

# Mark 14:16

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And his disciples went forth, and came into the city, and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready the passover.

## Analysis

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**His disciples went forth, and came into the city**—Peter and John obeyed Jesus's detailed instructions. **Found as he had said unto them** (εὗρον καθὼς εἶπεν αὐτοῖς, heuron kathōs eipen autois)—perfect fulfillment of Jesus's prophecy, confirming His divine foreknowledge and reliability. Every detail—the man, the water pitcher, the homeowner's response, the furnished upper room—occurred exactly as predicted. **They made ready the passover** (ήτοίμασαν τὸ πάσχα, hētoimasan to pascha)—they procured and prepared the Passover lamb and elements.

This verse emphasizes fulfilled prophecy and trustworthy obedience. The disciples' experience of finding everything "as he had said" strengthened faith before the crisis ahead. When Jesus's predictions about betrayal, death, and resurrection came true, they would remember His perfect foreknowledge. The phrase "made ready the passover" carries ironic depth—they prepared a meal pointing to Jesus's sacrificial death. They thought they were preparing dinner; God was preparing redemption. Their faithful service in small things (finding a room, preparing a meal) participated in cosmic redemption.

## Historical Context

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Preparing Passover involved:

1. bringing a yearling male lamb to the temple for slaughter (afternoon of Nisan 14)
2. roasting the lamb whole
3. preparing unleavened bread (*הצָהָב*, matzah)
4. procuring wine for four cups drunk during the meal
5. gathering bitter herbs (*מִרְאָרָה*, maror) symbolizing Egyptian bondage,
6. preparing charoset (fruit-nut mixture symbolizing mortar).

The entire process was elaborate and costly. The disciples' successful completion fulfilled Jesus's instructions and prepared the setting for instituting the Lord's Supper.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does the disciples' experience of finding everything "as he had said" build confidence in Jesus's other predictions, including His resurrection?
2. What does the disciples' faithful obedience in mundane tasks teach about serving Christ in "small" things?
3. How might you be unknowingly participating in God's greater purposes through simple acts of obedience?

## Interlinear Text

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