

Gospel for Children's Mass

Wednesday, March 31 at 10am – Spy Wednesday

Matthew 26:14-25

The Betrayal of Jesus by Judas

Then one of the twelve followers went to talk to the leading priests. This was the follower named Judas Iscariot. He said, "I will give Jesus to you. What will you pay me for doing this?" The priests gave Judas thirty silver coins. After that, Judas waited for the best time to betray Jesus.

On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the followers came to Jesus. They said, "We will prepare everything for you to eat the Passover Feast. Where do you want to have the feast?" Jesus answered, "Go into the city to a certain man. Tell him that the Teacher says, 'The chosen time is near. I will have the Passover Feast with my followers at your house.'"

The followers did what Jesus told them to do, and they prepared the Passover Feast. In the evening Jesus was sitting at the table with his twelve followers. They were all eating. Then Jesus said, "I tell you the truth. One of you will turn against me."

This made the followers very sad. Each one said to Jesus, "Surely, Lord, I am not the one who will turn against you. Am I?"

Jesus answered, "The man who has dipped his hand with me into the bowl is the one who will turn against me. The Son of Man will die. The Scriptures say this will happen. But how terrible it will be for the person who gives the Son of Man to be killed. It would be better for him if he had never been born."

Then Judas said to Jesus, "Teacher, surely I am not the one. Am I?" (Judas is the one who would give Jesus to his enemies.)

Jesus answered, "Yes, it is you."

The Gospel of the Lord