

Preparation for the Passover in synoptic comparison

MARK 14.1-16

It was **two days before** the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus **by stealth and kill him**; for they said, "**Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.**" **While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger, "Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor."** And they scolded her. **But Jesus said, "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."** Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and **promised** to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him. On the **first** day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, **his disciples said to him, "Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?"** So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and **wherever** he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished **and ready**. Make preparations for us there." So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

LUKE 22.1-13

Now the festival of Unleavened Bread, **which is called** the Passover, was near. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way **to put him to death**, for **they were afraid of the people. Then Satan entered into** Judas called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve; he went away and conferred with the chief priests **and temple soldiers** about how he might betray him to them. They were greatly pleased and agreed to give him silver. **So he consented** and began to look for an opportunity to betray **him to them when no crowd was present**. Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb **had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it."** They asked him, "Where do you want us to make preparations for it?" "**Listen,**" he said to them, "**when you have entered the city**, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him **into the house** he enters and say to the owner of the house, 'The teacher asks you, "Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"' He will show you a large room upstairs, **already** furnished. Make preparations for us there." So they went and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

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Black = unique to Mark or Matthew

Purple = unique to Luke

Blue = common to Mark/Matthew

Plain = common to all three gospels

MATTHEW 26.1-19

When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he said to his disciples, "You know that after **two days** the Passover **is coming, and the Human One will be handed over to be crucified.**" Then the chief priests **and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, and they conspired** to arrest Jesus **by stealth and kill him**. But they said, "**Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.**" **Now while Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment, and she poured it on his head as he sat at the table. But when the disciples saw it, they were angry and said, "Why this waste? For this ointment could have been sold for a large sum, and the money given to the poor."** **But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. By pouring this ointment on my body she has prepared me for burial. Truly I tell you, wherever this good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."** Then one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What will you give me if I betray him to you?" **They paid him thirty pieces of silver.** And **from that moment** he began to look for an opportunity to betray him. On the **first** day of Unleavened Bread **the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?"** He said, "Go into the city to **a certain man**, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, **My time is near**; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'" So the disciples **did as Jesus had directed them**, and they prepared the Passover meal.