

Matthew 26:1-13

International Bible Lesson Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further

Some Bible study groups or classes can further discussion by asking some or all the **Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further** below. Others may want to send the bulletin size *International Bible Lesson* home with their students for further study in the coming week to encourage continuing Bible study. The ***Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further*** below are not actually intended to be *the answers* to the discussion questions. These indeed are “hints” a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class. The *Class Preparation Guide* includes the questions below, and it can be given to students at the end of the previous class; then, they can pray, read, and think ahead to prepare for the next week’s Bible lesson. And/Or, consider giving each student the *International Bible Lesson Study Guide*, which includes the Bible verses to be studied before class and other questions.

1. When did Jesus say He would be crucified?

After Peter declared Jesus was the Messiah (Christ), Jesus began to talk about His coming death. He said He would be crucified during the Passover feast (which He was).

2. Do you think the disciples believed or understood Jesus when He talked about His death and burial? Give a reason for your answer.

No. They seemed to ignore His forecasts and at the dinner in Bethany no one among the disciples seemed to follow up His forecast about His crucifixion happening very soon. They seemed more concerned about what a woman was doing to Jesus than a discussion about His comments about being crucified in just a few days.

3. What type of people were involved in plotting Jesus’ death?

Most of the religious leaders in Jerusalem. Leaders concerned more about

themselves than about learning and doing the will of God because they loved and wanted to do the will of God (which they did not).

4. When Jesus was at dinner in Bethany, what seemed to shock the disciples and what did they say?

The woman anointing Jesus' head with costly ointment that they called a waste and wanted sold to help the poor.

5. What prophecy did Jesus make during the dinner? Do you think it was fulfilled? How?

That wherever around the world whenever the good news was preached about Jesus that what she did for Him would be proclaimed too. Yes. Both then and now people still preach and teach about her around the world and use her for a good example to follow.

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