



## ***New Passover Symbols in Jesus***

### **Exodus: The Way Out**

#### **Mark 14:12-26 | Jesus Eats the Last Supper With His Disciples**

**Warm Up:** When you take communion (the Lord's supper) how does it minister to you personally? **Read Mark 14:12-26** aloud. **Which verses grab your attention most? Why?**

- On day 4 of Pastor George's Easter Devotions, he comments on **Mark 14:21**, saying:

*Judas was responsible for betraying his friend Jesus. The fact that God knew of it beforehand and wrote it in the Scriptures ahead of time did not negate his human choice. He was guilty and he was unrepentant. He did the very thing he ought not to have done. It is far better to have never lived than it is to have lived without love for Jesus. The meaning of life is to know God and Jesus Christ whom He sent. To have been so close to Jesus, and yet to trade him for 30 pieces of silver, is the height of human pride. We think we know what will bring us life and satisfaction. It's Comfort. It's Money. It's Security. It's Power. It's Fame. It's Ease. We trade Jesus for something far cheaper and in doing so, we prove it would have been better never to have been born. Why? Because the one born, who trades Jesus for anything else, will be held responsible. Some may say, "But God knows my heart! Surely God knows that I didn't want to trade Him in? Certainly God sees my good intentions and gives me the benefit of the doubt?" No, God's foreknowledge does not negate human choice.*

- Why was Judas' act "*the height of human pride*"?
- We are held responsible if we "trade Jesus" for anyone or anything. Doing so is the heart of idolatry. How do we know if we are trusting in things more than Jesus? How does one discern the idols of his own heart?
- The clear message of Scripture is that God's foreknowledge does not negate human choice. Why might this be the case?

- In **Mark 14:13-16** we learn that two of Jesus' disciples went ahead into Jerusalem to prepare the Passover meal at the place the Lord would reveal. It's implied here that the owner, or house manager, was a follower of "**the Teacher**" and in this way was carrying out ministry in his own home. Sometimes we feel like we need to be out on the front lines to have an effective ministry. How have you seen incredible ministry take place within the confines of one's home?

**Wrap Up:** Close by allowing Joni Erickson Tata's remarks to lead you into prayer: "The Father watches as His heart's treasure, the mirror-image of Himself, sinks drowning into raw, liquid sin. Jehovah's stored rage against humankind from every century explodes in a single direction. "Father! Father! Why have You forsaken Me?!" But heaven stops its ears. The Son stares up at the One who cannot, who will not, reach down or reply. The Trinity had planned it. The Son endured it. The Spirit enabled Him. The Father rejected the Son whom He loved. Jesus, the God-man from Nazareth, perished. The Father accepted His sacrifice for sin and was satisfied. The Rescue was accomplished."