

Matthew  
chapter 26  
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# Jesus is Prepared for the Cross

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*Memory  
Verse*

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“He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, ‘O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.’”  
Matthew 26:39

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## Jesus Speaks the Truth

Jesus spends a lot of time telling people things that they just aren’t able to understand. It isn’t that Jesus was saying things that were complex or difficult. He wasn’t teaching the disciples algebra! But, He was telling them things that were going to happen in the future. In 1 Corinthians 2:14, it says that “...the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.” The disciples of Jesus had not yet received the Holy Spirit into their lives as Jesus had not yet been crucified and resurrected.

Jesus told His disciples:

1. That He was going to be crucified
2. That the fragrant oil was poured on His head for His burial
3. That one of the disciples was going to betray Him
4. They were to eat His body and drink His blood
5. They would all be made to stumble because of Him that very night
6. Peter would deny Jesus three times before the rooster crowed
7. That He could ask God the Father to send 72,000 angels to help Him
8. He claimed to be the Son of God, the Christ

Without the help of the Holy Spirit in our lives none of these things would make any sense. They didn’t make any sense to the disciples at the time. They thought that Jesus was going to establish His kingdom on Earth right then! They didn’t realize the importance of Jesus going to the cross and dying for our sins so that we could all be saved. Thankfully, when Jesus went to be with the Father again in Heaven, He promised to send the Holy Spirit as a helper so that the disciples, and us as well, would be able to understand spiritual things. In our walk with God, there are many things that can be hard to understand. Things can happen in our lives that are confusing and don’t make any sense. However, unlike the disciples that were confused at this time, we can ask for God to send the Holy Spirit to help us. As we look back upon this chapter, we see a bunch of people that loved Jesus very much, but didn’t understand what was going on. But, just because they didn’t understand what was going on, doesn’t mean that Jesus wasn’t working things out in just the right way for them, and for us. Romans 8:28 says that “And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.” Do you love God? Have you heard His call upon your life? Know this, when things seem crazy and the world seems upside down, Jesus is working ALL things out for your good. Amen.

Read Matthew Chapter 26 and answer the questions below.

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*Bible  
Questions &  
Personal  
Application*

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**1) How much money did Judas betray Jesus for?**

**Hint: Matthew 26:14**

**2) What festival was Jesus celebrating?**

**Hint: Matthew 26:17**

**3) What does the bread in communion represent?**

**Hint: Matthew 26:26**

**4) What does the cup in communion represent**

**Hint: Matthew 26:27-28**

**5) How many times would Peter deny Jesus?**

**Hint: Matthew 26:34**

**6) What is special about Jesus' prayer in the Garden?**

**7) Is there something you have been asking God for lately?  
How can we use Jesus' prayer in verse 39 as a model in  
our prayer life?**

### **Prayer:**

Jesus, thank You that You work everything in my life for my good. There are lots of times that things happen that I don't understand. But, what I do know is that I can trust in you with all of my heart, mind, soul, and strength and that you will never let me down. Jesus, I submit my life to your will. By Your Holy Spirit, help me to know Your will for my life. Send Your Spirit to help me understand when I need to. But also, help me to grow my faith as you put me through times when I have to just trust You in spite of everything. Jesus, I love you and can't wait for Your soon return! Amen.

## Craft: Make a Communion Plate and Take Communion with Your Family

<https://www.hellowonderful.co/post/diy-kids-sharpie-art-on-a-plate/>



### Do This in Remembrance of Me:

The bread, representing Jesus' body, which was broken on our behalf. The cup, full of his blood, shed to offer healing and hope. These symbols may seem intense to a child but the reality is, Jesus' death *was* an intense gift; a literally life-changing, miracle for all of mankind.

Read Luke 22:19-20 as you share the meaning of communion. The ICB version which uses language kids can easily understand.

"Then Jesus took some bread. He thanked God for it, broke it, and gave it to the apostles. Then Jesus said, 'This bread is my body that I am giving for you. Do this to remember me.' In the same way, after supper, Jesus took the cup and said, 'This cup shows the new agreement that God makes with his people. This new agreement begins with my blood which is poured out for you.'"