

Matthew Chapter 26 Questions

1. In the opening verses of **Matthew 26**, Jesus predicts his death for the fourth time. (see Mat 16:21; 17:22-23; 20:17). In **Matt 26:1-56**, note other occasions where we read of Jesus' foreknowledge of coming events.
2. Jesus last meal with his disciples is a Passover meal which he uses to explain the meaning of his death in **Mat 26:17-29**. **Read Exodus 12**. Explain the word "Passover" as the Jews of that day understood it.
3. Jot down as many points as you can which show how Jesus at His death fulfilled the symbolism of the Passover Lamb when He was made "the Lamb of God which takes away the sin of the World." (**See 1 Cor 5:7**)
4. What do we learn about the weakness or sinfulness of humans from:
 - a. Judas 'Betrayal (Mat 26:14-25)
 - b. The Abandonment of Jesus by His disciples (Mat 26:31-35)
 - c. The weariness of His closest friends in the garden (Mat 25:36-46)
5. **Read Matthew 26:36-46; Mark 14:32-42; Luke 22:39-46**. The reason for Jesus' agony in the garden of Gethsemane was the prospect of the "cup" He must drink. (Mat 26:39, 42). How do **Psalm 75:7-8; Isa 51:17-23; Jer 25:15-16; and Ezek 23:31-34** shed light on what this cup represents?
6. List some of the steps that led to Peter's denial (e.g. Mat26:33, 35). How do they relate to the steps by which a Christian falls into sin today?
7. What was the difference between Judas' Betrayal and Peter's Denial? Notice their emotions and decisions afterwards.