

Matthew 26:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Ye know that after two days is the feast of the passover, and the Son of man is betrayed to be crucified.

Analysis

After two days is the feast of the passover (Greek: pascha, πάσχα)—Jesus precisely knows the divine timetable. The Passover commemorated Israel's deliverance from Egypt (Exodus 12), when the lamb's blood on doorposts spared the firstborn. Now the true Passover Lamb will be slain.

The Son of man is betrayed to be crucified—The Greek paradidotai (παραδίδοται) means 'handed over' or 'delivered up,' the same word used of God giving up His Son (Romans 8:32). Jesus uses His messianic title 'Son of man' (Daniel 7:13-14) while predicting crucifixion, Rome's method for executing slaves and rebels—the ultimate humiliation for Israel's King.

Historical Context

Passover (Nisan 14-15) was one of three pilgrim festivals requiring Jewish males to travel to Jerusalem. The city swelled from 50,000 to over 250,000 people. Jesus's prediction combines Jewish betrayal with Roman execution—both powers would collaborate in killing the Messiah.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does the Passover typology illuminate Christ as our sacrificial Lamb who delivers us from bondage to sin?
2. What does Jesus's precise foreknowledge of His death reveal about His voluntary nature of His sacrifice?

Interlinear Text

Οἶδατε	ὅτι	μετὰ	δύο	ἡμέρας	τὸ	πάσχα	
Ye know	that	after	two	days	G3588	the feast of the passover	
G1492	G3754	G3326	G1417	G2250		G3957	
γίνεται	καὶ	ὁ	υἱὸς	τοῦ	ἀνθρώπου	παραδίδοται	εἰς
is	and	G3588	the Son	G3588	of man	is betrayed	to
G1096	G2532		G5207		G444	G3860	G1519
τὸ	σταυρωθῆναι						
G3588	be crucified						
	G4717						

Additional Cross-References

Matthew 17:22 (Parallel theme): And while they abode in Galilee, Jesus said unto them, The Son of man shall be betrayed into the hands of men:

John 18:2 (Parallel theme): And Judas also, which betrayed him, knew the place: for Jesus oftentimes resorted thither with his disciples.

John 11:55 (Parallel theme): And the Jews' passover was nigh at hand: and many went out of the country up to Jerusalem before the passover, to purify themselves.