

# 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** (ἡτοίμασαν 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 (מַצָּה, matzah)
4. procuring wine for four cups drunk during the meal
5. gathering bitter herbs (מָרֹר, 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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καὶ	ἐξῆλθον	οἱ	μαθηταὶ	αὐτοῖς	καὶ	ἦλθον	εἰς	τὴν
<b>And</b>	<b>went forth</b>	G3588	<b>disciples</b>	<b>his</b>	<b>And</b>	<b>came</b>	<b>into</b>	G3588
G2532	G1831		G3101	G846	G2532	G2064	G1519	
πόλιν	καὶ	εὑρον	καθὼς	εἶπεν	αὐτοῖς	καὶ	ἡτοίμασαν	
<b>the city</b>	<b>And</b>	<b>found</b>	<b>as</b>	<b>he had said</b>	<b>his</b>	<b>And</b>	<b>they made ready</b>	
G4172	G2532	G2147	G2531	G2036	G846	G2532	G2090	
τὸ	πάσχα							
G3588	<b>the passover</b>							
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