



## **Victory in Surrender - April 13, 2025**

Creation, Fall, Rescue, Restoration

- When Jesus left the glory of heaven for the brokenness of this world, He knew that He was going to face death.
- This was the only way that mankind could be reconciled to its creator.
- Why would He do this? Because He loves us.
- Rescue can only happen after surrender. Jesus modeled this for us.

*For God so **loved** the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. **John 3:16***

*For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to **serve**, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” **Mark 10:45***

## **The week leading up to the Garden**

1. Jesus makes his triumphal entry into Jerusalem on a donkey. This is the beginning of “holy week” and many people are congregating in Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. As he enters, the people shout “Hosanna!” “Hosanna in the highest!” Hosanna basically means, “Lord, please save us!” The people rejoiced over their Messianic King and expected a revolution to begin.

2. Jesus cleansed the temple and rebuked the chief priests and scribes for allowing God's house to become a "den of robbers."
3. Jesus preached with authority in the temple, predicted the destruction of the temple, and predicted His second coming. He instructs his disciples to "be on guard" and "stay awake."
4. A woman anoints Jesus with expensive oil. Judas meets with the chief priest and plans to betray Jesus.

### **What is the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread?**

1. God empowered Moses to demand Pharaoh to free the Jews from slavery.
2. Pharaoh refused so God sent 10 plagues on Egypt. The 10th plague was the death of every first born child.
3. God instructed the Jews to sacrifice a lamb and put the blood over the door of their household. In doing so, God would "passover" their households and they would not be harmed.
4. This final act of judgement forced Pharaoh to let the Jews go free.
5. The Jews had to leave quickly so they did not have time to add yeast (leaven) to their bread. In the Bible, leaven is almost always tied to sin and how it spreads wherever it is added.

### **Mark 14:1-2**

*It was now two days before **the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread**. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to arrest him by stealth and kill him, for they said, "**Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar from the people.**"*

- They planned to arrest him at night, bring him in front of a trial, and have him crucified by morning.

### **The night before Jesus was crucified**

#### **6:00-8:00p | The Last Supper Begins**

- Jesus shares the Passover meal with His disciples in the Upper Room (**Luke 22:14; Mark 14:17**).
- He washes the disciples' feet (**John 13:1-17**).
- He institutes the Lord's Supper/Communion (**Matthew 26:26-29**).
- Jesus gives His farewell discourse (**John 14-16**).
- He speaks about how the Holy Spirit will come and that they need to abide.

- He prays the High Priestly Prayer (**John 17**), interceding for His disciples and future believers.

### Mark 14:22-25

<sup>22</sup> And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, “Take; **this is my body.**” <sup>23</sup> And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. <sup>24</sup> And he said to them, “**This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.**” <sup>25</sup> Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

### 8:30-9:00p | Departure to the Mount of Olives

- Jesus and His disciples leave the Upper Room and head toward the Mount of Olives (**Matthew 26:30; Mark 14:26**).
- Along the way, He predicts Peter’s denial (**Luke 22:31-34; Matthew 26:31-35**)

### 9:00-10:00p | Arrival at Gethsemane

- Jesus enters the Garden of Gethsemane (**Matthew 26:36; Mark 14:32**)
- He tells most of His disciples to stay and pray
- He takes Peter, James, and John further into the garden

### Mark 14:32-42

<sup>32</sup> And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” <sup>33</sup> And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. <sup>34</sup> And he said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch.” <sup>35</sup> **And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him.** <sup>36</sup> And he said, “**Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.**”

### Abba, Father

The Greek word used here is a transliteration of the Aramaic word for “father” or “daddy”. It is only used three times in the NT and is only used by Jesus here. Abba encompasses:

1. Intimacy - We are close to God’s heart
2. Surrender - We lay down what we want
3. Obedience - We trust and obey what God wants

## Paul uses “Abba” the other two times in the NT

- **Romans 8:15-16**

*For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “**Abba! Father!**”*

- **Galatians 4:6.**

*And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “**Abba! Father!**”*

### **Mark 14:32-42**

*<sup>37</sup> And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour? <sup>38</sup> **Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.**” <sup>39</sup> And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. <sup>40</sup> And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to answer him. <sup>41</sup> And he came the third time and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>42</sup> Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.”*

- “The **spirit is willing**, but the **flesh is weak**.”
- Be alert that you don’t become distracted and lose the very things that you value most.

## **10:00-11:00p | Deep Agony & Prayer**

- Jesus prays that God would take this cup from him.
- He experiences deep anguish and sweats drops of blood (**Luke 22:44**). He goes through deep spiritual warfare over the impending physical pain, the weight of sin, and the separation from his Father.
- The disciples fall asleep multiple times and aren’t there in his time of need
- An angel strengthens him (**Luke 22:43**).
- Jesus surrendered his will and trusted in God’s will. Through his obedience, sin would be defeated.

## **11:00p | Judas Arrives with the Soldiers**

Jesus did not surrender himself on the cross to have us stay under the powers of sin and death! Jesus came so that we may be **rescued, restored, and adopted** into a new life!

**Application:**

What garden are you currently in?

Where do you need to **surrender** so that God can declare **victory**?

Speak to that trial or tribulation and say “Abba, Father, your will be done.”