

## The Passover With the Disciples

Printed Text • MATTHEW 26:17–30  
Devotional Reading • ZECHARIAH 9:9-12

### Words You Should Know

- A. **Betray** (Matthew 26:21) *paradidomi* (Gk.) —To surrender, yield, or give up
- B. **Remission** (v. 28) *aphesis* (Gk.)— Freedom, pardon, forgiveness

### Teacher Preparation

**Unifying Principle— The Unforgettable Leader.** People need reminders of times of liberation in history. How do people deal with the burdens of daily life? In celebrating the Passover with His disciples, Jesus reminded them of the freedom He gave from fear and want.

- A. Read the Bible Background and Devotional Reading.
- B. Pray for your students and lesson clarity.
- C. Read the lesson Scripture in multiple translations.

### O—Open the Lesson

- A. Begin the class with prayer.
- B. Write the question from Exodus 12:26 on the board—“What do you mean by this observance?” Divide the class into two groups, having one answer the question about Passover, and the other about communion.
- C. Have the students read the Aim for Change and the In Focus story.
- D. Ask students how events like those in the story weigh on their hearts and how they can view these events from a faith perspective.

### P—Present the Scriptures

- A. Read the Focal Verses and discuss the Background and the People, Places, and Times sections.
- B. Have the class share what Scriptures stand out for them and why, with particular emphasis on today’s themes.

### E—Explore the Meaning

- A. Use In Depth or More Light on the Text to facilitate a deeper discussion of the lesson text.
- B. Pose the questions in Search the Scriptures and Discuss the Meaning.
- C. Discuss the Liberating Lesson and Application for Activation sections.

### N—Next Steps for Application

- A. Summarize the value of Jesus willingly taking the role of the sacrificial Passover lamb.
- B. End class with a commitment to intentionally look forward to their ultimate triumph in Christ at the end of this age.