

JESUS, PREPARED FOR HIS PASSION
Reliving the Passion, Part 2
Mark 14:1-9, 22-25

You can participate "in an ancient practice of our Christian Church: observing Lent, examining yourself for your own deep need of Jesus' grace, understanding the crucifixion as the moment of marvelous love and your salvation, and giving God thanks for a resurrection which promises your own in the end."

– Walter Wangerin, *Reliving the Passion*

PREPARATIONS FOR THE PASSION
REVEAL WHO JESUS IS:

1. RECOGNIZE IN JESUS THE

RADICAL REVELATION OF GOD

"It was now two days before the Passover celebration and the Festival of Unleavened Bread. The leading priests and the teachers of religious law were still looking for an opportunity to capture Jesus secretly and put him to death. 'But not during the Passover,' they agreed, 'or there will be a riot.'"
Mark 14:1-2 (NLT)

"Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13 (NIV)

2. RECOGNIZE IN JESUS THE

RADICAL DECLARATION THAT HE IS THE MESSIAH

"'Leave her alone,' said Jesus. 'Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. The poor you will always have with you, and you can help them any time you want. But you will not always have me. She did what she could. She poured perfume on my body beforehand to prepare for my burial. I tell you the truth, wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.'"

Mark 14:6-9 (NIV)

3. RECOGNIZE, IN THE MIDDLE OF HATE,

HIS GIFT OF LOVE

"As they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread and asked God's blessing on it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, 'Take it, for this is my body.' And he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. He gave it to them, and they all drank from it. And he said to them, 'This is my blood, poured out for many, sealing the covenant between God and his people. I solemnly declare that I will not drink wine again until that day when I drink it new in the Kingdom of God.'" Mark 14:22-25 (NLT)

"For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus, on the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body, which is for you'"
1 Corinthians 11:23-24 (NKJ/NIV)

"But God demonstrates His own love for us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."
Romans 5:8 (NAS)