

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

Betrayed By Judas

Luke 22:1-6

1 Now the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called the Passover.

2 And the chief priests and scribes sought how they might kill him; for they feared the people.

3 ¶ Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve.

4 And he went his way, and communed with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray him unto them.

5 And they were glad, and covenanted to give him money.

6 And he promised, and sought opportunity to betray him unto them in the absence of the multitude.

Why do you think that Judas, who had witnessed so many miracles and felt so much love from Jesus, would betray Him 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

12 ¶ And the first day of unleavened bread, when they killed the passover, his disciples said unto him, Where wilt thou that we go and prepare that thou mayest eat the passover?

13 And he sendeth forth two of his disciples, and saith unto them, Go ye into the city, and there shall meet you a man bearing a pitcher of water: follow him.

14 And wheresoever he shall go in, say ye to the goodman of the house, The Master saith, Where is the guestchamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples?

15 And he will shew you a large upper room furnished and prepared: there make ready for us.

16 And his disciples went forth, and came into the city, and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready the passover.  
17 And in the evening he cometh with the twelve.

Moses commanded that the Passover should be observed yearly to help Israel to remember how God had delivered them.  
Why would this be the last recognized Passover?

Now we should remember how Jesus delivered all of us from spiritual captivity

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.

Why does the Sacrament superseded the commandment to observe the Passover?

(this is in remembrance of my body which I give a ransom for you 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)

How does partaking of the Sacrament allow us to renew the covenants and continue to receive the blessings of our baptism?

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

Jesus also introduces the ordinance of washing of the feet and uses it to teach a great lesson to all of His disciples

John 13:2-11

2 And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon’s son, to betray him;

3 Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God;

4 He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself.

5 After that he poureth water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples’ feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.

6 Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet?

7 Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter.

8 Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.

9 Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head.

10 Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all.

11 For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean.

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

(Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands  
What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter  
Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me)

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

(clean from the blood of this generation)

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)

John 13:12-17

12 So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you?

13 Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am.

14 If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.

15 For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

16 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him.

17 If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

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

(I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you  
If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them)

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

21 When Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me.

22 Then the disciples looked one on another, doubting of whom he spake.

26 Jesus answered, He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it. And when he had dipped the sop, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon.

27 And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly.

Why do you think that Judas, who had witnessed so many miracles and felt so much love from Jesus, would betray Him to those who would kill Him?

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)

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

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

The next few chapters in John record Jesus’ instructions and blessing to His apostles. He begins by commanding them to follow His example and love one another.

John 13:33-35

33 Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek me: and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now I say to you.

34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

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)