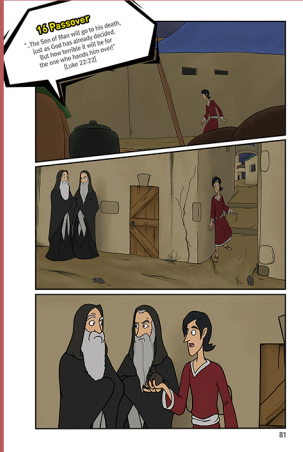




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NAR Jesus had done many amazing works. He healed sick people, and made blind people see. He helped deaf people hear, and lame people walk. He led people to see that He really is the Son of God. Because He did these things many, many people followed Him and loved Him, but the Pharisees and teachers of the law hated Him, and were trying to find a way to send Him away, or worse... kill Him. One night, one of Jesus's own disciples did something terrible. He thought to go to the priests who wanted to kill Jesus and ask how much money they would give to him if he helped them. He went in the middle of the night so no one would see.

Priest 1 I thought you changed your mind.

priest 2 I told you we shouldn't trust him.

Judas Iscariot No. I'm sorry. I wanted to make sure I was not seen.

Priest 1 So. What is it you want to talk to us about, and why did we meet here and now?

Judas Iscariot You know who I am?

priest 2 You are a follower of Jesus.

Judas Iscariot Yes.

priest 2 So what do you want with us?

Judas Iscariot What will you give me if I hand Him over to you?

priest 2 You would betray you beloved teacher?

Priest 1 Hmmm.....hold out your hand.

NAR When Judas put out his hand, the priests counted 30 silver coins and and gave them to Judas.

Priest And...when will this happen?

Judas Iscariot I will watch for the right time and inform you.

Priest We will find you if you're lying.

Judas Iscariot I promise.

NAR On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, Jesus's disciples went to him.

Peter Teacher, where shall we prepare for you to eat the Passover meal?

Jesus Go into the city and to a certain man. Tell him, the Teacher says, 'My time is near. I'm going to celebrate the Passover at your house with my disciples.'



Peter	Yes Lord. Come on guys.
NAR	When the disciples found a house, they went in and told the man what Jesus said.
House owner	Wow! The Teacher will come here to have the Passover meal?
Peter	That's right.
House owner	Then He is most welcome in my home. You and all who are with Him.
John	You are very kind.
House owner	Come this way. We will go to prepare the room and I will tell my wife to prepare the food.
NAR	Later that night when it was time to eat, Jesus was at the table with His disciples. While they ate, He began to speak to them very seriously.
Jesus	What I'm about to tell you is true. Tonight...one of you will betray me and hand me over to my enemies.
disciples	What!? No! You're kidding!? One of us? Who?
John	It's not me, Lord!
James	Not me, Lord.
Andrew	It's not me, Teacher.
Peter	It's certainly not me, Jesus.
NAR	One by one, all of Jesus's disciples told Him that it could not be them. When they were finished, Jesus replied.
Jesus	the one who has dipped his hand in the bowl with me will hand me over. The Son of Man will go just as it is written about Him. But how terrible it will be for the one who hands over the Son of Man!
NAR	Judas, who had not said anything yet, finally asked Jesus.
Judas	It's not me, is it Teacher?
Jesus	It is you.
NAR	All of Jesus's disciples were scared and confused. How could Jesus let this happen? How could he not be angry with Judas? Jesus then took bread, and prayed, and then broke it. He passed it to His disciples.
Jesus	Take this and eat it. This is my body.
NAR	Jesus then took the cup of wine and passed it.

Jesus

All of you drink from this. This is my blood of the new covenant. It is poured out to forgive the sins of the world. Here is what I tell you. From now on, I will not drink wine again until the day I drink it with you in my Father's Kingdom.

NAR

After he said these things, they all sang a hymn together and then went to the Mount of Olives so Jesus could pray.



“The Son of Man will go just as it is written about Him. But how terrible it will be for the one who hands over the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born.” Matthew 26:24 NlrV