



Summer Blockbuster Reading Challenge

3 months—4 Gospels—Go!

SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2022



Take your Pulse

Name a daily habit that builds you up and brings you comfort each day.

Name a habit you wish you could break.

Today's Reading

Matthew Chapter 26

The events for what we commonly call “Maundy Thursday” are recounted as Jesus has his Passover supper with the 12, Judas betrays Jesus, and Peter denies Jesus. The trial is conducted at night, which is against Jewish law. The witnesses are described as false witnesses, which again, is against Jewish law. The death penalty is announced, but according to Roman law, the Sanhedrin cannot give that judgment. There is only one way to describe this court—a sham. But a riot could occur, that was a legitimate fear. In fact, it would be a riot that would lead to a 4 year war from 66 to 70 AD ending with the destruction of Jerusalem. So perhaps, the Sanhedrin thinks that if they hand over one to Rome, the rest will be spared.



Start the Thinking

We read this story every year. Though we alternate between the four Gospels, each of which has a slightly different take on the events. So, now reading it through, what jumped off the page to you as a detail you don't remember, or a detail you wish you knew more about?



Conversing with God

God of the banquet table, your Son connected his death and resurrection to that of the Passover Lamb, the sacrifice whose blood saved the ancients in Egypt. Bless us with the taste of your Son's body and blood, that we may remember always we have a place at your table because of his death. In Jesus' holy name, we pray. Amen



Be blessed

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine brightly upon you that you experience all God's grace. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, and the + Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen