



The Passion of the King - 1

Leader's Notes

THE KING PREPARES FOR HIS DEATH

1. THE ANOINTING AT BETHANY Matthew 26:6-13

Answers to the blanks: 2 miles/3.2 kilometres
 Mary, Martha, Lazarus
 Simon the Leper
 Mary
 Half a litre
 One



The disciples, especially Judas, didn't appreciate what this woman had done. Compare the actions and attitudes of Judas with those of Mary.

	Scripture references	Actions	Attitudes
JUDAS	John 12:4-6 Matthew 26:14-16 Matthew 26:48-50	Objected to Mary anointing Jesus. Went to the Chief Priests to betray Jesus for money. Betrayed Jesus with a kiss.	Greed Greed Deceitful
MARY	John 12:3 Luke 10:39, 41-42 John 11:28-29, 32-33	Anointed Jesus' head and wiped His feet. Sat at Jesus' feet and listened to Him. Went to Jesus to ask for help.	Love, generosity Love, hunger for God Trust

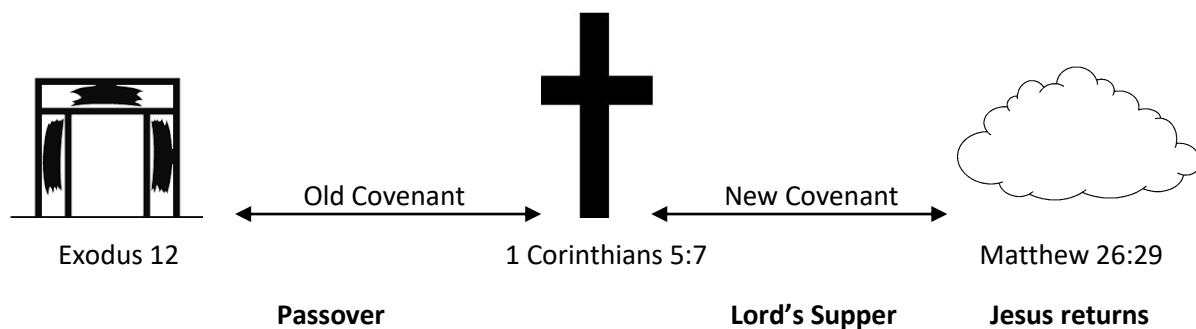
Answers to the blanks: Burial
 Anointed

Encourage members to write down their response.

2. THE LAST SUPPER Matthew 26:17-30

Answers to the blanks: Seven days
 Passover
 Egyptians
 Lamb
 Blood
 Back
 Forwards
 Back
 Forwards

Explain the meaning of the diagram to the group:-



It would be meaningful to celebrate the Lord's Supper together. Make sure you prepare the bread and wine before the meeting starts. When you take the bread, ask the members what the bread means. Do the same for the wine.



What does the BREAD mean to you?

What does the WINE mean to you?

BREAD

- The bread represents the body of Jesus. Just as He broke the bread, so His body was broken for us.
- When Jesus broke the bread He said, "Take and eat." As we eat the bread in faith we receive His life. Jesus said, "I am the Bread of Life, if anyone eats this bread he will live forever."
- Just as bread was the most important food for the people in Jesus' day, so Jesus is our spiritual food, and meets our daily needs.

WINE

- The wine represents the blood of Jesus, which was poured out when He died on the cross for the forgiveness of sins.
- When we take the wine in faith we are receiving His forgiveness.
- We are also saying to God that we have accepted the New Covenant which He has made with man. Our response to that Covenant is obedience to His commands.

After you have celebrated the Lord's Supper you may like to pray for one another before drawing the study to a close.

When God made His covenant with the Children of Israel animals were sacrificed and the blood sprinkled on the people. The people responded by saying, "We will do everything the Lord has said."

Jesus now establishes a new covenant with all who believe in Him. He became the sacrifice and His blood was shed to seal that covenant. We can now receive the wonderful blessings of that covenant: the forgiveness of our sin and freedom from the power of Satan. Our response must be like that of Mary: to give Him our love, devotion and obedience.