

MARK 14:12-16 ALL ACCORDING TO PLAN

¹² On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the Passover lamb, Jesus' disciples asked him, "Where do you want us to go and make preparations for you to eat the Passover?"¹³ So he sent two of his disciples, telling them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him.¹⁴ Say to the owner of the house he enters, 'The Teacher asks: Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?'¹⁵ He will show you a large upper room, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there."

¹⁶ The disciples left, went into the city and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

Long before the disciples questioned Jesus about where he would observe the Passover, God had it all arranged. As God had appointed the water carrier, the homeowner and even the large upper room, he had also provided for the perfect sacrifice of the perfect Passover Lamb. The players were all in place: Judas the betrayer; Caiaphas the vindictive priest; Pilate the power of Rome that cowered before the crowd; the hideous torture of scourging and crucifixion; and Jerusalem the City of God. Even the Passover Lamb, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was provided for the festival. This Passover would not be like all other Passovers. Indeed, this would be the Passover to end all Passovers. The Lamb would be sacrificed and those who believe in him, who are children of God, would be set free from their bondage to sin and death. It was all arranged and would happen according to the sovereign working of God.

Father, thank you, that before I was ever conceived, you had already prepared the way for my salvation. Thank you for the people and events in my life that have brought me to the knowledge of my need for you. Please use me to bring others to you in obedience to your plan. Amen.