

Sermon Outline
“Preparing for the End”
Matthew 26:1-19

- I.** Structure as a guide to understanding
- A** Passover and betrayal predicted vv. 1-2
 - B** Conspiracy unveiled – priests, scribes and elders vv. 3-5
 - C** Preparation for burial vv. 6-13
 - B¹** Conspiracy unveiled – Judas vv. 14-16
 - A¹** Passover prepared vv. 17-19

The centerpiece of the passage is Jesus’ death & burial vv. 6-13
The Passover and the conspiracy form the framework.

II. Passover details

The prediction “Two days” vv. 1-2
Passover/Unleavened Bread Num 28:16-18
Jesus killed on “preparation day” Jn 19:31, 42
The next day was a High Sabbath Jn 19:31; Num 28:18
Jesus eats with his disciples the day before! I Cor 11:23
Lk 22:15; Mt 26:36-50

The preparation vv. 17-19

Where? v. 17

A legitimate question; they were staying in Bethany

Previous preparation v. 18

The man is unnamed, but prepared Mk 14:15

The disciples make ready v. 19

Only Peter & John are sent Mk 14:13; Lk 22:8

III. The significance of the event

An early dinner (before the day of preparation)

They did not eat a Paschal Lamb that evening; **or did they?**

Jesus establishes a **new** Passover for a **new** Israel

The old temple is desolate (23:38); a new temple is here

The old temple is no longer able to provide a lamb; the lamb is slain

We have Jesus’ temple/body in the bread, given to us

We have Jesus’ expiating blood in the cup, given to us

A blessing to those who drink it

A curse to those who shed it (Mt 27:25)