

## Matthew 26:36-56 Another Prophecy Fulfilled

Last week in Part 2 of The Last Supper and Passover, we investigated further the conversation, dialogue, and language of the Gospel narrative of Matthew and compared statements made in the Gospel narrative of John to help determine and answer that very important question of whether the last supper Yeshua ate with His disciples was the Passover meal.

We established a timeline of events that occurred while Yeshua and His disciples were together and discerned what was said and done as they shared their last supper together. After Yeshua and His disciples had eaten and done all that had to be done, according to prophecy, they went to the Garden of Gethsemane where another prophecy would be fulfilled.

Yeshua was deeply troubled about the events that were about to unfold and sought a quiet place in the Garden where He would agonize in prayer for three solid hours. Yeshua's disciples, whom He had instructed to watch and pray, after a very long day of teaching, eating, and ministry were very tired and struggled to stay awake.

We join Yeshua and His disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane as another prophecy is being fulfilled.

Mt 26:36 Then cometh Yeshua with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder.

Gethsemane – 1068 Γεθσημανῆ (Γεθσημανί) Gethsemane {gheth-say-man-ay'}

Meaning: Gethsemane = "an oil press"

Usage: AV - Gethsemane 2; 2

Misc: 1) the name of a place at the foot of the Mount of Olives, beyond the torrent Kidron.

Gethsemane is mentioned twice in the New Testament. Here in Matthew and again in Mark. In Luke, it is referred to as the Mount of Olives. However, as the definition reveals, Gethsemane is at the foot of the Mount of Olives.

Lk 22:31 And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat:

Lk 22:32 But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

Lk 22:33 And he said unto him, Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into prison, and to death.

Lk 22:34 And he said, I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before that thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me.

Lk 22:35 And he said unto them, When I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye any thing? And they said, Nothing.

Lk 22:36 Then said he unto them, But now, he that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise his scrip: and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one.

Lk 22:37 For I say unto you, that this that is written must yet be accomplished in me, And he was reckoned among the transgressors: for the things concerning me have an end.

Yeshua quotes from the prophecy of Isaiah:

Isa 53:12 Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Lk 22:38 And they said, Lord, behold, here are two swords. And he said unto them, It is enough.

Yeshua's disciples were armed with two swords.

Lk 22:39 And he came out, and went, as he was wont, to the mount of Olives; and his disciples also followed him.

Lk 22:40 And when he was at the place, he said unto them, Pray that ye enter not into temptation.

Mt 26:37 And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy.

Mt 26:38 Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with/after me.

With – 3326 μετά meta {met-ah'}

Meaning: 1) with, after, behind

Origin: a primary preposition (often used adverbially); TDNT - 7:766,1102; prep

Usage: AV - with 345, after 88, among 5, hereafter + 5023 4, afterward + 5023 4, against 4, not tr 1, misc 32; 473

The first mention of this Greek word “meta” is found in Matthew 1:12.

Mt 1:12 And after they were brought to Babylon, Jechonias begat Salathiel; and Salathiel begat Zorobabel;

Yeshua did not take Peter, James, and John to watch with Him. Yeshua took Peter, James, and John to watch after Him while He prayed a little ways from them.

Mt 26:39 And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.

The cup Yeshua spoke of was figurative, indicating the death He would suffer for the sins of the world. Yeshua had spoken of this cup earlier when James and John's Momma requested that He have them sit on His right hand and on the left when He came into His Kingdom.

Mt 20:21 And he said unto her, What wilt thou? She saith unto him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom.

Mt 20:22 But Yeshua answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, We are able.

Mt 20:23 And he saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father.

Mt 26:40 And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with/after me one hour?

Mt 26:41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Mt 26:42 He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.

Mt 26:43 And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy.

Mt 26:44 And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

Mt 26:45 Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

Shortly after, Judas brought with him a great multitude of people with lanterns, torches, and weapons.

Mt 26:46 Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth betray me.

Mt 26:47 And while he yet spake, lo, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people.

John wrote:

Jn 18:3 Judas then, having received a band of men and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, cometh thither with lanterns and torches and weapons.

Mt 26:48 Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he: hold him fast.

Mt 26:49 And forthwith he came to Yeshua, and said, Hail, master; and kissed him.

Mt 26:50 And Yeshua said unto him, Friend, wherefore art thou come? Then came they, and laid hands on Yeshua, and took him.

Mt 26:51 And, behold, one of them which were with Yeshua stretched out his hand, and drew his sword, and struck a servant of the high priest's, and smote off his ear.

As mentioned earlier, Yeshua's disciples were armed with two swords, the weapons of that day.

According to John's Gospel, Peter was the disciple that drew the sword and cut off the ear of Malchus, the High Priest's servant.

Jn 18:8 Yeshua answered, I have told you that I am he: if therefore ye seek me, let these go their way:

Jn 18:9 That the saying might be fulfilled, which he spake, Of them which thou gavest me have I lost none.

What saying?

Yeshua prophesied in John 6.

Jn 6:38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

Jn 6:39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.

Jn 6:40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

Remember in John 17, Yeshua prayed for all who would believe in Him through their words.

Jn 17:20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

Jn 18:10 Then Simon Peter having a sword drew it, and smote the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus.

Jn 18:11 Then said Yeshua unto Peter, Put up thy sword into the sheath: the cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?

Mt 26:52 Then said Yeshua unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.

Mt 26:53 Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?

Mt 26:54 But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?

Mt 26:55 In that same hour said Yeshua to the multitudes, Are ye come out as against a thief with swords and staves for to take me? I sat daily with you teaching in the temple, and ye laid no hold on me.

Mt 26:56 But all this was done, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the disciples forsook him, and fled.

Scriptures of the Prophets is a reference to more than one Prophet.

The Prophet Isaiah prophesied:

Isa 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Isa 53:7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

Isa 53:8 He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

Isa 53:9 And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

Isa 53:10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

Isa 53:11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

Isa 53:12 Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Then all the disciples forsook him and fled, is a reference to Zechariah:

Zec 13:7 Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man that is my fellow, saith the LORD of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones.