



## *When Jesus Proposed Marriage*

The last supper and its surrounding events are mentioned in five books of the Bible: Matthew 26:26-30, Mark 14:22-26, Luke 22:14-23, John 13-17, and 1 Corinthians 11:23-34.

Each mentions different details. So to get the full picture we look in each of these accounts.

Here's the basic sequence.

1. They ate the Passover supper
2. Jesus washed the disciple's feet
3. Jesus blessed and passed the bread
4. Jesus blessed and passed the cup
5. Jesus revealed that Judas would betray Him
6. Jesus predicted what would happen that night
7. Jesus said He was going to prepare a place for us in heaven.
8. Jesus shared His last words.
9. They sang a hymn and went out.
10. Went to the Garden of Gethsemane

### Jewish Marriage Ceremony in Jesus' Day

The Church is the bride of Christ: Romans 7:4 NKJV. Cf 2 Corinthians 11:2; Revelation 19:7

Bride Selected by Father and Son- John 15:16a

The groom was to bring 4 things to the Bride-to-be's father's house:

1. Betrothal covenant—Jeremiah 31:33, Hebrews 8:8-13
2. Bride Price—Acts 20:28
3. A skin of wine—Matthew 26:27-29
4. Gifts for the Bride—Ephesians 4:8

The Bride Price was no modest token. With the bride price the young man was to buy the girl from her family. Once the price was agreed upon and paid she belonged to him.—1 Corinthians 6:19,20;

**Matthew 26:27-29**--The young man would go in to the girl, open his skin of wine (grape juice) pour a glass of juice, and after taking a sip, offer it to her. This was his proposal. If she accepted the cup and drank from it, it meant, "Yes, I will be your wife. I will consent to becoming yours. My life from now on will be devoted to you."

After she accepted he would give her his gifts then, before leaving he would make a promise. "I am going to my father's house to prepare a place for you. And if I go I will return again to you." See **John 14:1-3**

Until the place was finished they would not see each other. No one knew when the wedding would take place except the groom's father. Matthew 24:36

During this time the bride kept constantly ready. She made sure everything was in readiness at a moment's notice for the wedding because she didn't know when the time would come.



When the father said it was time the ceremony began. The best man would blow the shofar (ram's horn) and shout his announcement, "Behold the bridegroom comes" and the bridegroom would lead the procession to the bride's father's house where she would be ready to meet him. 1 Thessalonians 4:16, Revelation 19:6-9.

### *Next Steps:*

1. When the cup is passed to you next week, think about the meaning of the commitment you are making or reiterating.
2. Prepare your "bridal garments" Revelation 19:8 tells us that they are made up of the righteous acts of the saints.
3. Share this story with someone else and invite them to be part of the wedding celebration.