



DIGGING DEEPER

Mt 26v17-30 – The Bread and the Wine

PLEASE READ – Matthew 26v17-30

GETTING STARTED

From what we read in v1-2, v18 and v24, what do we learn about Jesus and the events that are about to unfold?

Jesus makes 2 announcements at the table, that are both shocking in their own way. What are they...

1) MAN BETRAYS GOD

Who is Jesus speaking to in v20-21 – why does that make his announcement all the more shocking?

How do they respond (v22) and how does Jesus respond to them? (v23)

What do we learn from this episode about Judas and the nature of sin? (see also v14-16)

What lessons do **we** need to learn?

2) GOD RESCUES MAN

Why is the backdrop of the 'Passover' so important for understanding the second announcement that Jesus makes? What is Jesus actually saying?

How does what happened at the cross relate to the first 'Passover' night in Egypt?

In what sense is the Lord's supper a time of **joyful celebration** as well as **serious examination**?

Are both those dimensions evident when we share in the Lord's Supper together?

Meditate on the words of the Jesus below...

Mt 26v29: I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."