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Chapter 26: The Hour of Darkness

Matthew 26 – 27; Mark 14 – 15; Luke 22 – 23; John 13 – 14; 16 – 19

Introduction:

The final week of Jesus' life, in the Lower Story, was as dark as darkness gets. Strangely, this darkest of all moments was also the moment heavenly light broke through as never before. The brilliant light of God's love was shining from the glory of the Upper Story into the darkness of our Lower Story ... and it changed everything.

Lesson Breakout:

- The Last Passover (Mark 14; John 13)
- I Have Overcome the World (Matthew 26; John 14, 16-17)
- In the Garden (Matthew 26; Luke 22; John 18)
- The Trial (Matthew 26-27; Luke 22; John 18-19)
- Jesus Wears the Father's Crown (Matthew 27; Mark 15; Luke 23; John 19)

Plot Points:

- In his last hours with his disciples, Jesus took time to teach them what true servanthood looks like and express his love for them, knowing they would abandon him.
- Even as he was arrested, Jesus was in control of the situation; he was not a victim but a champion on his way to battle.
- The religious and political leaders who crucified Jesus were motivated more by a desire for self-preservation than for justice.
- Jesus, fully man and fully God, felt the full weight of God's wrath against sin as he was beaten for our transgressions and lifted up on the cross for our healing.

As you watch the video for Session 26 of *The Story*, notice some of the main points.

- ✓ The outcome of this event looks totally different from the Lower Story compared to the Upper Story.
- ✓ They placed a purple robe on him as a mockery.
- ✓ "But not my will but your will be done."
- ✓ He was pierced for our transgressions.
- ✓ The curse of Adam has been lifted.

UNDERSTAND THE STORY:

➤ Wednesday:

(Page 366) ... The chief priests and scribes plotted to kill Jesus. Satan entered Judas and he went to these leaders and promised to betray Jesus. [Matthew 26:1–5, 14–16; Mark 14:1–2, 10–11; Luke 22:1–6]

➤ Thursday:

The Passover is approaching, and the Disciples ask Jesus where He wants them to prepare for this. He tells them to find a certain man in the city.

(367) [Matthew 26:17-19] [Mark 14:12-17; John 13:1-2]

- Who was the man?

Passover Preparations begin. Jesus arrives with the twelve.

(367) [Mark 14:12-17] [Matthew 26:17-20; Luke 22:7-14]

During supper, Jesus washes the Disciples' Feet. Peter objects to Jesus washing his feet but later asks Jesus to wash his feet, hands and head. Jesus says that as he has washed his disciples' feet, they should wash each others'. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot to betray Jesus. (367-368) [John 13:1-17]

Jesus foretells his betrayal and identifies his betrayer.

(367-368) [John 13:21-30] [Matthew 26:21-23, Mark 14:18-20, Luke 22:21-23]

- How did Jesus indicate to his disciples which disciple was going to betray him?
(369) [John 13:25-26]

Jesus and the twelve celebrated the Passover, Jesus Institutes the Lord's Supper.

(369) [Matthew 26:26-29] [Mark 14:22-25, Luke 22:15-20, 1 Cor 11:23-25]

“Let Not Your Hearts Be Troubled.” “I go to prepare a place for you.” “I am the way, the truth, and the life.” “Whatever you ask in My name, that I will do.”

(369-370) [John 14:1-14]

Jesus says: “If you love Me, keep My commandments”, then promises another helper.

(370) [John 14:15-26]

The Holy Spirit will come and tell them about things to come. (370) [John 16:12-15]

Jesus predicts the Disciples will scatter and leave Him. (371) [John 16:29-33]

Jesus' Intercessory Prayers. (371) [John 17:1-26]

A. Jesus Prays for Himself ... [John 17:1-5]

B. Jesus Prays for His Disciples ... (NIB) [John 17:6-19]

C. Jesus Prays for All Believers ... [John 17:20-26]

Jesus and the Disciples sing a hymn, then leave. (371) [Mark 14:26] [Matthew 26:30]

Jesus predicts that Peter will betray him three times.

(372) [Matthew 26:31-35] [Mark 14:27-31, Luke 22:31-34, John 13:36-38]

In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus' prays for the cup to pass from him.

(372) [Matthew 26:36-42] [Mark 14:32-42, Luke 22:39-46]

An angel from heaven appeared to Jesus and strengthens him. (372) [Luke 22:43-44]

While His disciples sleep, Jesus says “the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak”.

(373) [Matthew 26:43-46]

Judas and a multitude with swords and clubs arrive where Jesus and the others were.

(373) [Matthew 26:47]

Jesus is betrayed and arrested.

(373) [John 18:2-9] [Matthew 26:47-50, Mark 14:43-46, Luke 22:47-48]

Peter cuts off the high priest's servant's ear.

(373) [John 18:10-11] [Matthew 26:50-54, Mark 14:45-49, Luke 22:49-53]

- What was the name of the high priest's servant? (373) [John 18:10]
- What healing did Jesus do in the garden of Gethsemane? (373) [Luke 22:51]

Jesus asks why they had come with swords and clubs to arrest Him.

(373) [Luke 22:52-53]

All this was done that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled, and just as Jesus had predicted in John 16:32, the disciples forsook Him and fled.

(NIB) [Matthew 26:56, Mark 14:50]

➤ Friday:

Jesus is taken to Caiaphas the high priest, where false witnesses say that Jesus claimed to be able to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days. (374) [Matthew 26:57-61]

Jesus keeps silent, then tells Caiaphas that he is indeed the Christ, and that Caiaphas will see the Son of Man sitting on the right hand of the Father and coming in glory.

(374) [Matthew 26:62-64] [Mark 14:60-62, Luke 22:69]

Caiaphas tears his clothes, saying Jesus had spoken blasphemy.

(374) [Matthew 26:65-66]

Jesus is beaten and mocked. (374) [Matthew 26:67-68]

Peter's three denials.

(375) [Luke 22:54-61] [Matthew 26:69-75, Mark 14:66-72, John 18:15-18, 25-27]

- What did Peter do when he realized what he had done?
(375) [Luke 22:62] [Matthew 26:75, Mark 14:72]

The Sanhedrin deliver Jesus to Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor.

(375) [Matthew 27:1-2] [Mark 15:1, Luke 23:1, John 18:28-29]

Judas seeks to return the thirty pieces of silver to the treasury. (375) [Matthew 27:3-4]

- What did Judas do with the money? (375) [Matthew 27:5]
- After doing so, what action did he do? (375) [Matthew 27:5]
- What happened to the money? (NIB) [Matthew 27:6-10]

Jesus stands before Pilate. Pilate asks Jesus if he was the king of the Jews.

(376) [John 18:33] [Matthew 27:11]

- What was Jesus' response? (376) [John 18:34]

The conversation between Jesus and Pilate continues. (376) [John 18:35-38]

There was a custom that Pilate release a prisoner at the Passover, and he offered them Jesus, but they asked for Barabbas, a robber.

(376) [John 18:39-40] [Matthew 27:15-23, Mark 15:6-14, Luke 23:17-23]

- What was Barabbas' full (complete) name? (NIB) [Matthew 27:16]

To appease the mob, Pilate has Jesus scourged. (376) [John 19:1]

Jesus is put in a purple robe and made to wear a crown of thorns. (377) [John 19:2-5a]

Pilate says, 'Behold the man!', but the crowd still demand Jesus' crucifixion.

(377) [John 19:5b-15]

Jesus is taken away to be crucified. (377) [John 19:16]

Simon from Cyrene is compelled to carry Jesus' cross. (377) [Matthew 27:32]

The 6 Trials of Jesus

	Judge	Decision	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
3 Religious Trials by Jews	1. Annas	Guilty	Matthew 26:57-58	Mark 14:53-54	Luke 22:54-55	John 18:12-23
	2. Caiaphas	Guilty	Matthew 26:59-75	Mark 14:55-65	Luke 22:56-65	John 18:24
	3. Sanhedrin	Guilty	Matthew 27:1	Mark 15:1	Luke 22:66-71	-
3 Civil trials by Romans	4. Pilate	Innocent	Matthew 27:2-14	Mark 15:2-5	Luke 23:1-6	John 18:28-38
	5. Herod	Innocent	-	-	Luke 23:7-12	-
	6. Pilate	Innocent	Matthew 27:15-26	Mark 15:6-15	Luke 23:13-25	John 18:39-19:16

While on the cross, many passer-byers mock Jesus, telling him to save himself as did have saved others. (378) [Mark 15:29-32]

Two criminals were crucified with him. Jesus tells one of them that he will be with Him in Paradise. Jesus prays, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.” Pilate places a sign that says ‘The King of the Jews’ on the cross. (378-379) [Luke 23:32-43] [Matthew 27:35-44, Mark 15:21-32, John 19:19-24]

Talking to Mary, Jesus says, ‘Woman, behold your son!’. (379) [John 19:25-27]

From noon to 3pm, there was darkness over ALL the earth and the veil of the temple was torn in two. (379) [Luke 23:44-45] [Matthew 27:45]

At about the ninth hour (3PM) Jesus cries out: “*My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?*” (379) [Matthew 27:46-49] [Mark 15:33-35, Luke 23:44-45a]

- What were Jesus’ final words before his death on the cross? (380) [John 19:30] [Matthew 27:46-49] [Luke 23:46]

The Temple curtain is torn. There’s an earthquake. Dead saints are resurrected. (380) [Matthew 27:51-53] [Mark 15:38, (379) Luke 23:45b]

A Centurion says this is the Son of God. (380) [Mark 15:39] [Matthew 27:54, Luke 23:47]

The whole crowd who saw what had been done beat their breast. The women and those close to Jesus watched from a distance. (380) [Luke 23:49]

When Jesus died, the leaders of the Lower Story proclaimed, “He is finished.” But, from the Upper Story, Jesus said, “It is finished.”

Next week, we’ll look at chapter 27 of *The Story*; “The Resurrection.”
Matthew 27 – 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 19 – 21.