

/We will now begin the nineteenth lecture on Matthew. /The main text is Matthew chapter 26. /The title is “Hill.” /The hill of Gethsemane.

/First, the plot against Jesus. /Verses 1 to 5. /Second, Mary pours perfume on Jesus. /Verses 6 to 13. /Third, Jesus handed over in exchange for thirty silver coins. /Verses 14 to 16. /Fourth, the Passover feast. /Verses 17 to 25.

/Fifth, communion. /Verses 26 to 29. /Sixth, Jesus predicts that His disciples will desert Him. /Verses 30 to 35. /Seventh, Jesus prays at Gethsemane. /Verses 36 to 46.

/Eighth, Jesus is arrested. /Verses 47 to 56. /Ninth, Jesus is questioned by Caiaphas. /Verses 57 to 68. /Tenth, Peter disowns Jesus. /Verses 69 to 75.

/Read verses 1-2. /When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he said to his disciples, “As you know, the Passover is two days away – and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified.”

/The Passover was approaching. /Jesus was crucified on a Friday. /Jesus rose from the dead on a Sunday.

/Verses 3-5. /Then the chief priests and the elders of the people assembled in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, and they plotted to arrest Jesus in some sly way and kill him. “But not during the Feast,” they said, “or there may be a riot among the people.”

/The chief priests and the elders of the people assembled in the palace of Caiaphas. /They plotted to arrest Jesus in some sly way and kill Him.

/Verses 6-7. /While Jesus was in Bethany in the home of a man known as Simon the Leper, a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, which she poured on his head as he was reclining at the table.

/This event is also written in John chapter 12. /It is also written in Mark 14:1. /However, the account in Luke 7:36 is a different story from this. /The woman in Luke 7 is not Mary. /Here, Mary is the sister of Nazareth. /She is the younger sister of Martha.

/Verses 8-9. /When the disciples saw this, they were indignant, “Why this waste?” they asked. “This perfume could have been sold at a high price and the money given to the poor.”

/Mary poured expensive perfume worth three hundred denarii on Jesus. /A strong young man earned three hundred denarii by working for three hundred days. /Mary poured the perfume on Jesus and dried His feet with her hair. /1 Corinthians 11:5

/This shows that Mary was glorifying Jesus. /However, the disciples were indignant and blamed her for wasting the perfume. /In John 12:4, /Judas Iscariot first started to complain. /Then the others began to complain.

/Judas Iscariot seemed to care for the poor. /However, he was a thief who wanted to steal some of the money. /John 12:4-6 /The disciples did not understand the faith of Mary.

/At the same time, they were jealous of Mary. /They complained. /Their behavior was rebellion against Jesus. /They complained about Jesus. /The disciples thought more of the poor than sacrificing and offering things for Jesus.

/The disciples thought that it was more important to help the poor. /They thought that moral things were greater than spiritual things. /They considered that relief works and helping the poor were more important.

/The faith Mary had was faith that put Jesus as top priority. /It does not mean that Mary did not help the poor. /Mary also did a lot to help the poor.

/However, what was more important to Mary was Jesus. /It was most important to her that she loved Jesus. /Entering the spiritual world was first priority. /Mary was touched by the love of the Lord.

/Mary knew that Jesus would die on the cross soon. /Then what should I give him for a gift? /Should I serve Him with food? /Should I give Him clothes?

/However, she thought that the most important gift she could give Him was to pour perfume on Him in preparation for His funeral. /Jesus understood her faith.

/Only saints can recognize other saints. /Jesus knew the spiritual faith Mary had.

/Verse 10. /Aware of this, Jesus said to them, “Why are you bothering this woman? She has done a beautiful thing to me.

/The disciples bothered Mary. /Those with little faith cannot understand those with deep faith. /Those who walk on wide roads cannot understand those who walk on narrow roads. /John 16:2

/At the end of the age, people will kill believers. /In the days of tribulations, believers will be persecuted. /We must be prepared for tribulations. /Jesus said that Mary did a beautiful thing for Jesus.

/Verse 11. /The poor you will always have with you, but you will not always have me.

/There have always been the poor in the world. /It means we always have a chance to help the poor. /However, Jesus said, “You will not always have me.” /We do not always have the opportunity to do things for Jesus.

/We don’t always have the chance to sacrifice ourselves to Jesus. /One man offered a donkey to Jesus. /One man offered his tomb to Jesus. /However, when the chance is gone, there will be nothing we can do.

/Therefore, whenever we are given the opportunity, we must take the chance to serve and be faithful. /We always have opportunities to help the poor. /However, we do not always have the chance to do things for Jesus Christ.

/Verse 12. /When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial.

/Mary poured the perfume to prepare Jesus for burial. /She was thinking of the cross. / Pouring perfume on the body of Jesus was the rite of funeral.

/Mary poured perfume on Jesus, which was the most essential and crucial part in His funeral. /Jesus complimented her on her behavior.

/Verse 13. /I tell you the truth, wherever this gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.

/It says that the faith of Mary will be told throughout the world. /That is, her true and exemplary faith will be spoken of. /We were told to follow her exemplary faith.

/Verses 14-15. /Then one of the Twelve – the one called Judas Iscariot – went to the chief priests and asked, “What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?” So they counted out for him thirty silver coins.

/Judas Iscariot handed Jesus over in exchange for thirty silver coins. /The value of thirty silver coins was the cost of a slave. /Exodus 21:31 /Jesus was sold for the price of a slave by the hands of His own disciple.

/Verse 17. /On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Where do you want us to make preparations for you to eat the Passover?”

/The disciples and Jesus were going to participate in the Feast of the Passover. /They prepared for the Passover in the upper room of the house of John, who was also called Mark. /The Lord ate the food of the Passover at John’s house.

/Verse 20. /When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve.

/When evening came, Jesus sat with His twelve disciples. /Then, Jesus said to them, “One of you will betray me.” /Then everyone asked, “Who is he?” /Jesus answered in verse 23.

/Verse 23. /Jesus replied, “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me.

/The Lord replied, “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me.” /Jesus gave Judas Iscariot a chance to repent. /If Judas Iscariot had repented, saying, “Lord, please forgive me of my sin,” he would have been saved.

/However, Judas Iscariot was wicked. /Jesus gave him a chance to repent. /However, he did not repent.

/Verse 24. /The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born.”

/Jesus died on the cross as was predestined by God. /Jesus died and rose again as it is written in the Bible. /However, there was woe to the man who betrayed the Son of Man. /He was to receive eternal punishment in hell.

/Verse 25. /Then Judas, the one who would betray him, said, “Surely not I, Rabbi?” Jesus answered, “Yes, it is you.”

/Judas Iscariot spoke. /“Surely not I, Rabbi?” /Jesus answered, “Yes, it is you.” /Jesus said that to give Judas a chance to repent.

/Verse 26. /While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body.”

/Jesus celebrated communion. /He celebrated it with bread and wine. /The “bread” symbolizes the body of Jesus Christ. /The “wine” symbolizes the blood of Jesus. /Therefore, we celebrate with the flesh and blood of Jesus.

/The holy ceremonies in the Old Testament were the circumcision and the Passover. /The holy ceremonies in the New Testament are baptism and communion. /The Catholic Church claims that there are seven holy ceremonies. /However, that is wrong. /The holy ceremonies are baptism and communion.

/Jesus instituted them for Himself. /The bread symbolizes Jesus’ flesh. /The wine symbolizes Jesus’ blood. /Here, Jesus called it, “my blood of the covenant.”

/The blood that Jesus shed on the cross was the blood of the covenant. /Therefore, we believers must participate in communion with faith. /1 Corinthians 11:29-30.

/Verse 29. /I tell you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it anew with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

/Here, “Father’s kingdom” is a spiritual place. /“Anew” refers to new wine. /This signifies a spiritual gift. /Matthew 9:17 /Isaiah 55:1

/Verse 30. /When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

/Jesus went out to the Mount of Olives, singing a hymn. /The Lord went up the Mount of Olives to pray. /Jesus went to pray before the cross.

/In a few hours, the Lord would be arrested. /He would soon die. /Nevertheless, the Lord went to pray, singing a hymn before God.

/Verse 31. /Then Jesus told them, “This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written: “ ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’

/This is a quote from Zephaniah 13:7. /As the Lord said, it was prophesied that the disciples would be scattered.

/Verse 33. /Peter replied, “Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will.”

/Verse 34. /“I tell you the truth,” Jesus answered, “this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times.”

/Peter said that he would never fall away on account of Jesus. /However, Jesus said, “this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times.” /Then Peter declared, “Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you.”

/Verse 36. /Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.”

/Jesus went to Gethsemane to pray. /Luke 22:39. /Gethsemane is located to the west of the Mount of Olives. /This is located right across from Jerusalem. /The Lord prayed before God at Gethsemane.

/Verse 37. /He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled.

/Jesus was sorrowful and troubled. /He was sorrowful and troubled to go through the cross. /His sorrow came from the thought that He would make mistakes while taking up the cross since He would be in great agony when bearing the cross.

/There could not be any mistakes in bearing the cross as a result of agony. /This means that the Lord was willing to take up the cross with joy even in the midst of great suffering. /Jesus took on all the sins of all people and was in great suffering.

/Jesus had to continue to communicate with God while He encountered sufferings. /When He was in continuous communication with God even in the midst of sufferings, it became true worship.

/Verse 39. /Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.”

/He prayed, “May this cup be taken from me.” /This prayer does not mean that he would not take up the cross. /Jesus came down to bear the cross. /He came here to die. /The Lord told the disciples three times that he was going to die on the cross.

/Here, the Lord said, “May this cup be taken from me.” /Jesus did not ask that the cross be taken from Him. /Jesus asked that His sufferings be reduced. /However, He prayed, “Yet not as I will, but as you will.”

/There was no doubt that Jesus was to take up the cross. /It was expected of Him to die on the cross. /However, Jesus wanted His sufferings on the cross to be reduced. /Yet, Jesus said that if God wanted Him to go through all the sufferings, He was willing to receive it.

/After praying, Jesus returned to His disciples. /The disciples were sleeping. /Jesus asked, "Could you men not keep watch with me for one hour?" /If we keep watch and pray for an hour, we can overcome temptations.

/We must keep watch and pray. /We must stay awake and pray for an hour or more in church. /Pastors should pray at least two hours a day. /Then they will be able to overcome temptations.

/The Lord said, "The spirit is willing, but the body is weak." /This does not mean that not praying is okay. /It means that we should pray as much as our spirits desire.

/Verse 42. /He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done."

/Jesus went away a second time and prayed. /Again, Jesus prayed that the cup be taken away. /Hebrews 5:7-8 /Jesus learned obedience. /For the third time, He prayed the same thing. /Then He prayed, "Father, may your will be done."

/Verses 45-46. /Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour is near, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us go! Here comes my betrayer!"

/Jesus would soon be arrested.

/Verse 47. /While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived. With him was a large crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and the elders of the people.

/Judas Iscariot arrived. /A large crowd sent from the chief priests and the elders of the people also arrived. /Judas Iscariot pretended to kiss Jesus. /Judas told the crowd earlier, "The one I kiss is the man; arrest him."

/Verse 49. /Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, "Greetings Rabbi!" and kissed him.

/Jesus loved Judas Iscariot.

/Verse 50. /Jesus replied, "Friend, do what you came for." Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him.

/Judas Iscariot handed Jesus over. /Jesus did not hate Judas. /Jesus loved Judas Iscariot. /Jesus called him "Friend." /Jesus was filled with love. /He loved His enemies.

/Verse 51. /With that, one of Jesus' companions reached for his sword, drew it out and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

/Peter took his sword and tried to kill the people who came to seize Jesus. /Peter tried to kill the crowd of people. /Peter drew the sword out and tried to kill one of the servants named Malchus.

/Peter missed and the sword cut off the servant's ear. /Jesus healed the ear of the servant. /Then Jesus said, "all who draw the sword will die by the sword." /All who draw the sword will die by the sword.

/Verse 53. /Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels?

/Jesus could have called on God, who was able to send twelve legions of angels.
/Jesus was not arrested because He did not have any power. /His power is limitless.
/However, He endured to accomplish what is written in the Bible.

/Jesus obeyed. /Jesus was arrested under a false accusation. /The Lord obeyed so that God's will would be fulfilled. /It was done as is written in the Bible.

/Verse 57. /Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas, the high priest, where the teachers of the law and the elders had assembled.

/Jesus was questioned. /He was first questioned by Annas. /John 18:13 /The story in verse 57 of today's passages was the second questioning conducted by Caiaphas.
/Jesus was questioned a third time by the council. /Luke 22:66

/Fourth, He was questioned by Pilate. /Mark 15:1 /Fifth, He was sent to Herod. /Luke 23:7-8 /Sixth, Jesus was sent back to Pilate. /Luke 23:11

/Jesus, who has no sin, was questioned six times. /The chief priests and the council looked for false evidence to put Jesus to death. /There were many false witnesses but they did not find any evidence.

/Verse 60. /But they did not find any, though many false witnesses came forward. Finally two came forward

/At that moment, two false witnesses appeared.

/Verse 61. /and declared, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and rebuild it in three days.'"

/The false witnesses gave a false testimony, saying, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and rebuild it in three days.'" /Here, "the temple of God" symbolizes the body of Jesus.

/They simply wanted to find fault with the things Jesus said. /Jesus said that He would die on the cross and rise again in three days. /Jesus interpreted the temple of God in a spiritual way.

/Verse 64. / "Yes, it is as you say," Jesus replied. "But I say to all of you: In the future you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven."

/Jesus said that He would come on the clouds of heaven. /Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He has spoken blasphemy!" /Then they accused Jesus. /They mocked Jesus.

/Verse 69. /Now Peter was sitting out in the courtyard, and a servant girl came to him. "You also were with Jesus of Galilee," she said.

/Jesus was arrested. /Jesus was questioned. /John 18:15 /Then, Peter denied Jesus three times.

/At first, Peter said that he didn't know Jesus. /Second, he denied Him again with an oath.

/Verse 74. /Then he began to call down curses on himself and he swore to them, "I don't know the man!" Immediately a rooster crowed.

/Then, Peter denied Jesus, swearing and cursing Jesus. /Peter disowned Jesus three times. /Mark 14:30 /Luke 22:61 /It says that Jesus turned and looked straight at Peter.

/At that moment, Peter's conscience was pricked. /He felt guilty. /He went outside and repented, and wept bitterly.

/Peter repented thoroughly. /Then later he was used greatly before God. /He became a great servant in the era of the early church. /Then, why did Peter deny Jesus three times?

/Peter told Jesus that he would never disown Jesus even if he had to die with Him. /This is written in verse 35. /First, Peter fell asleep during time of prayer. /This was why he had no powers.

/Second, Peter followed Jesus at a distance. /He was a bystander. /Verse 58. /Third, he lacked the capacity of faith. /Temptations cannot be overcome by words. /There is power in the kingdom of God.

/Fourth, he was afraid of death. /He did not lay down his life. /He was not prepared to die. /We must not disown Jesus but acknowledge Him. /We must acknowledge Jesus. /We must confess our faith. /Matthew 10:32

/We will continue with chapter 27. /The title is "The Cross."

/First, Jesus is bound and handed over to Pilate. /Verses 1 to 2. /Second, Judas returns the thirty silver coins and hangs himself. /Verses 3 to 10. /Third, Pilate hands Jesus over to be crucified. /Verses 11 to 26.

/Fourth, the soldiers mock Jesus and lead Him away. /Verses 27 to 32. /Fifth, Jesus is led away to be crucified. /Verses 33 to 34. /Sixth, the prayer on the cross and the death of Jesus. /Verses 45-50.

/Seventh, the signs when Jesus died. /Verses 51 to 56. /Eighth, the burial of Jesus. /Verses 57 to 61. /Ninth, the guard at the tomb. /Verses 62 to 66.

/Read verses 1-2. /Early in the morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people came to the decision to put Jesus to death. They bound him, led him away and handed him over to Pilate, the governor.

/Pilate was the Jewish governor appointed by the Roman Emperor. /The chief priests and the elders of the people bound Jesus and handed Him over to Pilate.

/Verse 3. /When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty silver coins to the chief priests and the elders.

/Judas Iscariot was seized with remorse. /However, he did not repent. /He merely regret what he did. /Judas Iscariot felt guilty. /However, he did not sincerely repent. /He threw the money into the temple.

/Verse 5. /So Judas threw the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and hanged himself.

/Judas Iscariot threw the silver coins into the temple and hanged himself. /He committed suicide by hanging himself. /The result of sin is this pitiful. /The chief priests bought the potter's field as a burial place for foreigners with that money.

/Verse 6. /The chief priests picked up the coins and said, "It is against the law to put this into the treasury, since it is blood money."

/Verse 7. /So they decided to use the money to buy the potter's field as a burial place for foreigners.

/The chief priests picked up the coins that Judas threw away and bought a field. /They bought the potter's field. /Then they used it as a burial place for foreigners. /The field became a graveyard. /This fulfilled what is written in Zechariah 11:12.

/Judas Iscariot did not use the money that he earned for his wickedness. /Acts 1:18
/Judas Iscariot died a pitiful death. /The wages of his sin in handing over Jesus was horrible.

/Verse 11. /Meanwhile Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" "Yes, it is as you say," Jesus replied.

/The governor Pilate questioned Jesus. /Pilate asked, "Are you the king of the Jews?" /Jesus replied, "Yes, it is as you say."

/Jesus is King of the truth. /He is King of the universe. /He is King of heaven. /He is King of the kingdom of God. /John 18:37

/Verse 12. /When he was accused by the chief priests and the elders, he gave no answer.

/The chief priests and the elders accused Jesus. /However, Jesus gave no answer. /Pilate was sitting on the judge's seat to judge Jesus. /However, in actuality, Jesus would judge Pilate.

/Jesus was also judging those who handed Him over. /God gave Pilate authority in the world. /However, Pilate used his authority in a wrong way. /He did not rightfully judge the case about Jesus.

/Verse 15. /Now it was the governor's custom at the Feast to release a prisoner chosen by the crowd.

/In Judea, there was a custom at the Feast to release a prisoner. /Pilate asked the crowd. /"Which of the two do you want me to release to you?"

/Verse 20. /But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus executed.

/The chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd. /Then the crowd asked for Barabbas to be released. /Then they asked to have Jesus executed.

/Verse 22. /"What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called Christ?" Pilate asked. They all answered, "Crucify him!"

/Pilate asked, "What shall I do with Jesus?" /The crowd answered. /"Crucify him!" /The crowd raised their voices that Jesus be crucified.

/The wife of the governor had a dream the previous night. /In her dream, she suffered a great deal. /She told the story to the governor. /Pilate knew that Jesus was innocent.

/Even though Pilate knew that Jesus was innocent, he made the wrong decision. /He misused the authority given to him by God. /Pilate did not fear God. /Rather, he feared the people.

/He did not judge Jesus by the law. /John 19:15-16 /Pilate went with the flow when he judged. /Pilate flattered the people.

/He made a wrong decision. /However, Jesus died as is written in the Bible. /Ultimately, God's will was done.

/Verse 24. /When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. "I am innocent of this man's blood," he said. "It is your responsibility!"

/Pilate handed over the innocent Jesus to be crucified. /Then Pilate washed his hands. /He said, "I am innocent of this man's blood."

/Just because he washed his hands did not mean that his sin would be washed away. /It is impossible to wash away his sin of wrong judgment. /He committed an eternal and great sin. /He misused the authority given to him by God.

/He did not judge justly according to the law. /Therefore, in the Apostles' Creed, it says, "suffered under Pontius Pilate." /This Creed has been passed down for more than two thousand years. /Pilate committed a great and eternal sin before God.

/Verse 25. /All the people answered, "Let his blood be on us and on our children!"

/The Jews answered. /"Let his blood be on us and on our children!" /"His." /The Jews received judgment as punishment for their sins. /In the year AD 70, the Roman Emperor Titus invaded Jerusalem.

/Then, the Jews were totally destroyed. /Many of them were crucified. /Many were taken as slaves. /Many were driven out in all directions. /That was why the Jews have been dispersed all around the world for a thousand and nine hundred years.

/They lived in misery for a thousand and nine hundred years. /During World War II, Hitler killed six million Jews. /The wages of sin in crucifying Jesus Christ was terrifying.

/Here we will conclude the nineteenth lecture on the gospel of Matthew. /Thank you.