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❖ THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ❖
ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

(LECT. 38—YEAR A)

Matthew 26:14—27:66 or 27:11–54

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

- Narrator: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
[One of the Twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said,
Speaker: “What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?”
Narrator: They paid him thirty pieces of silver, and from that time on he looked for an opportunity to hand him over.
On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the disciples approached Jesus and said,
Speaker: “Where do you want us to prepare for you to eat the Passover?”
Narrator: He said,
Jesus: “Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, ‘The teacher says, “My appointed time draws near; in your house I shall celebrate the Passover with my disciples.”’”
Narrator: The disciples then did as Jesus had ordered, and prepared the Passover.
When it was evening, he reclined at table with the Twelve. And while they were eating, he said,
Jesus: “Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me.”
Narrator: Deeply distressed at this, they began to say to him one after another,
Speaker: “Surely it is not I, Lord?”
Narrator: He said in reply,
Jesus: “He who has dipped his hand into the dish with me is the one who will betray me. The Son of Man indeed goes, as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed. It would be better for that man if he had never been born.”
Narrator: Then Judas, his betrayer, said in reply,
Speaker: “Surely it is not I, Rabbi?”
Narrator: He answered,
Jesus: “You have said so.”
Narrator: While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said,
Jesus: “Take and eat; this is my body.”

Narrator: Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying,
 Jesus: "Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, from now on I shall not drink this fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it with you new in the kingdom of my Father."

Narrator: Then, after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.
 Then Jesus said to them,
 Jesus: "This night all of you will have your faith in me shaken, for it is written:
I will strike the shepherd,
and the sheep of the flock will be dispersed;
 but after I have been raised up, I shall go before you to Galilee."

Narrator: Peter said to him in reply,
 Speaker: "Though all may have their faith in you shaken, mine will never be."

Narrator: Jesus said to him,
 Jesus: "Amen, I say to you, this very night before the cock crows, you will deny me three times."

Narrator: Peter said to him,
 Speaker: "Even though I should have to die with you, I will not deny you."

Narrator: And all the disciples spoke likewise.
 Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples,
 Jesus: "Sit here while I go over there and pray."

Narrator: He took along Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to feel sorrow and distress. Then he said to them,
 Jesus: "My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch with me."

Narrator: He advanced a little and fell prostrate in prayer, saying,
 Jesus: "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will."

Narrator: When he returned to his disciples he found them asleep. He said to Peter,
 Jesus: "So you could not keep watch with me for one hour? Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Narrator: Withdrawing a second time, he prayed again,
 Jesus: "My Father, if it is not possible that this cup pass without my drinking it, your will be done!"

❖ THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ❖
ACCORDING TO MARK

(LECT. 38—YEAR B)

Mark 14:1—15:47 or 15:1—39

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

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

[The Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread were to take place in two days' time. So the chief priests and the scribes were seeking a way to arrest him by treachery and put him to death. They said,

Chorus: "Not during the festival, for fear that there may be a riot among the people."

Narrator: When he was in Bethany reclining at table in the house of Simon the leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of perfumed oil, costly genuine spikenard. She broke the alabaster jar and poured it on his head. There were some who were indignant.

Chorus: "Why has there been this waste of perfumed oil? It could have been sold for more than three hundred days' wages and the money given to the poor."

Narrator: They were infuriated with her. Jesus said,

Jesus: "Let her alone. Why do you make trouble for her? She has done a good thing for me. The poor you will always have with you, and whenever you wish you can do good to them, but you will not always have me. She has done what she could. She has anticipated anointing my body for burial. Amen, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed to the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her."

Narrator: Then Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went off to the chief priests to hand him over to them. When they heard him they were pleased and promised to pay him money. Then he looked for an opportunity to hand him over.

On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him,

Chorus: "Where do you want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?"

Narrator: He sent two of his disciples and said to them,

Jesus: "Go into the city and a man will meet you, carrying a jar of water. Follow him. Wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, "Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"' Then he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready. Make the preparations for us there."

Narrator: The disciples then went off, entered the city, and found it just as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover.

When it was evening, he came with the Twelve. And as they reclined at table and were eating, Jesus said,

Jesus: "Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me."

Narrator: They began to be distressed and to say to him, one by one,

Speaker: "Surely it is not I?"

Narrator: He said to them,

Jesus: "One of the Twelve, the one who dips with me into the dish. For the Son of Man indeed goes, as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed. It would be better for that man if he had never been born."

Narrator: While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, and said,

Jesus: "Take it; this is my body."

Narrator: Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them,

Jesus: "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

Narrator: Then, after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Then Jesus said to them,

Jesus: "All of you will have your faith shaken, for it is written:
*I will strike the shepherd,
and the sheep will be dispersed.*
But after I have been raised up, I shall go before you to Galilee."

Narrator: Peter said to him,

Speaker: "Even though all should have their faith shaken, mine will not be."

Narrator: Then Jesus said to him,

Jesus: "Amen, I say to you, this very night before the cock crows twice you will deny me three times."

Narrator: But he vehemently replied,

Speaker: "Even though I should have to die with you, I will not deny you."

Narrator: And they all spoke similarly.

Then they came to a place named Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples,

Jesus: "Sit here while I pray."

Narrator: He took with him Peter, James, and John, and began to be troubled and distressed. Then he said to them,

❖ THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ❖
ACCORDING TO LUKE

(LECT. 38—YEAR C)

Luke 22:14—23:56 or 23:1—49

In the shorter form of the Passion, the two 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,

❖ THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ❖
ACCORDING TO JOHN

(LECT. 40)

John 18:1—19:42

- Narrator: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Jesus went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to where there was a garden, into which he and his disciples entered. Judas his betrayer also knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with his disciples. So Judas got a band of soldiers and guards from the chief priests and the Pharisees and went there with lanterns, torches, and weapons. Jesus, knowing everything that was going to happen to him, went out and said to them,
- Jesus: "Whom are you looking for?"
- Narrator: They answered him,
Chorus: "Jesus the Nazorean."
- Narrator: He said to them,
Jesus: "I AM."
- Narrator: Judas his betrayer was also with them. When he said to them, "I AM," they turned away and fell to the ground. So he again asked them,
Jesus: "Whom are you looking for?"
- Narrator: They said,
Chorus: "Jesus the Nazorean."
- Narrator: Jesus answered,
Jesus: "I told you that I AM. So if you are looking for me, let these men go."
- Narrator: This was to fulfill what he had said, "I have not lost any of those you gave me." Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter,
Jesus: "Put your sword into its scabbard. Shall I not drink the cup that the Father gave me?"
- Narrator: So the band of soldiers, the tribune, and the Jewish guards seized Jesus, bound him, and brought him to Annas first. He was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. It was Caiaphas who had counseled the Jews that it was better that one man should die rather than the people.
Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Now the other disciple was known to the high priest, and he entered the courtyard of the high priest with Jesus. But Peter stood at

the gate outside. So the other disciple, the acquaintance of the high priest, went out and spoke to the gatekeeper and brought Peter in. Then the maid who was the gatekeeper said to Peter, **“You are not one of this man’s disciples, are you?”**

Chorus:

Narrator: He said,

Speaker: “I am not.”

Narrator: Now the slaves and the guards were standing around a charcoal fire that they had made, because it was cold, and were warming themselves. Peter was also standing there keeping warm.

The high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his doctrine. Jesus answered him,

Jesus: “I have spoken publicly to the world. I have always taught in a synagogue or in the temple area where all the Jews gather, and in secret I have said nothing. Why ask me? Ask those who heard me what I said to them. They know what I said.”

Narrator: When he had said this, one of the temple guards standing there struck Jesus and said,

Speaker: “Is this the way you answer the high priest?”

Narrator: Jesus answered him,

Jesus: “If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong; but if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?”

Narrator: Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. Now Simon Peter was standing there keeping warm. And they said to him,

Chorus: “You are not one of his disciples, are you?”

Narrator: He denied it and said,

Speaker: “I am not.”

Narrator: One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the one whose ear Peter had cut off, said,

Chorus: “Didn’t I see you in the garden with him?”

Narrator: Again Peter denied it. And immediately the cock crowed. Then they brought Jesus from Caiaphas to the praetorium. It was morning. And they themselves did not enter the praetorium, in order not to be defiled so that they could eat the Passover. So Pilate came out to them and said,

Speaker: “What charge do you bring against this man?”

Narrator: They answered and said to him,

Chorus: “If he were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you.”

Narrator: At this, Pilate said to them,

Speaker: “Take him yourselves, and judge him according to your law.”

Narrator: The Jews answered him,

Chorus: “We do not have the right to execute anyone,”