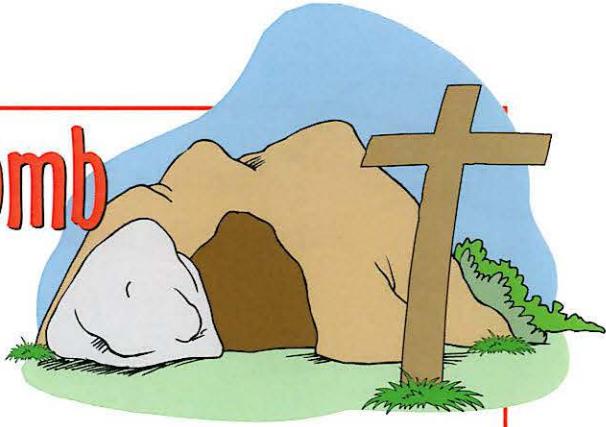


# The Cross & the Empty Tomb



Lesson 7

## Jesus is Betrayed

**Theme:** Faithfulness — Being steadfast for Jesus

### Memory Verses

“But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb ... And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus ... [and] men said to them, ‘Why do you seek the living One among the dead?’ He is not here, but He has risen.” Luke 24:1-6

### Daily Bible Readings

Thursday	Matthew 26:1-13
Friday	Matthew 26:14-25
Saturday	Matthew 26:26-35
Monday	Luke 22:14-30
Tuesday	Luke 22:31-38

**J**esus spent His life on earth doing the Father's will. A big part of God's plan was that Jesus would die for sins. This is the way God would help people and save them from sin.

## A Plan to Kill Jesus

For some time, leaders of the Jews wanted to kill Jesus. He had told the leaders they needed to change. The leaders didn't want to change. Also, the Jewish leaders didn't like Jesus' popularity. Jesus attracted a lot of attention and people followed Him. For these reasons, the leaders planned to capture Jesus and kill Him, but they needed help.

### Matthew 26:1-13

The chief priests and elders of the Jews:

loved Jesus      planned to kill Jesus  
                      didn't like Jesus



How did a woman honor Jesus one day when He was eating a meal?



### Matthew 26:14-25

Cross out the incorrect answer:

Judas...

was a thief      honored Jesus

    was an apostle

took 30 pieces of silver to betray Jesus

Most of the time, Jesus had people around Him. People wanted to hear what He said and see what He did. The Jewish leaders knew many people would be unhappy if they captured Jesus. They needed a way to take Him when people wouldn't be around.

Judas, one of Jesus' apostles, was not happy about what Jesus was doing. Though he was an apostle, Judas was a thief and sometimes took money from Jesus and the other apostles. Also, Judas let Satan in his heart to cause him to do evil. Judas agreed to lead soldiers to Jesus to arrest Him. It seems that Judas didn't realize he was turning Jesus over to be killed.

Jesus talked to Judas about what he was about to do. He tried to warn Judas and help him make another choice. Jesus tried to get Judas not to betray Him. Judas did not listen to Jesus and made a deal with the chief priests to lead soldiers to Jesus for thirty pieces of silver.

### An Act to Honor Jesus

One day Jesus was in Bethany visiting at the home of Simon the leper. Jesus was eating a meal at Simon's home when a woman came with a container of expensive perfume. She poured the perfume on Jesus' head as an act of honor. Some of the disciples thought that this wasted the perfume; they said the perfume could be sold and the money given to the poor.

### Matthew 26:26-35

Match the following:

Lord's Supper

remembered Jesus' body

Bread

remembered Jesus' death

Cup

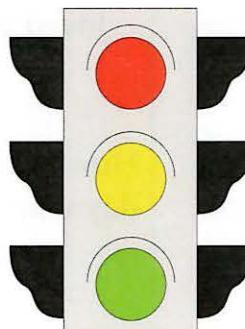
remembered deliverance from Egypt

Passover

remembered Jesus' blood



I try to honor  
Jesus when  
I am with  
my friends.



Put an X in the light that best describes you.

**Red — never**

**Yellow — sometimes**

**Green — always**

Jesus commended the woman for honoring Him, since He was about to die. She thought it was important to do what she had the chance to do. Jesus would not be in the world much longer. Other opportunities to help poor people would come up, but not many opportunities to honor Jesus. We learn an important lesson from this woman. We must do what we have the chance to do and not put things off. It is especially important to honor and serve Jesus when we have the chance.

## A Way to Remember Jesus

Jesus was in Jerusalem at the time of Passover. This was the time Jews remembered God delivering them from slavery in Egypt. Jesus wanted to eat the Passover meal with His disciples, but He planned to give the meal a new meaning. He would soon die on the cross for people's sins. In dying, Jesus would deliver people from Egypt.

Jesus made the last supper with His disciples into what is now called the Lord's Supper. He took two parts of the Passover meal – the bread and cup – and made them a way to remember His death.

Jesus took the bread and gave some to the disciples. He explained that the bread stood for His body that He would give up on the cross. Next He took the cup that contained juice from grapes. He explained that the juice stood for His blood that He would give for forgiveness of sins.

## Luke 22:31-38

## What did Jesus say Peter would do three times?



## Luke 22:14-30

What did Jesus do before He gave the bread and cup to the apostles?

washed His hands    gave thanks  
                        stood up

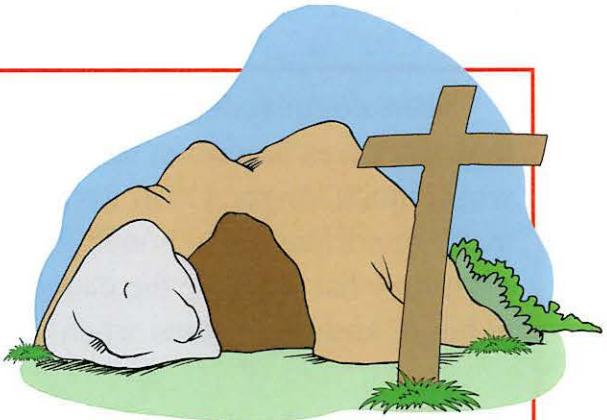
a slavery that was worse than what Israel had in

to the disciples. He explained that the bread up on the cross. Next He took the cup that con- e explained that the juice stood for His blood that He would give for forgiveness of sins. Jesus said about both the bread and the juice, “Do this to remember Me.”

Now, many years later, Jesus' followers take the Lord's Supper each Sunday. In this simple but important act, Christians remember the body and blood of the Lord and His death on the cross for our sins.

## Think About It...

You are in worship service on Sunday morning and the Lord's Supper is being observed. Just then, your friend sends a text message to you. How will you show you honor Jesus and His death? What can you do to keep this from happening again?



## I Know My Bible Facts!

Which book in the Bible is about suffering for Jesus?

Right here, right now, write from memory Galatians 5:22-23.

On a map inside the back cover, locate the three main regions during the time of Christ. Be prepared to locate the regions on a map in class.