

Purple Jesus Week 3 Outline

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1. Matthew 26 - Study This Chapter

1 When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he said to his disciples, 2 “As you know, the Passover is two days away--and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified.” 3 Then the chief priests and the elders of the people assembled in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, 4 and they plotted to arrest Jesus in some sly way and kill him. 5 “But not during the Feast,” they said, “or there may be a riot among the people.”

6 While Jesus was in Bethany in the home of a man known as Simon the Leper, 7 a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, which she poured on his head as he was reclining at the table. 8 When the disciples saw this, they were indignant. “Why this waste?” They asked. 9 “This perfume could have been sold at a high price and the money given to the poor.” 10 Aware of this, Jesus said to them, “Why are you bothering this woman? She has done a beautiful thing to me. 11 The poor you will always have with you, but you will not always have me. 12 When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial. 13 I tell you the truth, wherever this gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.”

14 Then one of the Twelve--the one called Judas Iscariot--went to the chief priests 15 and asked, “What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?” So they counted out for him thirty silver coins. 16 From then on Judas watched for an opportunity to hand him over.

17 On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Where do you want us to make preparations for you to eat the Passover?” 18 He replied, “Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, ‘The Teacher says: My appointed time is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house.’” 19 So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them and prepared the Passover. 20 When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve. 21 And while they were eating, he said, “I tell you the truth, one of you will betray me.” 22 They were very sad and began to say to him one after the other, “Surely not I, Lord?” 23 Jesus replied, “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. 24 The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born.” 25 Then Judas, the one who would betray him, said, “Surely not I, Rabbi?” Jesus answered, “Yes, it is you.”

26 While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body.” 27 Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. 28 This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. 29 I tell you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it anew with you in my Father’s kingdom.” 30 When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

31 Then Jesus told them, “This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written: “‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ 32 But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.” 33 Peter replied, “Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will.” 34 “I tell you the truth,” Jesus answered, “this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times.” 35 But Peter declared, “Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you.” And all the other disciples said the same.

36 Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called , and he said to them, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” 37 He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. 38 Then he said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.” 39 Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.” 40 Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. “Could you men not keep watch with me for one hour?” He asked Peter. 41 “Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak.” 42 He went away a second time and prayed, “My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done.” 43 When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. 44 So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing. 45 Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour is near, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. 46 Rise, let us go! Here comes my betrayer!”

47 While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived. With him was a large crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and the elders

of the people. 48 Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: "The one I kiss is the man; arrest him." 49 Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" And kissed him. 50 Jesus replied, "Friend, do what you came for." Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him. 51 With that, one of Jesus' companions reached for his sword, drew it out and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear. 52 "Put your sword back in its place," Jesus said to him, "for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. 53 Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? 54 But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?" 55 At that time Jesus said to the crowd, "Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? Every day I sat in the temple courts teaching, and you did not arrest me. 56 But this has all taken place that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

2. The two questions

1. It seem like Jesus is struggling, why does he need to pray so much? After all he's the son of God he has a direct line to God. And he's perfect, without sin, So what's the hold up.

2. I've been saved a long time, and I still don't get when Jesus says things like Let this cup pass from me. What is the cup, what does it symbolize, and why is it important.

3. The lords prayer

In order for us to try and understand why it seems like Jesus is doubting, we have to understand how he is praying. We have to go back to Matthew 6 where he teaches the Lords prayer.

Matthew 6

5" And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. 6 But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. 7 And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. 8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

9 "This, then, is how you should pray:

" 'Our Father in heaven,

Hallowed be your name,

10 your kingdom come,

Your will be done

On earth as it is in heaven.

11 Give us today our daily bread.

12 Forgive us our debts,

As we also have forgiven our debtors.

13 And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from the evil one. [a]'

1. It seems to me that Jesus isn't saying "heres a formula for how you should pray every-time. It more of just structure. In other words Jesus isn't giving a blue print of a building where you can see everything, he's more like show a 3 d reminding. It should look something like this.

A. You should open up very simply with declaring Gods goodness, greatness, bigness. It's about him. [verse 9]. Next You have to realize it's not about God doing what I want, it's about me doing what God wants. [verse 10]. Next state your dependence on God, with out him we would have nothing, it's only because of his grace an mercy that we can provide for ourselves.

B. Why do we spend so much time talking about what we need. If God knows he was to provide for the birds everyday surly he know what my needs are. In a sense if you think you have to tell God what you need in order for him to know, you have a small view of God. Its not that you shouldn't say those things God still listens. But the primary function of prayer isn't about getting God to understand your needs. Its about taking your heart and aligning it with what God what for your life.

4. Unpack Gethsemane

Maybe what's really going on here isn't Jesus doubting or afraid. Its actually a portrait of Jesus showing us how to fulfill our purpose.

•If we believe the point of prayer is about aligning our hearts with Gods will, then maybe what we are seeing in the garden isn't a Jesus who is fragile, and weak , and doubting. Maybe it's a Jesus showing us how to wrestle with Gods call for out lives.

1. Jesus words "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will." Are a direct quote of Matthew 6

A. I think Jesus is going thru something so unbearable, as a son he is asking he's father if I don't have to do it this way, find another way. But he realize it's not about what I want it's about what God wants for his life.

2. So If Jesus knows it's not about his will but Gods why does he go back and pray the same prayer a 2nd time? And then a 3rd time?

A. I think Jesus realize, he can't move on until he's perfectly aligned with God. It's not just that Jesus went to the cross for us, it's his heart for us while he was on the cross. It's not enough to just do it, if your hearts not right. Remember when Jesus states on the sermon on the mount . He came not to take away from the law but to add to it. I think it took Jesus 1 prayer to say your will done not mine, but it took him all night for his heart to line up with his words.

5. Jesus & Emotion

*We see Jesus crying, angry, doubting, frustrated, so heres this man that we worship. The perfect, sinless son of God, having all these emotions that we're not comfortable with him having.

The idea that Jesus wrestled all night with god, seems odd. Why couldn't he pray one of those 1 second prayers like when he raised Lazerus from the dead?

John 11 - Jesus Crying

1 Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. 2 This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair. 3 So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick." 4 When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it." 5 Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. 6 Yet when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days. 7 Then he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." 8 "But Rabbi," they said, "a short while ago the Jews tried to stone you, and yet you are going back there?" 9 Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? A man who walks by day will not stumble, for he sees by this world's light. 10 It is when he walks by night that he stumbles, for he has no light." 11 After he had said this, he went on to tell them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up." 12 His disciples replied, "Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better." 13 Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep. 14 So then he told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead, 15 and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." 16 Then Thomas (called Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

17 On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. 18 Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, 19 and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. 20 When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home. 21 "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask." 23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." 24 Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." 25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; 26 and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" 27 "Yes, Lord," she told him, "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world." 28 And after she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. "The Teacher is here," she said, "and is asking for you." 29 When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. 30 Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. 31 When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there. 32 When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. 34 "Where have you laid him?" He asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied. 35 Jesus wept. 36 Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" 37 But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" 38 Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. 39 "Take away the stone," he said. "But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days." 40 Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" 41 So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. 42 I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me." 43 When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" 44 The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

1. To raise someone else from the dead, prayer 10 seconds. To align your heart with God, all night. This tells me a couple of things about hoe God works. 1 It isn't the length of your prayer that gets results. If God wants to move, he doesn't need a mouth piece.

2. Prayer become more complex once emotions are involved.

A. It was obviously God that raised Lazerus from the dead, in the garden it was obviously Jesus; flesh wrestling with God.

Matthew 23 - Jesus angry, Addressing the Pharisees

"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law, justice and mercy and faith; these you ought to have done, without neglecting the others. You blind guides, straining out a gnat and swallowing a camel! ... Woe to you, scribes and Phari-sees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within they are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness.

Mark 3 Healing the Man with the Withered Hand

Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. And they watched him, to see whether he would heal him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come here." And he said to them, "Is it lawful on the sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. And he looked around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out, and immediately held counsel with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

Mark 8 Predicting the Passion

On the following day, when they came from Bethany, he was hungry. And seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to see if he could find anything on it. When he came to it, he found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. And he said to it, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again." And his disciples heard it. And they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold and those who bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons; and he would not allow any one to carry anything through the temple. And he taught, and said to them, "Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations'? But you have made it a den of robbers." And the chief priests and the scribes heard it and sought a way to destroy him; for they feared him, because all the multitude was astonished at his teaching. And when evening came they went out of the city. As they passed by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered away to its roots. And Peter remembered and said to him, "Master, look! The fig tree which you cursed has withered."

Mark 11 Cursing the Fig Tree and Cleansing the Temple

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Mark 10 Blessing the Children

And they were bringing children to him, that he might touch them; and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it he was indignant, and said to them, "Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands upon them.

Mark 1 Curing a Demoniac

And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him.

Mark 3 Jesus frustrated

... He began to teach them that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. And he said this plainly. And Peter took him, and began to rebuke him. But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter, and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not on the side of God, but of men." And he called to him the multitude with his disciples, and said to them, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it.

6. The Struggle for Purpose

Now if we go back to the garden there are two things I think I need to point out. First Jesus says to 3 of his disciples "Keep watch with me". Which is interesting because it seems to be the only place in scripture where Jesus needs help. Something is going on here, something inside of Jesus is out of control. This point alone should make us realize the weight of what Jesus is dealing with. For 33 years he was perfect, so in theory, maybe 33 years worth of pressure are pressing on him.

Point 2. He tells 3 disciples to pray so that they won't fall into temptation. I naturally have to ask the question what does Jesus know about falling into sin? It makes all of this very confusing. But if you rephrase the question to "What does Jesus know about not falling into sin?" It starts to get deep.

In Matthew 4 Jesus fast for 40 days. I imagine fasting for 40 days is very difficult. I heard somewhere around 6 weeks of fasting you start to have intense hunger pangs. It's your bodies way of telling you it's shutting down. So the only way to get through it is to pray, intensely. Maybe this is why Jesus is so successful resisting the devil. He's all prayed up. And after the feeding of the 5000, Jesus

sends the 12 disciples away first, then sends the crowds away. The next thing Jesus does is he goes up on the mountain by himself to pray, Why? At the feeding, the crowds were becoming loud. They just saw Jesus perform a miracle, and now they want Jesus to become their earthly king. So Jesus sends them away and goes to pray because the temptation of becoming king was so great he couldn't be around the crowd without falling into temptation. I think Jesus had to get away in order to ground himself.

So Jesus catches Peter, James, and John a sleep 3 times. Yet he only calls Peter out for it. I don't know if maybe James and John were sleeping on their knees with their hands clasped, and Peter was rolled over on his back like he didn't even make an effort. But it seems like Peter is the one that really makes him mad. Later on that night Peter is the one that denies Christ 3 times. But before that he pulls his sword and cuts off the high priest servant's ear. He was so willing to die for Jesus as we see in Luke 22.

I can't help but think that the disciples thought Jesus was going to overthrow the Roman government. What other reason is there for Peter carrying around a sword. Unless he was so afraid that one day the Romans would try to take Jesus away and he would have to use force to protect him. I imagine everything in Peter was screaming "Do something" If they take Jesus away it's over. He really thought he was doing the right thing.

7. The cup of wrath and judgment

Cup of Wrath

This is something I just want to remember to mention. The cup of wrath theory says that Jesus in the garden was speaking about the cup in Jeremiah 25. The cup of wrath that God would pour out for judgment. And that when Jesus says "take this cup from me" he's asking for God to try and find another way to pour out that cup, so Jesus wouldn't have to drink it. But Jesus says not my will but yours be done.

Then on the cross when Jesus says "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me. What's happening is God's transferring the sins of man onto Jesus. And for the first time Jesus is separated from his father. Jesus becomes our Azazel. He is led out of the city, the sins of the nation were transferred to him, and he was slain.

The cup that the Father presented to His Son was filled with the lava of God's holy wrath against our sins, the measure of suffering owed to us who have sinned against the God of heaven. And to receive that cup meant for Christ that He must assume our place before God's justice, and answer in His own body upon the cross by enduring the burning and holy vengeance of the wrath of God owed against our sins. Christ knew of this cup.

In many ways Gethsemane gives us a deep insight into the agonies that Christ is going to suffer upon the cross. While on the cross Jesus is going to speak seven times. Only one time did His words have direct reference to the personal agony that He carried as He bore the penalty for our sins. That was the fourth time, when He said: "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" He gives there a direct inlet into the deepest agony of His soul. Gethsemane reveals the personal agony of Christ as He stands in our place and prays about the cup: "O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done."

8. The Marriage Cup

This is my attempt at understanding what really was going on at the last supper, in the garden, and on the cross. If you read below the surface of events, there might be a case that what was happening at the cross was much deeper than we can ever understand. It wasn't just a death, it was a marriage.

1. The servant is sent - Genesis 24

Abraham sends a servant to find Isaac a bride (Rebekah). The servant didn't brag about himself, he was there to brag about the son. The servant had to choose someone who he thought was compatible with the son. But the son had the final decision on who he would take as his bride.

* Jesus sent by God, walks down the beach and calls his disciples by name. He then spends about 2 years with them bragging about God.

2. The price is negotiated

In Jewish society it was an honor to have a boy. The carried on the family name. A daughter was very expensive to raise, and when she got married she would change her name to take the male's last name. So it was customary to pay a bride price. The bride's father didn't want to sell his daughter, so he would set the price as steep as he could.

* Jesus prayed the only price there was to restore freedom. God paid the ultimate price for his bride the church.

3. The proposal

One method was to pour a cup of wine and slide it across the table to the woman you wanted as your bride. If she drank from the glass, then she was accepting your proposal. If she pushed it away then she was declining.

* Jesus pours a glass of wine at the last supper. Slides it across the table in front of his disciples and says take and drink...

4. The vow

If the women drank from the cup, then the man would stand and deliver a speech. To let her know that he would begin working on their honeymoon suite.

*John 14 Jesus makes a speech after the last supper. " in my father's house there is many rooms..."

5. Waiting for the wedding

The bride and groom are now engaged. But the wedding won't take place until the honeymoon suite is ready. She must go on living her every day life. She didn't know when her groom was coming for her. She had to always be ready for his return.

*Jesus says in John 14 " I'm going away...but I will return..."

6. When the groom returns

When the father says it's time, the honeymoon suite is done. The groom mounts his horse and rides non stop to where his bride is. He stops a short distance off and raise's a commotion until his bride hear's him and comes out to get him.

Other Facts

- The bride and groom fast on the day of the wedding
- The Ketubah (marriage contract) is read in Aramaic by the groom. This is when the groom takes responsibility for his bride. The Ketubah was signed by two other witnesses.
- The sabbath is referred to as a "bride"
- Matthew 26:28-30, Mark 14:23-26 (drinking from the cup, signing hymns)
- Psalms 22 "It is finished"
- Jewish people always get married under a Chuppah. A covering or canopy. When Jesus was on the cross darkness covered everything.

9. CLOSING

3 Questions

1. Have I bought into the lie that if my life is easy then I must be doing something right? Or If my life is hard it's because I'm doing something wrong?
2. What is it that I'm carrying around that I refuse to put down, because I'm convinced I need it in order to succeed? AS far as is there baggage in my life that I keep bringing along with me everywhere I go, because I see it as important? Or maybe it's a world view that I have that needs to be changed.
3. How long will I run on my own until I realize I can't do this on my own? I'm the creation and not the creator for a reason. But will I give in, or wait until I crack at the seems before I ask for help.

