The Life of Christ

Lesson 11: Matthew 26

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• Tension between the ruling Jews and Jesus continued to grow higher
• Jesus was in Jerusalem to be betrayed, crucified, and then resurrected (last week)
• Jesus had prophesied about the ultimate destruction of Jerusalem (be alert)
• Jesus warned the disciples to be ready; judgment could come at any time
Today’s Key Takeaways

• Jesus was conspired against and betrayed by his own disciple, Judas
• The Lord’s Supper was instituted for Jesus’ disciples to remember him
• It is easy to say you are going to do the right thing; it is very hard to actually do it
• Jesus, even under extreme duress and the power to stop it, was focused on his mission
MATTHEW 26:1-5

• Jesus warned the disciples that his death (crucifixion) was imminent

• The Jewish chief priests/elders conspired against Jesus to kill him secretly

• They were afraid to kill Jesus during the Feast of Unleavened Bread, because they feared a riot
Matthew 26:6-16

• A woman poured very expensive perfume over Jesus’ head
• The other disciples were indignant about what had happened
• Jesus rebuked them; the woman would always be known for her actions
• Judas took thirty pieces of silver from the chief priests to betray Jesus
Matthew 26:17-30

• Jesus made arrangements to have the Passover at someone’s house that evening

• Jesus revealed that one of the disciples was about to betray him; they all questioned if they were the betrayers

• Jesus instituted the Lord’s Supper, a memorial by which to remember him

• Judas, at some point, left the others
Matthew 26:31-46

• Jesus and the disciples went to the Mount of Olives; Jesus warned them of his death

• **All the disciples claimed they would never abandon Jesus; Peter particularly**

• Jesus prayed for the “cup” to pass from him, but deferred to the will of the Father

• The disciples kept falling asleep; Jesus rebuked them
• Judas arrived with a crowd of armed men
• **Judas kissed Jesus as a signal (betrayal)**
• Peter took his word and cut the ear off of one of the high priest’s slaves (Malchus)
• **Jesus rebuked Peter; Jesus reminded them that he had the power to stop this**
• **The men arrested Jesus; the disciples all fled, just as Jesus had said**
Matthew 26:57-75

- Jesus was taken to Caiaphas, the high priest
- The council tried to convict Jesus by false testimony, but could not
- Finally, after some testimony, Jesus spoke up (when he had to), confirming his identity
- Jesus began to be mocked and beaten after being informally condemned to death
- Peter denied knowing Jesus three times
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