**CHAPTER 26**

*The Jews conspire against Christ. He is anointed by Mary. The treason of Judas. The last supper. The prayer in the garden. The apprehension of our Lord: his treatment in the house of Caiphas.*

**1** And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended all these words, he said to his disciples:

**2** You know that after two days shall be the pasch, and the Son of man shall be delivered up to be crucified:

**3** Then were gathered together the chief priests and ancients of the people into the court of the high priest, who was called Caiphas:

**4** And they consulted together, that by subtilty they might apprehend Jesus, and put him to death.

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

**6** And when Jesus was in Bethania, in the house of Simon the leper,

**7** There came to him a woman having an alabaster box of precious ointment, and poured it on his head as he was at table.

**8** And the disciples seeing it, had indignation, saying: To what purpose is this waste?

**9** For this might have been sold for much, and given to the poor.

**10** And Jesus knowing it, said to them: Why do you trouble this woman? for she hath wrought a good work upon me.

**11** For the poor you have always with you: but me you have not always.

**12** For she in pouring this ointment upon my body, hath done it for my burial.

**13** 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 memory of her.

**14** Then went one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, to the chief priests,

**15** And said to them: What will you give me, and I will deliver him unto you? But they appointed him thirty pieces of silver.

**16** And from thenceforth he sought opportunity to betray him.

**17** And on the first day of the Azymes, the disciples came to Jesus, saying: Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the pasch?

**18** But Jesus said: Go ye into the city to a certain man, and say to him: The master saith, My time is near at hand, with thee I make the pasch with my disciples.

**19** And the disciples did as Jesus appointed to them, and they prepared the pasch.

**20** But when it was evening, he sat down with his twelve disciples.

**21** And whilst they were eating, he said: Amen I say to you, that one of you is about to betray me.

**22** And they being very much troubled, began every one to say: Is it I, Lord?

**23** But he answering, said: He that dippeth his hand with me in the dish, he shall betray me.

**24** 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.

**25** And Judas that betrayed him, answering, said: Is it I, Rabbi? He saith to him: Thou hast said it.

**26** And whilst they were at supper, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and broke: and gave to his disciples, and said: Take ye, and eat. This is my body.

**27** And taking the chalice, he gave thanks, and gave to them, saying: Drink ye all of this.

**28** For this is my blood of the new testament, which shall be shed for many unto remission of sins.

**29** And I say to you, I will not drink from henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I shall drink it with you new in the kingdom of my Father.

**30** And a hymn being said, they went out unto mount Olivet.

**31** Then Jesus saith to them: All you shall be scandalized in me this night. For it is written: I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be dispersed.

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

**33** And Peter answering, said to him: Although all shall be scandalized in thee, I will never be scandalized.

**34** Jesus said to him: Amen I say to thee, that in this night before the cock crow, thou wilt deny me thrice.

**35** Peter saith to him: Yea, though I should die with thee, I will not deny thee. And in like manner said all the disciples.

**36** Then Jesus came with them into a country place which is called Gethsemani; and he said to his disciples: Sit you here, till I go yonder and pray.

**37** And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to grow sorrowful and to be sad.

**38** Then he saith to them: My soul is sorrowful even unto death: stay you here, and watch with me.

**39** And going a little further, he fell upon his face, praying, and saying: My Father, if it be possible, let this chalice pass from me. Nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.

**40** And he cometh to his disciples, and findeth them asleep, and he saith to Peter: What? Could you not watch one hour with me?

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

**42** Again the second time, he went and prayed, saying: My Father, if this chalice may not pass away, but I must drink it, thy will be done.

**43** And he cometh again, and findeth them sleeping: for their eyes were heavy.

**44** And leaving them, he went again: and he prayed the third time, saying the selfsame word.

**45** Then he cometh to his disciples, and said to them: Sleep ye now and take your rest; behold the hour is at hand, and the Son of man shall be betrayed into the hands of sinners.

**46** Rise, let us go: behold he is at hand that will betray me.

**47** As he yet spoke, behold Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and the ancients of the people.

**48** And he that betrayed him, gave them a sign, saying: Whomsoever I shall kiss, that is he, hold him fast.

**49** And forthwith coming to Jesus, he said: Hail, Rabbi. And he kissed him.

**50** And Jesus said to him: Friend, whereto art thou come? Then they came up, and laid hands on Jesus, and held him.

**51** And behold one of them that were with Jesus, stretching forth his hand, drew out his sword: and striking the servant of the high priest, cut off his ear.

**52** Then Jesus saith to him: Put up again thy sword into its place: for all that take the sword shall perish with the sword.

**53** Thinkest thou that I cannot ask my Father, and he will give me presently more than twelve legions of angels?

**54** How then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that so it must be done?

**55** In that same hour Jesus said to the multitudes: You are come out as it were to a robber with swords and clubs to apprehend me. I sat daily with you, teaching in the temple, and you laid not hands on me.

**56** Now all this was done, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then the disciples all leaving him, fled.

**57** But they holding Jesus led him to Caiphas the high priest, where the scribes and the ancients were assembled.

**58** And Peter followed him afar off, even to the court of the high priest. And going in, he sat with the servants, that he might see the end.

**59** And the chief priests and the whole council sought false witness against Jesus, that they might put him to death:

**60** And they found not, whereas many false witnesses had come in. And last of all there came two false witnesses:

**61** And they said: This man said, I am able to destroy the temple of God, and after three days to rebuild it.

**62** And the high priest rising up, said to him: Answerest thou nothing to the things which these witness against thee?

**63** But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest said to him: I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us if thou be the Christ the Son of God.

**64** Jesus saith to him: Thou hast said it. Nevertheless I say to you, hereafter you shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of the power of God, and coming in the clouds of heaven.

**65** Then the high priest rent his garments, saying: He hath blasphemed; what further need have we of witnesses? Behold, now you have heard the blasphemy:

**66** What think you? But they answering, said: He is guilty of death.

**67** Then did they spit in his face, and buffeted him: and others struck his face with the palms of their hands,

**68** Saying: Prophesy unto us, O Christ, who is he that struck thee?

**69** But Peter sat without in the court: and there came to him a servant maid, saying: Thou also wast with Jesus the Galilean.

**70** But he denied before them all, saying: I know not what thou sayest.

**71** And as he went out of the gate, another maid saw him, and she saith to them that were there: This man also was with Jesus of Nazareth.

**72** And again he denied with an oath: I know not the man.

**73** And after a little while they came that stood by, and said to Peter: Surely thou also art one of them; for even thy speech doth discover thee.

**74** Then he began to curse and to swear that he knew not the man. And immediately the cock crew.

**75** And Peter remembered the word of Jesus which he had said: Before the cock crow, thou wilt deny me thrice. And going forth, he wept bitterly.