



Grace Assembly Of God

CHAPTER-BY-CHAPTER BIBLE READING DEVOTIONAL

Scripture:	Matthew 26	Title:	As you know...
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Summary of Chapter	These 75 verses describe Jesus' final actions before his trial. He concluded his message at Mount of Olives, was anointed by a woman at Simon's (an ex-leper) house in Bethany, ate a symbolic last supper with his disciples, predicted Peter's denial en-route to Mount of Olives, prayed by himself in Gethsemane before he was arrested by a mob and deserted by his disciples, appeared before the Council at Caiaphas' house, and was denied three times by Peter in the courtyard.		

Key Verse(s) NLT	How does it speak to me?
² As you know , Passover begins in two days, and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified.	<p>Last year, I got an invitation to speak at an overseas conference that was supposed to take place in July 2020. I thought we could take a family vacation after the event ended. But when I suggested this to my wife, she somehow was not interested. I was surprised and disappointed. But because we are usually aligned in our decision-making, I took her "No" seriously; her lack of enthusiasm arrested my attention, so I reluctantly turned down the speaking invitation instead of insisting on going. And as you know, COVID-19 hit all of us big time in quarter one this year, and the conference got cancelled. But because I paid attention to my wife's "heads up", I avoided multiple cancellations on potential trip bookings.</p> <p>Similarly, Jesus was hinting to His disciples. "<i>Passover is coming. I'm about to be crucified.</i>" But as you know, they didn't get it! I believe that God constantly gives us "heads ups". Sometimes He does it through the Word, sometimes via the Holy Spirit's prompting, sometimes through people God puts in our lives, like in my case! Let us not ignore it like Judas. Let us not miss it like Peter. Let us not mess it up like the disciples. Instead, let us ask God to help us to get it whenever He gives us a "As you know" moment!</p>

APPLICATION REFLECTIONS

Adult:	How is God preparing or prompting you as you make decisions especially major ones in these uncertain times?
Youth:	What stressful situations are you facing today? E.g. Studies, family, peers, future. Ask God to give you insights and preparations on how to deal with these.
Child:	Have you experienced God's whisper to you? E.g. God telling you not to do certain things or to help someone. What happened when you obeyed or disobeyed those whispers? Why do you think God whispers to you?

PRAYER

Praying Scripture:	Heavenly Father, we praise You for being a God who knows everything and is wise to give us glimpses of what is to come so that we may take steps towards godliness. Please make us sensitive to your Spirit's tugging and perceptive to Your promptings.
Thanksgiving Prayer:	I/We thank You for _____ (e.g. delicious food we ate, places we went, prayer that was answered, etc)
Intercessory Prayer:	I/We want to pray for _____ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc)
Salvation Prayer:	I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (add one name per day). In Jesus' Name I/we pray. Amen.