

"The King's Death"

Matthew 26-27

Review: Matthew's first nine sections:

Introduction: Biblical macro-events that direct our understanding:

Matthew 26-27 - The death of the King.

Friends:

First, Jesus' "friends" (Matthew 26:6-13) - Mary's preparation of Jesus

Second, Jesus' betrayal - Matthew 26:14-16 - A kiss reveals and destroys the man who betrayed Jesus.

Third, Jesus is denied - Matthew 26:30-36, 69-75; John 21

Events that expose Jesus' mindset:

Jesus' Passover/Lord's Supper - Matthew 26:17-29 - Ending & Beginning

Jesus in Gethsemane - Matthew 26:37-56 - Relational Agony

Jesus' wrongful Death

Those who condemn - Caiaphas, Pilate and the Jews - Matthew 26:57-68

Those who lied and abused - Sanhedrin, Jews, Pilate's men - Matthew 27:

Those who crucify - Roman Crucifixion, God's design - Matthew 27:32-56; Acts 4:27-28 -

Isaiah 53 - The life and death of Jesus - 1 Peter 3:18

Jesus' body - Matthew 27:57-66

Conclusion: In the covenant of redemption there was an 'agreement' between the persons of the Trinity. The Father loves his Son and promises him a bride; the Son offers to pay the bride price for that bride and the Holy Spirit agrees to empower and prepare the bride for her wedding day. The agreement is pledged and now we have come to the Son's payment for his bride; a bride that is filled with sin and iniquity. Death will meet its final match and love will bring about a glorious end.

In Jesus' death, he destroyed eternal death, that we deserved. This is the work of the greatest King and he is the only King who has this power over death. This King had to be upright and holy, righteous and good and Jesus is that King—in His death; death is swallowed up in victory for all who come by faith in Jesus Christ.

Like the Passover, an event that looked forward to a coming place of physical rest and peace in the promised land; so the Lord's Supper looks forward to an eternal time of spiritual rest and peace in a land that is fairer than day, glory land in a city whose foundations and builder is the Lord. This is the place that the King is preparing for all who love his appearing.