

## Lesson 52 Matthew 26.19-25 (19) Jesus teaches that true fellowship spurns what is untrue

### *Disciples prepare the Passover*

Matthew is clear that the disciples did not just prepare "bread and wine". They prepared the plates and the lighting and the seating and the items to be eaten. Today the latter constitute the Pesach (the lamb), the Maror (bitter herb), the Pesach, the Carpas (greens), the Charoset (clay mixture), the Korech (bitter-sweet mixture) the Matza (unleavened bread). We cannot say with certitude that it was after this manner. It was as the LORD commanded.

### *Jesus arrives eats with the disciples and opens the issue of betrayal*

It was not usual to leave the house on the Passover (which was of course on the next day). However it had become late when Jesus settled down on the triclinia just by the tables. It was while they were still finishing the main meal that Jesus opened his heart on a matter that could no longer remain secret. "One of you", He said, "will betray me". They began to be very sad and each said, "Surely I will not, Lord".

### *Seating*

If we take verse 23 as our cue it would seem that Judas was sitting close to Jesus. John leaned on His breast at supper which meant that Judas was probably seated on his right side as the three reclined on one bench.

### *A Clear culprit emerges*

Jesus replied, "The one who puts his hand with me in the bowl he it is who shall betray me.(Psalm 41.9) The Son of Man goes up as it is written of Him (Psalm 22 and Isaiah 53)-"In union with scripture"; "in union with the Father's will" and "in union with man's redemption" (Greek *υπαγω*) "but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed" "It were better for that man had he never been born" Then Judas the betrayer said, "I am surely not the one, Rabbi". He (Jesus) said to him, "You made the classic statement"



### *From paper to practice.*

1. Do we know if Jesus showed any care or interest in Judas even at the Passover meal?
2. In John 13.30 there is further evidence-check it out

By the way a "sop" is not a way to dull the conscience-it was a special gesture of kind sharing as to table dainties