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Why did the Sanhedrin want to kill Jesus? Why were they waiting?

What is the significance of the woman anointing Jesus and the way she does it?

What does she teach us about true worship?

Compare/contrast her with others in Mark (scribes, disciples, widow, etc)

How have Jesus' words about her been fulfilled?

What does Mark indicate about why Judas may have betrayed Jesus?

What is the significance & meaning of the Passover celebration and meal? (Ex 12)

Why does Jesus choose Passover as the time to die?

How does the Exodus story inform our understanding of the Jesus story?

What is the purpose of the lamb's blood in Ex 12? What does it do?

How does Jesus' blood function in a similar way?

Jesus speaks of his blood as the "blood of the covenant"

Which covenant is he talking about? (See Jer 31:31-34)

Read Ex 24:6-11 about the first covenant, what does the blood do?

Read Zech 9:11, what does the blood do?

What do all these things teach us about Jesus?

Why does Jesus give his followers a meal to teach them about the cross?

How do embodied actions like eating and drinking teach us and form us in ways that mere words cannot?

How does sharing in the Lord's Supper (Communion) connect us to the Last Supper (the events of Mark 14:22-26)?

In what ways did the Last Supper reach back into history and forward into the future all at once? How does the Christian practice of the Lord's Supper similarly bring both the past and the future into the present?

What is significant about Jesus statement that his blood is poured out for many?

Does this echo anything Jesus has said previously in Mark?

Why does it matter that Jesus shared the bread and cup with Judas even after Judas betrayed him? What does this mean for us? How will you respond to Jesus?

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