

YEAR 4
SECOND SEMESTER
THE PASSION, DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS

Lesson 1

1. Luke 22 :7-13 The Preparation for the meal

- 7 Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed.
- 8 So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it."
- 9 They asked him, "Where do you want us to make preparations for it?"
- 10 "Listen," he said to them, "when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters
- 11 and say to the owner of the house, "The teacher asks you, "Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?" "
- 12 He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there."
- 13 So they went and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

2. John 13: 4-15 Jesus washes his apostles' feet

- 1 Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.
- 2 The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper
- 3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God,
- 4 got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself.
- 5 Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him.
- 6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"
- 7 Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand."
- 8 Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me."
- 9 Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!"
- 10 Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you."
- 11 For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."
- 12 After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?"
- 13 You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am.
- 14 So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.
- 15 For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you

3. Luke 22 : 17-20 Jesus institutes the Eucharist

- 14 When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him.
- 15 He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer;
- 16 for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."
- 17 Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves
- 18 for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."
- 19 Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

20 And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood

4. Paul 1 Corinthians, 11 :23-26 Jesus Institutes the Eucharist

23 For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread,

24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

25 In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Lesson 2

1. **Matt 26: 39-56, 69-75 The events in Gethsemane**

- 39 And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want."
- 40 Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour?"
- 41 Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."
- 42 Again he went away for the second time and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done."
- 43 Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy.
- 44 So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words.
- 45 Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.
- 46 Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."
- 47 While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people.
- 48 Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him."
- 49 At once he came up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him.
- 50 Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you are here to do." Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him.
- 51 Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear.
- 52 Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword.
- 53 Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels?
- 54 But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?"
- 55 At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me.
- 56 But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.
- 69 Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean."
- 70 But he denied it before all of them, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about."
- 71 When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth."
- 72 Again he denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man."
- 73 After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you."
- 74 Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, "I do not know the man!" At that moment the cock crowed.
- 75 Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly

2. **Mk 14:34-36 The agony in the garden**

- 34 And he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake."
- 35 And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him.
- 36 He said, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want."

Lesson 3

1. John 18 : 12-14, 19-24 Jesus before Annas

- 12 So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him.
- 13 First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year.
- 14 Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people.
- 15 Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest,
- 16 but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in.
- 17 The woman said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not."
- 18 Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself.
- 19 Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching.
- 20 Jesus answered, "I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret.
- 21 Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said."
- 22 When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?"
- 23 Jesus answered, "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?"
- 24 Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

2. Luke 22:66-71 – Jesus before Caiaphas and the Sanhedrin

- 66 When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council.
- 67 They said, "If you are the Messiah, tell us." He replied, "If I tell you, you will not believe;
- 68 and if I question you, you will not answer.
- 69 But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God."
- 70 All of them asked, "Are you, then, the Son of God?" He said to them, "You say that I am."
- 71 Then they said, "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!"

3. Matt 26: 67-68, 27:2 – The mocking scene

- 67 Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him,
- 68 saying, "Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?"
- 1 When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death.
- 2 They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

4. Matt 27:3-10 – The fate of Judas

- 3 When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders.
- 4 He said, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." But they said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself."
- 5 Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself.
- 6 But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money."
- 7 After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners.
- 8 For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day.

9 Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price,
10 and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me."

5. Mk 14:61-64 – The hearing by the Sanhedrin

61 But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the
62 Jesus said, "I am; and "you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power,' and "coming with the clouds of heaven.' "
63 Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "Why do we still need witnesses?
64 You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?" All of them condemned him as deserving death.

Lesson 4

1. Luke 23:1-5 – The people accuse Jesus before Pilate

- 1 Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus [him] before Pilate.
- 2 They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king." (*Or [is an anointed king]*)
- 3 Then Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He answered, "You say so."
- 4 Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man.
- 5 But they were insistent and said, "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."

2. John 18:33-38 – Pilate's initial questioning and Jesus' explanation of his kingship

- 33 Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"
- 34 Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?"
- 35 Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?"
- 36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here."
- 37 Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."
- 38 Pilate asked him, "What is truth?" After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, "I find no case against him."

3. John 18: 38-19:7 – Pilate's two attempts to release Jesus

- 39 But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?"
- 40 They shouted in reply, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a bandit.

John 19

- 1 Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged.
- 2 And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe.
- 3 They kept coming up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and striking him on the face.
- 4 Pilate went out again and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him."
- 5 So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!"
- 6 When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him."
- 7 The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God."

4. John 19:8-16 – Pilate's final questioning

- 8 Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever.
- 9 He entered his headquarters [the praetorium] again and asked Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer.
- 10 Pilate therefore said to him, "Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?"

- 11 Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin."
- 12 From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor."
- 13 When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat [seated him] on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha.
- 14 Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, "Here is your King!"
- 15 They cried out, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but the emperor."
- 16 Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus;

5. John 19:1-3 - Jesus is mocked

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Lesson 5

1. Luke 23: 26-28, 32-49 – The crucifixion and death of Jesus

- 26 As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus.
- 27 A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him.
- 28 But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.
- 32 Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him.
- 33 When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.
- 34 [Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."] And they cast lots to divide his clothing.
- 35 And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah (*Or [is an anointed king]* of God, his chosen one!"
- 36 The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine
- 37 and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"
- 38 There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews.
- 39 One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"
- 40 But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?
- 41 And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong."
- 42 Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."
- 43 He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."
- 44 It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land [earth] until three in the afternoon,
- 45 while the sun's light failed; [*the sun was eclipsed/ the sun was darkened*] and the curtain of the temple was torn in two.
- 46 Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last
- 47 When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent."
[*righteous*]
- 48 And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts.
- 49 But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

2. John 19 : 31-34, 38-42 – The Burial of Jesus

- 31 Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed.
- 32 Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him.
- 33 But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs.
- 34 Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out.
- 35 (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) – (*Or [there is one who knows]*)

36 These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, "None of his bones shall be broken."

37 And again another passage of scripture says, "They will look on the one whom they have pierced."

38 After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body.

39 Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds.

40 They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews.

41 Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid.

42 And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

3. Luke 23:34 – Jesus forgives his captors

34 [Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."] And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

Lesson 6

1. Matt 28:1-8 – The empty tomb

- 1 After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb.
- 2 And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it.
- 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow.
- 4 For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men.
- 5 But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified.
- 6 He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.
- 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you."
- 8 So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

2. Matt 28: 9-10 – Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene and the women

- 9 Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him.
- 10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

3. Lk 24: 13-35 – Jesus appears to two disciples on the way to Emmaus

- 13 Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem,
- 14 and talking with each other about all these things that had happened.
- 15 While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them,
- 16 but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.
- 17 And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad.
- 18 Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?"
- 19 He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,
- 20 and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him.
- 21 But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.
- 22 Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning,
- 23 and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive.
- 24 Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him."
- 25 Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared!
- 26 Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?"
- 27 Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.
- 28 As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on.
- 29 But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them.
- 30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.
- 31 Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight.
- 32 They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?"

- 33 That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.
- 34 They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!"
- 35 Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

4. Lk 24: 36-53 – Jesus appears to the eleven disciples gathered together

- 36 While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."
- 37 They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost.
- 38 He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?"
- 39 Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have."
- 40 And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.
- 41 While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?"
- 42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish,
- 43 and he took it and ate in their presence.
- 44 Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled."
- 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,
- 46 and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day,
- 47 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.
- 48 You are witnesses of these things.
- 49 And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."
- 50 Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them.
- 51 While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.
- 52 And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy;
- 53 and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

5. Lk 24: 30-31 – Jesus breaks bread with his disciples

- 30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.
- 31 Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight.
