



The Kingdom Consummated

My Time is at Hand – Jesus Inaugurates the Last Supper

Sunday, February 25/24 --- Matthew 26:17-35

Sermon Outline:

Judas: *The Certainty of Betrayal and Accountability* (vs. 17-24 – Passover with the Disciples)

²³ He answered, “He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me.

²⁴ The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.”

Jesus: *The Certainty of Forgiveness and a Fruitful Future* (vs. 25-29 - Institution of the Lord’s Supper)

²⁸ for this is my blood of the covenant,
which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

²⁹ I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day
when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

Peter: *The Certainty of Denial and Gracious Restoration* (vs. 30-35 - Jesus Foretells Peter’s Denial)

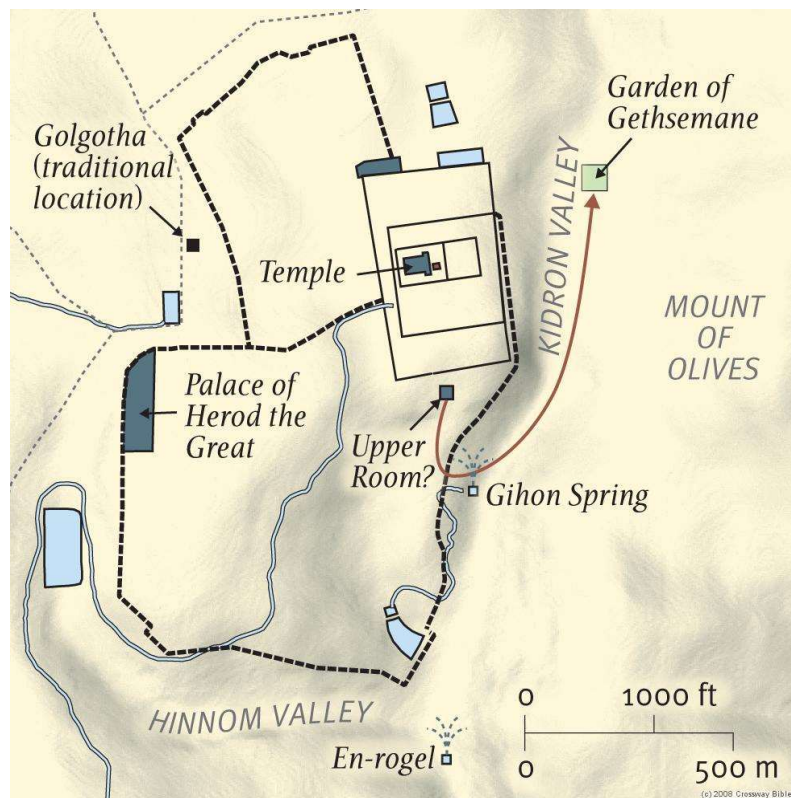
³² But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.”

³³ Peter answered him, “Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away.”

³⁴ Jesus said to him, “Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.”



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Zechariah 13:7-9

⁷ “Awake, O sword, against my shepherd,
against the man who stands next to me,”
declares the LORD of hosts.

*“Strike the shepherd,
and the sheep will be scattered;
I will turn my hand against the little ones.*

⁸ In the whole land, declares the LORD,
two thirds shall be cut off and perish,
and one third shall be left alive.

⁹ And I will put this third into the fire,
and refine them as one refines silver,
and test them as gold is tested.

They will call upon my name,
and I will answer them.
I will say, ‘They are my people’; and they
will say, ‘The LORD is my God.’”

Discussion Questions:

1. Share a short story of when you’ve been in awe of God recently.

How do those type of moments impact you?

2. Jesus said *My time is at hand*. What did that mean?

How could you enhance your appreciation of what Christ endured for you?

3. What does the Lord’s Supper mean to you personally?

4. What situations might tempt you to be quiet or low-key about
your relationship with Jesus Christ?

5. Why is human willpower inadequate to keep us from sinning?

6. How have you experienced God restoring you to fellowship with Him?

Application:

This week, every time you eat bread take a moment to thank Jesus that He sacrificed His body so that your sins would be forgiven and so that you may enjoy fellowship with Him and His family. Take note of how this practice impacts your awe of Him each day.

If you’re interested, sign up for our Seder meal on Wed, March 27th.