

# THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

## Passover and Eucharist

<sup>17</sup>On the first day of the Festival of the Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and said to him:

—Where do you want us to prepare the Passover meal for you?

<sup>18</sup>Jesus answered:

—Go into the city, to the house of a certain man, and tell him: ‘The Master says: My hour is near, and I will celebrate the Passover with my disciples in your house.

<sup>19</sup>The disciples did as Jesus had ordered and prepared the Passover meal.

<sup>26</sup>While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said a blessing and broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying:

—Take and eat; this is my body.

<sup>27</sup>Then he took a cup and gave thanks, and passed it to them saying:

—Drink this, all of you, <sup>28</sup>for this is my blood, the blood of the Covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>31</sup>Then Jesus said to them:

—You will falter tonight because of me, and all will fall. For the Scripture says: *I will strike the shepherd and the sheep will be scattered.* <sup>32</sup>But after my resurrection I will go ahead of you to Galilee.

<sup>33</sup>Peter responded:

—Even though all doubt you and fall, I will never fall. <sup>34</sup>Jesus replied:

—Truly, I say to you: this very night before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.

<sup>35</sup>Peter said:

—Though I have to die with you, I will never deny you. And all the disciples said the same.

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