



Today's Message

Date: July 10, 2022
Speaker: Pastor Steven Thomas
Title: *Preparation for the Passover*

Text: Luke 22:7–13 (ESV)

⁷ Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. ⁸ So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it.” ⁹ They said to him, “Where will you have us prepare it?” ¹⁰ He said to them, “Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters ¹¹ and tell the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ ¹² And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there.” ¹³ And they went and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

Introduction: Immediately after revealing the details of Judas’ conspiracy and betrayal, Luke lays before the reader the details of Jesus’ preparation for the Passover meal. The Passover itself was a significant aid to our understanding of the climax of the Passion Week. As we consider the details, it becomes apparent that Jesus was in control of all that would transpire.

- I. Jesus exercised authority over the timing of his Passion.**

- II. Jesus exercised authority over the participants in his Passion.**

III. Jesus exercised authority over the place of his Passion.

Today's take-home truth: Judas was culpable, but he was not the cause of Jesus' death; Jesus fulfilled a divine plan established before the foundation of the world.