

May 29–June 4
Matthew 26; Mark 14; John 13
“In Remembrance”



Betrayed By Judas

Luke 22:1-6

Why do you think that Judas would betray Jesus to those who would kill Him?

George Q. Cannon

“[As soon as] Judas, one of the chosen disciples of the Lamb, whom we may suppose was once possessed of the Spirit of truth, chose to dissolve his connection with the people of God, did he go... say nothing more about the work of God he had been connected with? No; but the first promptings of his evil heart were to sell his Lord and Master to be his betrayer, and the destroyer of the innocent—prostituting the knowledge which he had received to a base purpose, distorting and misrepresenting it in such a manner that it proved the means of condemning the man whom he had previously looked upon as his Lord....

“Whenever a man loses the spirit of the Gospel, whenever the Spirit of God is supplanted by the spirit of the evil one, that man is a fit tool for the adversary... who was a murderer and a liar from the beginning, and whose works have been evil from the creation until now.” (JD, 11:225)

Prepare For the Passover

Mark 14:12-17

Why would this be the last recognized Passover?

Howard W. Hunter

“It would be the feast of his last Passover that would give full expression to this ancient celebration. By that final week of his mortal ministry, Jesus knew clearly what this particular Passover would mean to him....

“Finally, preparations for the Passover meal were complete, in keeping with nearly fifteen hundred years of tradition. Jesus sat down with his disciples and, after the eating of the sacrificial lamb and of the bread and wine of this ancient feast, he taught them a newer and holier meaning of that ancient blessing from God.” (CR, April 1985)

The Sacrament

JST Matt 26 (Matt 26:26-28)

22 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread and brake it, and blessed it, and gave to his disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is in remembrance of my body which I give a ransom for you.

23 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it;

24 For this is in remembrance of my blood of the new testament, which is shed for as many as shall believe on my name, for the remission of their sins.

James J. Hamula

“No longer would animal blood be spilled or animal flesh be consumed in anticipation of a redeeming sacrifice of a Christ who was yet to come. Instead, emblems of the broken flesh and spilled blood of the Christ who had already come would be taken and eaten in remembrance of His redeeming sacrifice. Participation in this new ordinance would signify to all a solemn acceptance of Jesus as the promised Christ and wholehearted willingness to follow Him and keep His commandments. To those who would so signify and conduct their life, spiritual death would ‘pass over’ them, and eternal life would be assured.” (CR, Oct. 2014)

Dallin H. Oaks

“We are commanded to repent of our sins and to come to the Lord with a broken heart and a contrite spirit and partake of the sacrament.... When we renew our baptismal covenants in this way, the Lord renews the cleansing effect of our baptism.” (CR, Oct. 1998)

Jesus Washes Their Feet

John 13:2-11

What does Jesus say to Peter that indicates that this is a saving ordinance?

What is the purpose of the ordinance of the washing of the feet?

D&C 88:138-140

138 And ye shall not receive any among you into this school save he is clean from the blood of this generation;

139 And he shall be received by the ordinance of the washing of feet, for unto this end was the ordinance of the washing of feet instituted.

140 And again, the ordinance of washing feet is to be administered by the president, or presiding elder of the church.

Joseph Smith

“We must attend to the ordinance of washing of feet. It was never intended for any but official members. It is calculated to unite our hearts, that we may be one in feeling and sentiment, and that our faith may be strong, so that Satan cannot overthrow us, nor have any power over us here.” (HC 2:308-9)

Jesus Washes Their Feet

John 13:12-17

How does this action by Jesus emphasize His message of service?

David B. Haight

“It was custom that as a person entered a room, he laid aside his sandals at the door and his feet were washed to remove the dust from his travels. A servant usually performed this lowly task, but on this sacred night, Jesus Himself, in His eternal humility and self-denial, rose from His place at the meal to do this menial service.” (CR, April 1994)

Jeffrey R. Holland

“In the midst of this meal and such thoughts, Christ quietly arose, girded himself as a slave or servant would, and knelt to wash the Apostles’ feet. This small circle of believers in this scarcely founded kingdom were about to pass through their severest trial, so he would set aside his own increasing anguish in order that he might yet once more serve and strengthen them.... In transcendent humility he would continue to teach and to cleanse them. He would to the final hour—and beyond—be their sustaining servant.” (CR, Oct. 1989)

Betrayed By Judas

John 13:21-22,26-27

Why do you think that Judas would betray Jesus to those who would kill Him?

Why do you think that all the disciples wondered if they would be the betrayer?

Joseph Smith

"There is a superior intelligence bestowed upon such as obey the Gospel with full purpose of heart, which, if sinned against, the apostate is left naked and destitute of the Spirit of God, and he is in truth, nigh unto cursing, and his end is to be burned. When once that light which was in them is taken from them, they become as much darkened as they were previously enlightened, and then, no marvel, if all their power should be enlisted against the truth, and they, Judas like, seek the destruction of those who were their greatest benefactors". (Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, pg. 67)

Dieter F. Uchtdorf

“As He broke bread with His disciples, He said something that must have filled their hearts with great alarm and deep sadness. ‘One of you shall betray me,’ He told them.

“The disciples didn’t question the truth of what He said. Nor did they look around, point to someone else, and ask, ‘Is it him?’ Instead, “they were exceeding sorrowful, and began every one of them to say unto him, Lord, is it I?’ ...

“I wonder what each of us would do if we were asked that question by the Savior. Would we look at those around us and say in our hearts, He’s probably talking about Brother Johnson.’... Or would we, like those disciples of old, look inward and ask that penetrating question: ‘Is it I?’

“In these simple words, ‘Lord, is it I?’ lies the beginning of wisdom and the pathway to personal conversion and lasting change.” (CR, Oct. 2014)

Instructions to His Disciples

John 13:33-35

Neil L. Andersen

“Each time I read John chapter 13 I am reminded of the Savior’s perfect example as a peacemaker. Jesus lovingly washed the feet of the Apostles. Then, we read, ‘he was troubled in spirit’ as He thought about one He loved preparing to betray Him. I have tried to imagine the thoughts and feelings of the Savior as Judas left. Interestingly, at that sobering moment, Jesus spoke no more about His ‘troubling’ feelings or about betrayal. Rather, He spoke to His Apostles about love, His words cascading through the centuries...

“May we love Him and love one another. May we be peacemakers, that we may be called ‘the children of God.’” (CR, April 2022)

Russell M. Nelson

“As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are to be examples of how to interact with others—especially when we have differences of opinion. One of the easiest ways to identify a true follower of Jesus Christ is how compassionately that person treats other people...

“Before His death, the Savior commanded His Twelve Apostles to love one another as He had loved them. And then He added, ‘By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.’

“The Savior’s message is clear: His true disciples build, lift, encourage, persuade, and inspire—no matter how difficult the situation. True disciples of Jesus Christ are peacemakers.” (CR, April 2023)

Next Week:

June 5–11

John 14–17

“Continue Ye in My Love”

