19, Mk 14.12-16, Lk 22.7-13)

17 Now on the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying to Him, “Where do You want us to prepare for You to eat the Passover?”

[Lk 22.10: 10 And He said to them, “Behold, when you have entered the city, a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him into the house which he enters.] 18 And He said, “Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, “My time is at hand; I will keep the Passover at your house with My disciples.” ’ ’ ”

19 So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them; and they prepared the Passover.