(17) Preparation for the Passover (Mt. 26:17-19; Mk. 14:12-16; Lk. 22:7-13)

(18) Passover Eaten, Jealousy (Mt. 26:20; Mk. 14:17; Lk. 22:14-16,24-30)

- 1. An unnamed water carrier and an unnamed house owner lead Peter & John to the most famous upper room in the history of the world.
 - a. Passover will be observed [JFWoW@J17,18].
 - b. Foot washing will be demonstrated [JFWoW@J19].
 - c. The Betrayer will be exposed and expelled [JFWoW@J20,21].
 - d. Communion will be introduced [JFWoW@J22].
 - e. A critical Discourse will be delivered, and the real Lord's Prayer will be offered to the Father [JFWoW@J23] (Jn. 14:1-17:26).
- 2. Jesus and His Disciples observed the final Passover of His first advent (Mt. 26:17; Mk. 14:12; Lk. 22:7-16).
 - a. Old Testament background on Passover and Unleavened Bread is important to review (Ex. 12). R.A. Torrey's <u>New</u> <u>Topical Textbook</u> has a good summary.
 - b. Jesus had previously observed Passover several times (Jn. 2:13; 5:1; 6:4; 11:55). These passages in John are vital for all Life of Christ chronological studies.
 - c. A problem arises with the priests' Passover observance on the following day (Jn. 18:28). Harmonizations of this discrepancy are presented thoroughly by <u>Harold Hoehner</u> (Chronological Aspects of the Life of Christ, ISBN-13: 978-0310262114).
- 3. This night has been on the Lord's heart for weeks, years, even ages (Lk. 22:15,16).
 - a. Earnestly desired. ἐπιθυμίφ ἐπεθύμησα. Hebraism common in the LXX. This idiom also appears at John 3:29 & Acts 4:17. ἐπιθυμέω epithumeō ^{#1937}_{16x}: to have a strong desire to do or secure something; *desire, long for.* Not always sexual (Mt. 5:28) and not always wrong (Mt. 13:17; 1st Tim. 3:1; Heb. 6:11; 1st Pet. 1:12).
 - b. Eat this passover ($\pi \dot{\alpha} \sigma \chi \alpha$ pascha $^{\#3957}_{29x}$) before I suffer ($\pi \dot{\alpha} \sigma \chi \omega$ paschō $^{\#3958}_{42x}$).
 - c. The desire of the Lord was to accomplish everything the Father assigned for Him to do. This delight and desire was birthed from the foundation of the world (Prov. 8:31; Ps. 22:31; 40:7,8; Heb. 10:7,9).
 - d. Never again is Passover to be observed until its Kingdom fulfillment arrives (Jer. 16:14-15; 23:7-8).
- 4. Luke adds details to this episode pertaining to the disciples' jealousy (Lk. 22:24-30).
 - a. This was not their first such argument [GM53:Disciples Contend About Greatness] (Mt. 18:1-5; Mk. 9:33-37; Lk. 9:46-48).
 - b. The Lord's response (this time) is to highlight prideful Gentile practices (Lk. 22:25-26).
 - c. The world knows how tables work. The standing ones serve the seated ones. Jesus turned the tables (Lk. 22:27).
 - d. In order to be seated and served in the Kingdom, the Lord expects loyal service here in time (Lk. 22:28-30 cf. Hos. 6:6).