



*SWEET THE MOMENTS, RICH IN BLESSING #68*

Matthew 26:17-35, p. 1057

1. What two names are used to describe the feast Jesus and his disciples had come to Jerusalem to observe in 26:17? What did this feast commemorate; what was it all about?
2. My biggest impression when reading Matthew 26-27 again for this Lenten season was that all of it is so ominous, dark, heavy, and even ugly. What do you see in Matthew 26:17-35 that could be characterized in that way?
3. What would you expect to be the normal reaction of Jesus' disciples to his statement in v. 21, "One of you will betray me"?
4. From Jesus' answer in v. 23 doesn't it seem that everyone would have known immediately who Jesus had in mind? How are we to understand this situation since the disciples apparently didn't know who Jesus was talking about?
5. What is your response to Judas' words in v. 25?
6. What does Jesus call the bread he distributes to the disciples in v. 26? What does Jesus call the cup that he gives them to drink in v. 28? What are some of the implications of these words?
7. Jesus had pointed out that one of The Twelve disciples would betray him, but what does he say about the whole group in v. 31? What does this tell us about their spiritual state?
8. What do Jesus' words in v. 32 tell us about him at this moment and how does this give us hope today?
9. What does Peter's dialogue with Jesus tell us about Peter? What is the most surprising thing to you about this exchange?
10. What can help us when we are confronted with things that are fearful when we look at how Jesus approached the fearful things he faced during the passion week and how he interacted with the disciples as they faced their fears during this time?

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