

*The Passion of our
Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke*



JESUS

Luke

Luke 22:14 — 23:56 or 23:1–49

In the shorter form of the reading, the passages in brackets are omitted.

Narrator: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

[When the hour came,
Jesus took his place at table with the apostles.
He said to them,

**Jesus: “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you
before I suffer,
for, I tell you, I shall not eat it again
until there is fulfillment in the kingdom of God.”**

Narrator: Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and said:

**Jesus: “Take this and share it among yourselves;
for I tell you that from this time on
I shall not drink of the fruit of the vine
until the kingdom of God comes.”**

Narrator: Then he took the bread, said the blessing,
broke it, and gave it to them, saying,

**Jesus: “This is my body, which will be given for you;
do this in memory of me.”**

Narrator: And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying,

**Jesus: “This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
which will be shed for you.**

**“And yet behold, the hand of the one who is to betray me
is with me on the table;
for the Son of Man indeed goes as it has been determined;
but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed.”**

Narrator: And they began to debate among themselves
who among them would do such a deed.

Then an argument broke out among them
about which of them should be regarded as the greatest.
He said to them,

Jesus: “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them
and those in authority over them are addressed as ‘Benefactors’;
but among you it shall not be so.
Rather, let the greatest among you be as the youngest,
and the leader as the servant.
For who is greater:
the one seated at table or the one who serves?
Is it not the one seated at table?
I am among you as the one who serves.
It is you who have stood by me in my trials;
and I confer a kingdom on you,
just as my Father has conferred one on me,
that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom;
and you will sit on thrones
judging the twelve tribes of Israel.
“Simon, Simon, behold Satan has demanded
to sift all of you like wheat,
but I have prayed that your own faith may not fail;
and once you have turned back
you must strengthen your brothers.”

Narrator: He said to him,

Speaker: “Lord, I am prepared to go to prison and to die with you.”

Narrator: But he replied,

Jesus: “I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day,
you will deny three times that you know me.”

Narrator: He said to them,

Jesus: “When I sent you forth without a money bag or a sack or sandals,
were you in need of anything?”

Chorus: “No, nothing,”

Narrator: they replied.
He said to them,

Jesus: "But now one who has a money bag should take it,
and likewise a sack,
and one who does not have a sword
should sell his cloak and buy one.
For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me,
namely, *He was counted among the wicked*;
and indeed what is written about me is coming to fulfillment."

Narrator: Then they said,

Chorus: "Lord, look, there are two swords here."

Narrator: But he replied,

Jesus: "It is enough!"

Narrator: Then going out, he went, as was his custom,
to the Mount of Olives,
and the disciples followed him.
When he arrived at the place he said to them,

Jesus: "Pray that you may not undergo the test."

Narrator: After withdrawing about a stone's throw from them and kneeling,
he prayed, saying,

Jesus: "Father, if you are willing,
take this cup away from me;
still, not my will but yours be done."

Narrator: And to strengthen him an angel from heaven appeared to him.
He was in such agony and he prayed so fervently
that his sweat became like drops of blood
falling on the ground.
When he rose from prayer and returned to his disciples,
he found them sleeping from grief.
He said to them,

Jesus: "Why are you sleeping?
Get up and pray that you may not undergo the test."

Narrator: While he was still speaking, a crowd approached
and in front was one of the twelve, a man named Judas.
He went up to Jesus to kiss him.
Jesus said to him,

Jesus: "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"

Narrator: His disciples realized what was about to happen, and they asked,

Chorus: "Lord, shall we strike with a sword?"

Narrator: And one of them struck the high priest's servant
and cut off his right ear.
But Jesus said in reply,

Jesus: "Stop, no more of this!"

Narrator: Then he touched the servant's ear and healed him.
And Jesus said to the chief priests and temple guards
and elders who had come for him,

**Jesus: "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs?
Day after day I was with you in the temple area,
and you did not seize me;
but this is your hour, the time for the power of darkness."**

Narrator: After arresting him they led him away
and took him into the house of the high priest;
Peter was following at a distance.
They lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat around it,
and Peter sat down with them.
When a maid saw him seated in the light,
she looked intently at him and said,

Chorus: "This man too was with him."

Narrator: But he denied it saying,

Speaker: "Woman, I do not know him."

Narrator: A short while later someone else saw him and said,

Chorus: "You too are one of them";

Narrator: but Peter answered,

Speaker: "My friend, I am not."