

## The Preparation for the Death of King Messiah

This begins that last major section before the death and resurrection of **Christ**. Everything up to now has been prologue, introduction to the great conclusion, which focuses on the cross of **Yeshua ha-Mashiach**.

On **Wednesday the thirteenth of Nisan**, the Pharisees had finished their examination of **Jesus** and from that day on no one dared to ask Him any more questions. **Christ** pronounced seven woes on the Torah-teachers and Pharisees, so they schemed to arrest and kill Him. Later that day **Yeshua** commented on the widow's offering before **He** and **His twelve apostles** left Jerusalem. As they were returning to **Bethany**, **Messiah** and **His talmidim** paused on the Mount of Olives and viewed the Temple. There **He** answered **three questions** and taught them about **His Second Coming**.

After sundown on **Thursday the fourteenth of Nisan** **Jesus** was invited to the home of **Simon, the leper**, for dinner. There, **Mary**, the sister of Lazarus, anointed Him with expensive perfume for burial. It was then that **the Lord** rebuked **Judas** for wanting to sell the expensive perfume made of pure nard so the money could be given to the poor. Then **Judas** left **Bethany**, walked to the palace of **Caiaphas** the high priest in the City of David and agreed to betray the **Son of God**.

As the sun went down, Thursday turned to **Friday the fifteenth of Nisan** and the Passover Seder was celebrated in the Upper Room. Late that evening, all during the night, and early into the day, the history of mankind changed forever. **Jesus** agonized at Gethsemane, was betrayed by Judas, arrested and tried by both the Jews and the Romans.