

***The* King
Ushers In the
New Covenant**

Leading up to the New Covenant...

- ❑ John the Baptist proclaims the Kingdom of God, prepares the way for the Messiah, and points to the Lamb of God.
- ❑ Jesus proclaims the Kingdom of God and teaches through parables.
- ❑ Jesus chooses 12 apostles to intimately share in His ministry.
- ❑ The power of Jesus' ministry is confirmed by many miraculous signs (water to wine, healings, raising the dead, calming storms, walking on water, demonstrating power over evil spirits, and much more).
- ❑ Jesus' following rises to the highest popularity after feeding thousands and then falls to a faithful remnant after He teaches about eating His flesh and drinking His blood.

Matthew 26:20-25 (ESV) ²⁰ When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. ²¹ And as they were eating, he said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." ²² And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, "Is it I, Lord?" ²³ He answered, "He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. ²⁴ The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born." ²⁵ Judas, who would betray him, answered, "Is it I, Rabbi?" He said to him, "You have said so."

Jesus knew from the start who was going to betray Him, but the disciples were caught off guard.

This passage includes one of the most chilling statements of Jesus.

It's a testimony to Jesus' impartiality that the disciples didn't know who the betrayer was.

Do you demonstrate love to those who hurt you?

Matthew 26:26-30 (NIV2011) ²⁶ While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body." ²⁷ Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. ²⁸ This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹ I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." ³⁰ When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

The fulfillment of Passover wasn't clear to the disciples until later.

They likely sang from the Hallel Psalms (113-118). Note how Jesus always honored the Lord as an example for us.

There is no forgiveness without the shedding of blood & only a perfect offering cleanses us.

Whether in happiness or sorrow, do you always praise God?

Matthew 26:31-35 (NKJV) ³¹ Then Jesus said to them, "All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night for it is written: '7

Will you allow God's word cut to the heart of the areas where the Spirit of God needs to transform you?

answered and said to Him, "Even if all are made to stumble because of You, I will never be made to stumble." ³⁴ Jesus said to him, "Assuredly,

I say to you that this night, before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." ³⁵ Peter said to Him, "Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You!" And so said all the disciples.

Jesus was clear to His disciples about His resurrection & that they'd abandon Him.

Peter proclaimed how steadfast he'd be instead of letting the Lord's challenging truth sink in.

Peter underestimated his ability to resist temptation & we must recognize that the power to resist comes from the Holy Spirit.