



Sermon Title: "Prepared for the Promise"

Text: Mark 14:12–26

Theme: Jesus fulfills the Passover, becoming the Lamb for our redemption.

I. SETTING THE SCENE: THE PASSOVER PREPARATION (vv. 12–16)

- **Verse 12:** Disciples ask Jesus, “Where do You want us to go and prepare?” This shows **obedience** and **readiness**.
- **Jesus gives specific instructions:** A man carrying water (an unusual sight in that time) would lead them to a room already **furnished and ready**.
- This shows:
 - **Prophetic precision** – Jesus knows what’s ahead.
 - **Divine preparation** – God always prepares a place before the promise.

🔥 **Preaching Point:** God already has your next step prepared before you even know to ask. Just follow His direction.

II. THE SHADOW OF BETRAYAL (vv. 17–21)

- **Jesus drops the bombshell:** “*One of you will betray Me.*”
- The disciples, stunned, each ask, “*Is it I?*”
That shows:
 - **Humility** – They didn’t assume innocence.
 - **Self-examination** – Before the cross, there must be introspection.

💡 **Lesson:** Sometimes, the people closest to you carry the greatest capacity to betray. But even betrayal fits into God’s bigger plan.

🔔 **Truth:** Jesus didn’t panic about the betrayal—He **used it** to fulfill His mission. So will God with **your betrayal scars**.

III. THE BODY AND THE BLOOD: THE NEW COVENANT (vv. 22–24)

- Jesus breaks the bread: “**Take, eat; this is My body.**”
- He pours the wine: “**This is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many.**”
- This is not just tradition. It’s **transition**—from the **Old Covenant** to the **New**.

🔥 **Power Point:**

The **Lamb on the table** is about to become the **Lamb on the cross**.

- The **Passover lamb** in Egypt saved Israel from death.
- Now, Jesus becomes the **final Lamb**, whose blood doesn’t just cover sin but **cleanses it forever**.

IV. THE FINAL SONG AND THE MOUNT OF OLIVES (vv. 25–26)

- Jesus says, “I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until I drink it new in the Kingdom of God.”
- They **sang a hymn**—likely Psalms 115–118 (traditional Passover Hallel psalms).
- Then they went to the Mount of Olives.

🌟 **Closing Revelation:**

Even with the cross in front of Him, Jesus sang.

Even with betrayal looming, He led worship.

Even with suffering certain, He moved forward.

🗣️ **Preach This:** Can you still **worship** when the next step is the cross? Jesus did—because He saw **resurrection beyond the pain**.

Takeaway Application:

- 1 **God has already prepared the place—just follow the instruction.**
- 2 **Your trials (including betrayal) are not detours, they are destiny’s design.**
- 3 **The blood still works—He is the Lamb, and your deliverance is sealed.**
- 4 **Worship is your warfare—sing even when the struggle is near.**