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The Betrayal

Chapter Summary

Jesus is anointed in Bethany with costly perfume—a prophetic act that prepares Him for burial and declares His worth. While He honours the woman’s devotion, the leaders scheme in secret and Judas sells access to Him for the price of a slave. Meanwhile, Jesus directs the quiet arrangements for the upper room, signalling that nothing in the coming hours is accidental—every step moves toward His appointed hour.

When Greeks ask to see Him, Jesus reveals the path to fruitfulness: the grain must die to multiply. He calls the crowds to walk in the Light, warns that unbelief hardens the heart, and cries out one final public appeal before withdrawing. The chapter exposes two roads—self-preserving compromise or self-giving obedience—and shows the King choosing the cross to draw the nations to Himself.

Main Truth: Glory comes through costly obedience.

The Messiah’s way is not grasping power but yielding to the Father’s will—an “anointing for burial,” a seed falling into the ground, a life poured out. Those who follow Him embrace the same pattern: lose your life to find it, serve to share His honour, walk in the Light to become children of light. This surrender is not defeat; it is the doorway to fruit, freedom, and eternal life.

Week 23 Recap

- 1 What was something new you learned last week?
- 2 What stood out the most from last week’s study?
- 3 Did you do anything as a result of what you have learned?

Key Scripture

John 12:24

“Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.”



Day 1 Truth:

Whole-hearted worship is never wasted.

Day 1 Scripture:

Mark 14:8

"She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burial."

Day 1 Prayer:

Jesus, receive my costly worship and reorder my values around Your worth; teach me to pour myself out in love that prepares the way for Your purposes.

Day 1 – Anointed for Burial

Chapter 24:1–5

1. What does the woman's act communicate about Jesus' identity and mission?
2. Why do some at the table call her offering a "waste," and what does Jesus correct in their value system?
3. How does this anointing anticipate what is about to unfold?
4. Where might you be tempted to call costly love a "waste," and what would obedience look like instead?

Day 2 Truth:

Compromise cheapens the soul.

Day 2 Scripture:

Matthew 26:15

"What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?" And they paid him thirty pieces of silver.

Day 2 Prayer:

Lord, expose any seed of betrayal in me; free me from disappointment, greed, and fear, and make my heart steadfast, loyal, and true to You.

Day 2 – The Price of Betrayal

Chapter 24:6–7

5. What motives could harden Judas to the point of partnering with the priests?
6. How does spiritual disappointment open a door to the enemy's plan?
7. What does the leaders' delight reveal about their hearts and aims?
8. Where do you need to close the gap between private frustration and faithful surrender?

FINAL WEEK TIMELINE

MARCH AD 33	THURSDAY 26	FRIDAY 27	SATURDAY 28	SUNDAY 29	MONDAY 30	TUESDAY 31
			Jesus blesses the children	Jesus heals blind Bartimaeus Morning at Zacchaeus' house	Monday's triumphal entry Sunday's secret arrival	



The Jesus Bible Study

Day 3 – Prepared in Secret

Chapter 24:8–11

9. What details show Jesus' foresight and quiet authority in arranging the meal?
10. Why is the "man with a water jar" clue significant, and what does it teach about discipleship?
11. How does prepared space make room for encounter and obedience?
12. What "upper room" preparations is God asking you to make this week?

Day 3 Truth:

Obedience prepares sacred space.

Day 3 Scripture:

Luke 22:12

"He will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there."

Day 3 Prayer:

Father, help me prepare the "upper room" of my life with practical obedience and quiet faith so Your presence has room to meet and transform me.

Day 4 – The Hour of Glory

Chapter 24:12–19

13. What does Jesus mean by a seed dying to bear much fruit?
14. How do "trouble," "glorify Your name," and the heavenly voice frame His mission?
15. What does "lifted up" reveal about the cross and its global draw?
16. Where is Jesus inviting you to die to self so that real fruit can grow?

Day 4 Truth:

Life comes through surrender.

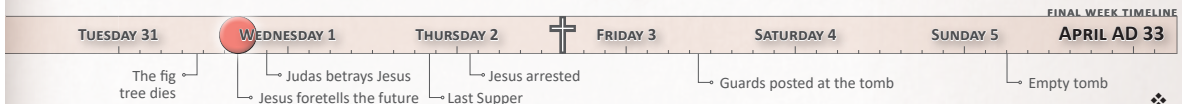
Day 4 Scripture:

John 12:24

"Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit."

Day 4 Prayer:

Jesus, I choose Your way of the seed; kill my pride and self-reliance, and raise up fruit that serves others and glorifies Your name.



Day 5 Truth:

Walk in the Light today.

Day 5 Scripture:

John 12:46

"I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness."

Day 5 Prayer:

Light of the world, lead me out of every shadow; teach me to love Your praise above people's praise and to live openly in Your truth.

Day 5 – Children of Light

Chapter 24:20–26

17. Why do many still not believe despite many signs?
18. What does it mean to love human praise more than God's praise?
19. How does Jesus' final appeal define belief, judgment, and eternal life?
20. What practical steps help you walk as a "child of light" today?

Day 6 – Big Picture (Whole Week)**Day 6 Truth:**

Costly obedience reveals glory.

Day 6 Scripture:

John 12:32

"And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself."

Day 6 Prayer:

Crucified and risen Lord, draw my heart again; make my life a signpost to Your cross and a witness that invites many into Your saving love.

21. How do devotion (Day 1) and betrayal (Day 2) expose two contrasting kingdoms?
22. Where do preparation (Day 3) and surrender (Day 4) meet in your discipleship?
23. What does this chapter teach about hardness of heart and the mercy of Light (Day 5)?
24. If "glory comes through costly obedience," what one change will you make now?

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