**CHAPTER 14**

*The first part of the history of the passion of Christ.*

**1** Now the feast of the pasch, and of the Azymes was after two days; and the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might by some wile lay hold on him, and kill him.

**2** But they said: Not on the festival day, lest there should be a tumult among the people.

**3** And when he was in Bethania, in the house of Simon the leper, and was at meat, there came a woman having an alabaster box of ointment of precious spikenard: and breaking the alabaster box, she poured it out upon his head.

**4** Now there were some that had indignation within themselves, and said: Why was this waste of the ointment made?

**5** For this ointment might have been sold for more than three hundred pence, and given to the poor. And they murmured against her.

**6** But Jesus said: Let her alone, why do you molest her? She hath wrought a good work upon me.

**7** For the poor you have always with you: and whensoever you will, you may do them good: but me you have not always.

**8** She hath done what she could: she is come beforehand to anoint my body for the burial.

**9** Amen, I say to you, wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, that also which she hath done, shall be told for a memorial of her.

**10** And Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went to the chief priests, to betray him to them.

**11** Who hearing it were glad; and they promised him they would give him money. And he sought how he might conveniently betray him.

**12** Now on the first day of the unleavened bread, when they sacrificed the pasch, the disciples say to him: Whither wilt thou that we go, and prepare for thee to eat the pasch?

**13** And he sendeth two of his disciples, and saith to them: Go ye into the city; and there shall meet you a man carrying a pitcher of water, follow him;

**14** And whithersoever he shall go in, say to the master of the house, The master saith, Where is my refectory, where I may eat the pasch with my disciples?

**15** And he will shew you a large dining room furnished; and there prepare ye for us.

**16** And his disciples went their way, and came into the city; and they found as he had told them, and they prepared the pasch.

**17** And when evening was come, he cometh with the twelve.

**18** And when they were at table and eating, Jesus saith: Amen I say to you, one of you that eateth with me shall betray me.

**19** But they began to be sorrowful, and to say to him one by one: Is it I?

**20** Who saith to them: One of the twelve, who dippeth with me his hand in the dish.

**21** And the Son of man indeed goeth, as it is written of him: but woe to that man by whom the Son of man shall be betrayed. It were better for him, if that man had not been born.

**22** And whilst they were eating, Jesus took bread; and blessing, broke, and gave to them, and said: Take ye. This is my body.

**23** And having taken the chalice, giving thanks, he gave it to them. And they all drank of it.

**24** And he said to them: This is my blood of the new testament, which shall be shed for many.

**25** Amen I say to you, that I will drink no more of the fruit of the vine, until that day when I shall drink it new in the kingdom of God.

**26** And when they had said an hymn, they went forth to the mount of Olives.

**27** And Jesus saith to them: You will all be scandalized in my regard this night; for it is written: I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep shall be dispersed.

**28** But after I shall be risen again, I will go before you into Galilee.

**29** But Peter saith to him: Although all shall be scandalized in thee, yet not I.

**30** And Jesus saith to him: Amen I say to thee, to day, even in this night, before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice.

**31** But he spoke the more vehemently: Although I should die together with thee, I will not deny thee. And in like manner also said they all.

**32** And they came to a farm called Gethsemani. And he saith to his disciples: Sit you here, while I pray.

**33** And he taketh Peter and James and John with him; and he began to fear and to be heavy.

**34** And he saith to them: My soul is sorrowful even unto death; stay you here, and watch.

**35** And when he was gone forward a little, he fell flat on the ground; and he prayed, that if it might be, the hour might pass from him.

**36** And he saith: Abba, Father, all things are possible to thee: remove this chalice from me; but not what I will, but what thou wilt.

**37** And he cometh, and findeth them sleeping. And he saith to Peter: Simon, sleepest thou? couldst thou not watch one hour?

**38** Watch ye, and pray that you enter not into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

**39** And going away again, he prayed, saying the same words.

**40** And when he returned, he found them again asleep, (for their eyes were heavy,) and they knew not what to answer him.

**41** And he cometh the third time, and saith to them: Sleep ye now, and take your rest. It is enough: the hour is come: behold the Son of man shall be betrayed into the hands of sinners.

**42** Rise up, let us go. Behold, he that will betray me is at hand.

**43** And while he was yet speaking, cometh Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve: and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and the scribes and the ancients.

**44** And he that betrayed him, had given them a sign, saying: Whomsoever I shall kiss, that is he; lay hold on him, and lead him away carefully.

**45** And when he was come, immediately going up to him, he saith: Hail, Rabbi; and he kissed him.

**46** But they laid hands on him, and held him.

**47** And one of them that stood by, drawing a sword, struck a servant of the chief priest, and cut off his ear.

**48** And Jesus answering, said to them: Are you come out as to a robber, with swords and staves to apprehend me?

**49** I was daily with you in the temple teaching, and you did not lay hands on me. But that the scriptures may be fulfilled.

**50** Then his disciples leaving him, all fled away.

**51** And a certain young man followed him, having a linen cloth cast about his naked body; and they laid hold on him.

**52** But he, casting off the linen cloth, fled from them naked.

**53** And they brought Jesus to the high priest; and all the priests and the scribes and the ancients assembled together.

**54** And Peter followed him afar off, even into the court of the high priest; and he sat with the servants at the fire, and warmed himself.

**55** And the chief priests and all the council sought for evidence against Jesus, that they might put him to death, and found none.

**56** For many bore false witness against him, and their evidences were not agreeing.

**57** And some rising up, bore false witness against him, saying:

**58** We heard him say, I will destroy this temple made with hands, and within three days I will build another not made with hands.

**59** And their witness did not agree.

**60** And the high priest rising up in the midst, asked Jesus, saying: Answerest thou nothing to the things that are laid to thy charge by these men?

**61** But he held his peace, and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him, and said to him: Art thou the Christ the Son of the blessed God?

**62** And Jesus said to him: I am. And you shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of the power of God, and coming with the clouds of heaven.

**63** Then the high priest rending his garments, saith: What need we any further witnesses?

**64** You have heard the blasphemy. What think you? Who all condemned him to be guilty of death.

**65** And some began to spit on him, and to cover his face, and to buffet him, and to say unto him: Prophesy: and the servants struck him with the palms of their hands.

**66** Now when Peter was in the court below, there cometh one of the maidservants of the high priest.

**67** And when she had seen Peter warming himself, looking on him she saith: Thou also wast with Jesus of Nazareth.

**68** But he denied, saying: I neither know nor understand what thou sayest. And he went forth before the court; and the cock crew.

**69** And again a maidservant seeing him, began to say to the standers by: This is one of them.

**70** But he denied again. And after a while they that stood by said again to Peter: Surely thou art one of them; for thou art also a Galilean.

**71** But he began to curse and to swear, saying; I know not this man of whom you speak.

**72** And immediately the cock crew again. And Peter remembered the word that Jesus had said unto him: Before the cock crow twice, thou shalt thrice deny me. And he began to weep.