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Sunday Service — March 12, 2023

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Old Testament Reading: **Exodus 24:1-11**; New Testament Reading: **1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

Breakdown of Matthew 26:17-30

- Preparation for Passover vv. 17-19
- Predicting the Betrayal vv. 20-25
- Performing the Last Seder vv. 26-29

The four cups for four promises? (Exodus 6:6-7)

- 1. Kadesh (holy, separated) "I will bring you out" from where?
- 2. Cup of Plagues "I will free you" from what?
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- 4. Cup of Praise "I will take you for My people" taking you where?

This week: "A Series of Unfavorable Events", <u>Matthew 26:31-56</u>, by Brandon Harris, Teaching Pastor

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 42; New Testament Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16

Breakdown of Matthew 26:31-56

- Foretelling Abandonment vv. 31-35
 - Praying in Gethsemane vv. 36-46
 - Arrest & Fulfillment vv. 47-56

Bookends: Prayer & Arrest of Jesus in Gethsemane

Jesus Foretells **Abandon**ment **7**

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How soon after the intimate Seder supper did the events in the garden of Gethsemane occur?

What time of day did the events in Gethsemane occur?

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Is it foretold that the disciples would return in their love and faith in Jesus?

Did Jesus foretell Peter's and the other disciples abandonment of Him?

In observing the Passover, it was traditional to remain in Jerusalem. Where is Mount Olives where the garden of Gethsemane is placed?

How many times did Jesus pray that this grievous task not be required of Him? Yet, what was His reply to the Father when he obtained the answer? (Jeremiah **25:15-16**)

During the Passover night, what is the customary for the head of he household to do? What did Jesus ask the disciples what they should be doing instead of sleeping?

Did Jesus ask that they pray for Him or themselves? For what should they pray? (Psalm 119:148)

Who came to arrest Jesus: the Roman legion, the chief priest, the scribes, Judas, a rage-driven mob?

When Judas betrays Jesus, how did he signal that Jesus was the one to arrest?

How did Judas address Jesus? What does this say about Judas' heart toward Jesus? (Proverbs 27:6)

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Internet Resources: The Bible Project: Matthew 14-28: Matthew Overview **Poster**