

REDISCOVERING JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW PART 42: MATTHEW 26:1-35

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JESUS TEACHES ON THE COMING OF THE SON OF MAN

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THREE PARABLE ABOUT KEEPING WATCH

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"LEAST OF THESE" AS USED BY MATTHEW REFERS - WITHOUT EXCEPTION - TO THE DISCIPLES (MT. 10:42; 18:6; 18:10; 18:14)

"BROTHERS" - AS USED BY MATTHEW AND OTHER WRITERS - REFERRED TO SPIRITUAL KIN (MT. 5:22-24; 5:47; 7:3-5; 12:48-50; 18:15; 18:21; 18:35; 23:8; 28:10)

When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he said to his disciples, "As you know, the Passover is two days away — and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified."

THEN THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND THE ELDERS OF THE PEOPLE ASSEMBLED IN THE PALACE OF THE HIGH PRIEST, WHOSE NAME WAS CAIAPHAS, AND THEY PLOTTED TO ARREST JESUS IN SOME SLY WAY AND KILL HIM.

"BUT NOT DURING THE FEAST," THEY SAID,

"OR THERE MAY BE A RIOT AMONG THE PEOPLE."

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WHEN THE DISCIPLES SAW THIS, THEY WERE INDIGNANT.
"WHY THIS WASTE?" THEY ASKED. "THIS PERFUME COULD HAVE BEEN
SOLD AT A HIGH PRICE AND THE MONEY GIVEN TO THE POOR."

AWARE OF THIS, JESUS SAID TO THEM,
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IF THERE IS A POOR MAN AMONG YOUR BROTHERS IN ANY OF THE TOWNS OF THE LAND THAT THE LORD YOUR GOD IS GIVING YOU, DO NOT BE HARDHEARTED OR TIGHTFISTED TOWARD YOUR POOR BROTHER. . . . GIVE GENEROUSLY TO HIM AND DO SO WITHOUT A GRUDGING HEART; THEN BECAUSE OF THIS THE LORD YOUR GOD WILL BLESS YOU IN ALL YOUR WORK AND IN EVERYTHING YOU PUT YOUR HAND TO. THERE WILL ALWAYS BE POOR PEOPLE IN THE LAND. THEREFORE I COMMAND YOU TO BE OPENHANDED TOWARD YOUR BROTHERS AND TOWARD THE POOR AND NEEDY IN YOUR LAND."

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THEN ONE OF THE TWELVE - THE ONE CALLED JUDAS ISCARIOT - WENT TO THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND ASKED,

"What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?"
So they counted out for him thirty silver coins.

FROM THEN ON JUDAS WATCHED FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAND HIM OVER.

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ZECHARIAH 11:12-13

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I TOLD THEM, "IF YOU THINK IT BEST, GIVE ME MY PAY; BUT IF NOT, KEEP IT." SO THEY PAID ME THIRTY PIECES OF SILVER.

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AND THE LORD SAID TO ME, "THROW IT TO THE POTTER"THE HANDSOME PRICE AT WHICH THEY PRICED ME!
SO I TOOK THE THIRTY PIECES OF SILVER AND THREW THEM
INTO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD TO THE POTTER.

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When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve. And while they were eating, he said, "I tell you the truth, one of you will betray me."

THEY WERE VERY SAD AND BEGAN TO SAY TO HIM ONE AFTER THE OTHER, "SURELY NOT I, LORD?"

JESUS REPLIED, "THE ONE WHO HAS DIPPED HIS HAND INTO THE BOWL WITH ME WILL BETRAY ME. THE SON OF MAN WILL GO JUST AS IT IS WRITTEN ABOUT HIM. BUT WOE TO THAT MAN WHO BETRAYS THE SON OF MAN! IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR HIM IF HE HAD NOT BEEN BORN."

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THEN JUDAS, THE ONE WHO WOULD BETRAY HIM, SAID,
"SURELY NOT I, RABBI?"
JESUS ANSWERED, "YES, IT IS YOU."

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body."

THEN HE TOOK THE CUP, GAVE THANKS AND OFFERED IT TO THEM, SAYING, "DRINK FROM IT, ALL OF YOU.

THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE COVENANT, WHICH IS POURED OUT FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. I TELL YOU, I WILL NOT DRINK OF THIS

FRUIT OF THE VINE FROM NOW ON UNTIL THAT DAY WHEN I DRINK IT ANEW WITH YOU IN MY FATHER'S KINGDOM."

WHEN THEY HAD SUNG A HYMN, THEY WENT OUT TO THE MOUNT OF OLIVES.

THEN JESUS TOLD THEM,

"THIS VERY NIGHT YOU WILL ALL FALL AWAY ON ACCOUNT OF ME,
FOR IT IS WRITTEN: 'I WILL STRIKE THE SHEPHERD,
AND THE SHEEP OF THE FLOCK WILL BE SCATTERED.'

BUT AFTER I HAVE RISEN, I WILL GO AHEAD OF YOU INTO GALILEE."

PETER REPLIED, "EVEN IF ALL FALL AWAY ON ACCOUNT OF YOU,

I NEVER WILL."

"I TELL YOU THE TRUTH," JESUS ANSWERED,
"THIS VERY NIGHT, BEFORE THE ROOSTER CROWS,
YOU WILL DISOWN ME THREE TIMES."

BUT PETER DECLARED, "EVEN IF I HAVE TO DIE WITH YOU,
I WILL NEVER DISOWN YOU."
AND ALL THE OTHER DISCIPLES SAID THE SAME.

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