

The Battle of the Ages

Matthew 26

Eight events in Chapter 26 headed to the Cross and Resurrection

1. The Last Prophecy about His coming to die (vs 1-5)
 2. His anointing in Bethany (vs 6-13)
 3. Judas' offense-driven betrayal agreement (vs 14-16)
 4. The Passover Meal and the New Supper (vs 17-30)
 5. The prophecy of Peter's Denial (vs 31-35)
 6. The agony of Jesus in Gethsemane (vs 36-46)
 7. The betrayal, arrest and abuse of Jesus before the High Priest (vs 47-68)
 8. Peter's actual denial and broken run (vs 67-75)
- His anointing at Simon the Leper's house – three of the Gospel writers mentioned this event and this event seemed to start the actions that would come against Jesus! It started with an anointing.
 - Judas betrayal after being embarrassed and offended.
 - The Passover Feast –
 - Its name: Passover
 - Its Power: Blood of identity
 - the Knowledgeable Egyptians
 - the Faithless Egyptians
 - the actions of the Believers
 - seven days of unleavened bread (tasted the feast)
 - the Lamb – on the 2nd day of the month, the head of household would separate a lamb of the first year and watch till the 14th, and on the 14th at 3 PM the lamb would be killed and the families would eat the lamb.
 - The New Communion

- Peter’s Denial – Most Disappointed Man in History
- Judas Betrayal – Most Tragic Story in History
- Mary’s anointing (vs 13) – In with the Most Memorialized of women
- Prayer Time of Jesus – Time of Battle (vs 36-39)
- The desire of Jesus for His Disciples to Pray
- The Battle of the Ages continues – Question: **“What did the Cup Contain?”**

The Devil is the archenemy of Jesus... he is the archenemy of God and he is the archenemy of you!

This is an extension of the Battle that took place in the Garden of Eden with the first Adam!

Genesis 3: 14-15 And the LORD God said unto the serpent. Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head and thou shalt bruise his heel.”

Abel and Cain – Is this the one?

Seth (Appointed) – Is this the one?

Enoch (Mortal) – Is this the one?

Wickedness came – there will be no one?

Noah found grace – Is this the one?

Abraham (Father of and Father of Many) – Is this the one?

Isaac, Jacob, sons of Jacob, Joseph – Is this the one?

David – God’s Covenant with David – Is this the one? Devil hated David as he sang songs to God – Is this the one and God said “thy seed” so attack came on His seed!

Joseph – Jesus! This is the One!!! Therefore the Gethsemane Prayer meeting and the Battle of the Ages!