

# Matthew 26:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And it came to pass, when Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said unto his disciples,

## Analysis

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**When Jesus had finished all these sayings**—This transitional formula (Greek: *etelesen*, τελέσεν, 'completed') marks the conclusion of Jesus's fifth and final discourse in Matthew (chapters 24-25), the Olivet Discourse on eschatology and judgment. Matthew structures his Gospel around five major teaching blocks, echoing the Pentateuch's five books.

The phrase **he said unto his disciples** introduces the Passion prediction that follows. Having taught about His future return in glory, Jesus now prepares them for the immediate reality of His suffering—the cross must precede the crown.

## Historical Context

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This occurs on Wednesday of Passion Week, approximately 30 AD. Jesus has just completed His final public teaching on the Mount of Olives. The disciples are about to face the most traumatic 72 hours of their lives—the arrest, trial, crucifixion, and burial of their Master.

## Related Passages

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**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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1. How does Jesus's completion of His teaching ministry before His death demonstrate His faithful obedience to the Father's mission?
2. What does the structure of Matthew's five discourses reveal about the Gospel as a teaching manual for the early church?

## Interlinear Text

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Καὶ ἐγένετο ὅτε ἐτέλεσεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς πάντας τοὺς

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