Audio Transcript of Sermon March 26, 2021 Passover

My name is Tom Laign with Sabbath Bible Study. Tonight we are observing the Christian Passover, a time of solemn observance. Much like the children of Israel were protected by the Passover blood while the firstborn of Egypt died, we are protected by the blood of Jesus Christ, and tonight we are memorializing His death and sacrifice. Without the death of Jesus Christ, our Passover sacrifice, we would suffer the same judgment of death that the firstborn of Egypt knew. The death of Jesus Christ is not a legend and not to be taken lightly. We are not to partake of the Christian Passover without first understanding the significance of the death of Jesus Christ giving us access to salvation and eternal life, lest we bring judgment upon ourselves. Even worse, not taking seriously the sacrifice of Jesus Christ can lead to our spiritual atrophy and death. The Christian Passover is not to be taken lightly and is for those who have committed their life to Jesus Christ and God the Father through baptism, who obey the commandments of Jesus Christ as Jesus Christ obeyed the commandments of God the Father. Paul wrote about this in first Corinthians eleven beginning in verse twenty-three.

## 1 Corinthians 11:23-31

- 23. For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread:
- 24. And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.
- 25. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.
- 26. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.
- 27. Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.
- 28. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.
- 29. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.
- 30. For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.

# 31. For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.

Jesus Christ was crucified and died on the Passover, and each year that we participate in the Christian Passover, we memorialize His death. From the scriptures we know the final supper that Jesus had with his disciples was the night before his death, shortly before he was betrayed by Judas Iscariot. He did not recognize the precious gift meant to all of mankind through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and treated this as if it was just of monetary value. When we partake in the Christian Passover without first understanding the significance of the death of Jesus, how His death gives us access to salvation and eternal life, we eat and drink damnation to ourselves risking our salvation and eternal life. Let's read the account of that night as we observe the Christian Passover. John thirteen verse one.

## John 13:1:1-17

- 1. Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.
- 2. And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him;
- 3. Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God;
- 4. He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself.
- 5. After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.
- 6. Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet?
- 7. Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter.
- 8. Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.
- 9. Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head.
- 10. Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all.
- 11. For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean.

- 12. So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you?
- 13. Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am.
- 14. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.
- 15. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.
- 16. Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him.
- 17. If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

Jesus gave an example to wash one another's feet, and that we will be happy if we do as instructed by Jesus. For those gathered in groups and who are physically able, it is appropriate and commanded by Jesus to wash another person's feet. As the grip of COVID-19 seems to be slipping, we need to be mindful of the need to adhere to what Jesus taught. During foot washing, there should be no offense taken if a person chooses to use gloves for personal protection and if a basin will be used by multiple people, if the basin is cleansed and sanitized between uses. For those who are observing the Christian Passover alone for any reason, and for those who are physically unable to perform foot washing, your attitude and willingness to participate is sufficient. If you are in a group that will be completing foot washing now would be the time to pause this recording.

# [Pause for foot washing]

It was after the foot washing, that Jesus shared that one of the disciples would betray him. John thirteen verse eighteen.

#### John 13:18-30

- 18. I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me.
- 19. Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am he.
- 20. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth me; and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me.
- 21. When Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me.

- 22. Then the disciples looked one on another, doubting of whom he spake.
- 23. Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved.
- 24. Simon Peter therefore beckoned to him, that he should ask who it should be of whom he spake.
- 25. He then lying on Jesus' breast saith unto him, Lord, who is it?
- 26. Jesus answered, He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it. And when he had dipped the sop, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon.
- 27. And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly.
- 28. Now no man at the table knew for what intent he spake this unto him.
- 29. For some of them thought, because Judas had the bag, that Jesus had said unto him, Buy those things that we have need of against the feast; or, that he should give something to the poor.
- 30. He then having received the sop went immediately out: and it was night.

After Judas Iscariot left, Jesus knew the time of his death and resurrection had arrived and he commanded the disciples with him that night and each of us observing tonight to love one another. Verse thirty-one.

## John 13:31-35

- 31. Therefore, when he was gone out, Jesus said, Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in him.
- 32. If God be glorified in him, God shall also glorify him in himself, and shall straightway glorify him.
- 33. Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek me: and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now I say to you.
- 34. A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.
- 35. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

Jesus took bread, and it would have been unleavened bread because of the Passover, broke the unleavened bread and gave it to the disciples to eat. Although the disciples would not know it, Jesus was teaching them of the torture his body would have to go through during the crucifixion. The religious authorities and many people saw His crucifixion as a sign of defeat, because they did not

understand that His death was needed to bring salvation and eternal life. The Gospel of Mark records when Jesus was on the cross in Mark chapter fifteen beginning in verse twenty-seven.

## Mark 15:27-32

- 27. And with him they crucify two thieves; the one on his right hand, and the other on his left.
- 28. And the scripture was fulfilled, which saith, And he was numbered with the transgressors.
- 29. And they that passed by railed on him, wagging their heads, and saying, Ah, thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days,
- 30. Save thyself, and come down from the cross.
- 31. Likewise also the chief priests mocking said among themselves with the scribes, He saved others; himself he cannot save.
- 32. Let Christ the King of Israel descend now from the cross, that we may see and believe. And they that were crucified with him reviled him.

The scripture that is referenced is from the Old Testament, the Book of Psalms, Psalm twenty-two beginning in verse one.

## Psalm 22:1-31

- 1. My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?
- 2. O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not; and in the night season, and am not silent.
- 3. But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.
- 4. Our fathers trusted in thee: they trusted, and thou didst deliver them.
- 5. They cried unto thee, and were delivered: they trusted in thee, and were not confounded.
- 6. But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people.
- 7. All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying,
- 8. He trusted on the LORD that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him.
- 9. But thou art he that took me out of the womb: thou didst make me hope when I was upon my mother's breasts.

- 10. I was cast upon thee from the womb: thou art my God from my mother's belly.
- 11. Be not far from me; for trouble is near; for there is none to help.
- 12. Many bulls have compassed me: strong bulls of Bashan have beset me round.
- 13. They gaped upon me with their mouths, as a ravening and a roaring lion.
- 14. I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels.
- 15. My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws; and thou hast brought me into the dust of death.
- 16. For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet.
- 17. I may tell all my bones: they look and stare upon me.
- 18. They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.
- 19. But be not thou far from me, O LORD: O my strength, haste thee to help me.
- 20. Deliver my soul from the sword; my darling from the power of the dog.
- 21. Save me from the lion's mouth: for thou hast heard me from the horns of the unicorns.
- 22. I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.
- 23. Ye that fear the LORD, praise him; all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him; and fear him, all ye the seed of Israel.
- 24. For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; neither hath he hid his face from him; but when he cried unto him, he heard.
- 25. My praise shall be of thee in the great congregation: I will pay my vows before them that fear him.
- 26. The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the LORD that seek him: your heart shall live for ever.
- 27. All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the LORD: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.
- 28. For the kingdom is the LORD'S: and he is the governor among the nations.
- 29. All they that be fat upon earth shall eat and worship: all they that go down to the dust shall bow before him: and none can keep alive his own soul.
- 30. A seed shall serve him; it shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation.
- 31. They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness unto a people that shall be born, that he hath done this.

During the crucifixion, fulfilling the words of verse sixteen of Psalm twenty-two, Jesus was surrounded by wicked people as he was crucified with two criminals. He was also surrounded by the Romans who crucified Him driving nails through His hands and feet. Jesus was mocked by crowds surrounding Him while on the cross just like verses six through eight of this Psalm. The torture of the cross caused His muscles and bones to lose strength and instead of standing like a man, Jesus was physically reduced to hanging like a piece of meat, to the point dogs surrounded the cross. It is with this torture and cruelty endured by Jesus Christ that we understand the words of Jesus Christ in Matthew twenty-six verse twenty-six.

## Matthew 26:26

26. And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body.

All who are observing the Christian Passover should at this time after first asking God's blessing, take unleavened bread, break it and eat it. By eating broken unleavened bread we remember that Jesus was tortured on the cross before His death.

Let us pray. Our Father in heaven, we come before you on this Passover and ask for your blessing on this bread as it reminds us of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. By eating of this bread we remember the cruelty and torture endured by Jesus on the cross and we know that He was mocked and ridiculed by others during his time on the cross. We know that the crucifixion gave Him extreme suffering and caused his bones to fall out of joint. We know Jesus could see the dogs circling below as His physical strength and life was drained from His body. We thank you for the sacrifice of Jesus Christ because without His death there is nothing we could do of ourselves to attain salvation. We recognize salvation and eternal life are gifts available to us and paid for through the death of Jesus Christ. Amen.

In breaking bread and to minimize health risks during COVID-19, food service gloves should be used to break the bread and that there should be minimal contact between people. If needed for the size of your group, you may pause the tape to allow for enough time.

[Pause for breaking and eating of unleavened bread]

In the Old Testament, God did not allow for any consumption of blood because blood is the source of life. God did not allow the ceremonial consumption of blood in sacrifices because the blood of animals could not give access to salvation and eternal life. Only the sacrifice of Jesus Christ would give people access to salvation and eternal life. This is why after Jesus gave the disciples the broken bread to eat, he had them drink wine, most likely red wine symbolizing the blood of Jesus Christ. Jesus had them take a sip of wine and they did not get drunk. Let's read Matthew twenty-six verse twenty-seven.

## Matthew 26:27-29

- 27. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it;
- 28. For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.
- 29. But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

All who are observing the Christian Passover should at this time after first asking God's blessing, take a sip of red wine. By drinking red wine we remember that Jesus' blood was spilled, and His life was lost so we could have salvation and eternal life.

Let us pray. Our Father in heaven, we ask for your blessing on this wine as it is a reminder that the blood of Jesus Christ was shed, and his life lost so that we could have eternal life and salvation. By drinking this wine we acknowledge and remember that the blood of Jesus Christ was shed, and His life was lost so that we could have eternal life and salvation. Without the death of Jesus Christ we know there would be no hope for us. We thank You because through the death and shed blood of Jesus Christ we have hope of salvation and eternal life. The cruelty and torture of His death requires our serious commitment not only tonight but on each day of our life. Amen.

If needed for the size of your group, you may pause the recording to allow for enough time. For health reasons, the wine should be drank from individual serving glasses.

[Pause for drinking a sip of red wine]

Even after partaking of the symbols of bread and wine, seeing the departure of Judas Iscariot, and the command to love one another, the disciples did not fully understand what needed yet to happen. Peter again affirmed his willingness to die for Jesus and Jesus told him instead he would deny Jesus three times before sunrise. Verse thirty-six of John thirteen.

## John 13:36-38

- 36. Simon Peter said unto him, Lord, whither goest thou? Jesus answered him, Whither I go, thou canst not follow me now; but thou shalt follow me afterwards.
- 37. Peter said unto him, Lord, why cannot I follow thee now? I will lay down my life for thy sake.
- 38. Jesus answered him, Wilt thou lay down thy life for my sake? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, The cock shall not crow, till thou hast denied me thrice.

Let's continue to read in John chapter fourteen.

## John 14:1-31

- 1. Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.
- 2. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.
- 3. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.
- 4. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.
- 5. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?
- 6. Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.
- 7. If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.
- 8. Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.
- 9. Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

- 10. Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.
- 11. Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.
- 12. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.
- 13. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.
- 14. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.
- 15. If ye love me, keep my commandments.
- 16. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;
- 17. Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.
- 18. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.
- 19. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also.
- 20. At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.
- 21. He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.
- 22. Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world?
- 23. Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.
- 24. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.
- 25. These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you.
- 26. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.
- 27. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

- 28. Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I.
- 29. And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe.
- 30. Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me.
- 31. But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence.

John chapter fifteen.

## John 15:1-27

- 1. I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.
- 2. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.
- 3. Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.
- 4. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.
- 5. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.
- 6. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.
- 7. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.
- 8. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.
- 9. As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.
- 10. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.
- 11. These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.
- 12. This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.
- 13. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.
- 14. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

- 15. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.
- 16. Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.
- 17. These things I command you, that ye love one another.
- 18. If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you.
- 19. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.
- 20. Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.
- 21. But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me.
- 22. If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloke for their sin.
- 23. He that hateth me hateth my Father also.
- 24. If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father.
- 25. But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me without a cause.
- 26. But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:
- 27. And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.

Let's continue in chapter sixteen.

## John 16:1-33

- 1. These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended.
- 2. They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service.

- 3. And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me.
- 4. But these things have I told you, that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them. And these things I said not unto you at the beginning, because I was with you.
- 5. But now I go my way to him that sent me; and none of you asketh me, Whither goest thou?
- 6. But because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart.
- 7. Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.
- 8. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:
- 9. Of sin, because they believe not on me;
- 10. Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;
- 11. Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.
- 12. I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.
- 13. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.
- 14. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.
- 15. All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.
- 16. A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me, because I go to the Father.
- 17. Then said some of his disciples among themselves, What is this that he saith unto us, A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me: and, Because I go to the Father?
- 18. They said therefore, What is this that he saith, A little while? we cannot tell what he saith.
- 19. Now Jesus knew that they were desirous to ask him, and said unto them, Do ye enquire among yourselves of that I said, A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me?
- 20. Verily, verily, I say unto you, That ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy.

- 21. A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world.
- 22. And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.
- 23. And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.
- 24. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.
- 25. These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the time cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall shew you plainly of the Father.
- 26. At that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you:
- 27. For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God.
- 28. I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father.
- 29. His disciples said unto him, Lo, now speakest thou plainly, and speakest no proverb.
- 30. Now are we sure that thou knowest all things, and needest not that any man should ask thee: by this we believe that thou camest forth from God.
- 31. Jesus answered them, Do ye now believe?
- 32. Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me.
- 33. These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

Jesus then prayed for His followers. John seventeen.

#### John 17:1-26

- 1. These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:
- 2. As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.

- 3. And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.
- 4. I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.
- 5. And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.
- 6. I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word.
- 7. Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee.
- 8. For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.
- 9. I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.
- 10. And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.
- 11. And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.
- 12. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.
- 13. And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves.
- 14. I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.
- 15. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.
- 16. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.
- 17. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.
- 18. As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.
- 19. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.
- 20. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

- 21. That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.
- 22. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:
- 23. I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.
- 24. Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.
- 25. O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me.
- 26. And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

It was shortly after this time, that Jesus was arrested and put on trial. Prior to leaving the Passover supper after the foot washing, after breaking unleavened bread and eating it, after drinking the red wine, one final part of that evening is recorded for us. Matthew twenty-six, verse thirty.

## Matthew 26:30

30. And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.

A hymn is sung after the conclusion of this recording. God-willing we'll get together next time on the Sabbath.