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The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Matthew 1:1

Journey - Luke 9:3

Enlighten - Job 33:30

Saves - Psalms 18:31, 1 Timothy 1:15

Unity - Ephesians 4:13

Sinners - Luke 5:32

The Son of God continued in chapter twenty-six, under the section **The plot to kill Jesus**, in verses one through five, where he finishes the teaching in chapters twenty-four through twenty-five. Jesus knowingly says in verse two, "Ye know that after two days is the feast of the Passover, and the Son of man was betrayed and crucified." "The Passover is a Jewish festival celebrating the exodus of the Jews from Egypt in the Old Testament. The spring feast is associated with the historical departure from Egypt. It celebrated the "passing over" of the Hebrews' houses by the destroying angel due to the blood of lambs on the doorposts and frames of the houses. However, what does it say in the New Testament? Christ's crucifixion occurred on "the preparation of the Passover," as in John nineteen, verse fourteen. He is our

Passover sacrificed for us, as in First Corinthians five, verse seven.

The Passover for saints today is significant because the Son of God had to pass: go through, surpass, and beat to succeed for us and allow potential believers to eliminate the waste, the sin removed by salvation through confession. God allowed His Son to go above what the enemy attempted to stain us eternally with everlasting sin to accomplish and go up, complete, and done with, where it is finished, gone, and settled.

In verse thirteen of Matthew twenty-six, in the **Anointing of Jesus at Bethany** section, a memorial of her refers to Mary where the Lord has ordained this story from verses six through thirteen should always accompany the preaching of the gospel. She exemplifies the depth of love for Jesus that should characterize all disciples. Her actions expressed deep devotion to and profound love of the Master. The Christian faith is first a personal ministering unto the Lord Jesus Himself. We learn that our heartfelt attachment to and love for Jesus is the most valuable aspect of our relationship. Jesus continues in verses seventeen to twenty-five with the Last Supper, popular today in Art or portraits that show the Son of God among the disciples at the table having the final meal before a series of events occur. However, the last supper was done in the evening, as in verse twenty of Matthew twenty-six, "Now when the even was come, he sat down with the twelve." The Last Supper is significant because one expected to betray the Son of God. Over time, many do not expect relatives or someone they love to betray you. Remember, some people we hold dear to our hearts will forsake us. Jesus ate the Last Supper with His disciples before knowing that person would deceive Him. Many people experience this with a family member or other significant others who in time past

ate with them. Then, attempt or do something tragically beyond our imaginations that we did not see forthcoming. However, Jesus knew who it was and would see that disciple before him when the time came. Who could endure that?

The institution of the Lord's Supper section from verses twenty-six through thirty of Matthew twenty-six is the most remembered form of honoring the body and the blood of the Son of God, Jesus Christ. Many churches, Pastors, Christians, and believers participate in this communion globally to commemorate what Jesus Christ did on the cross to give humanity freedom by accepting the Lord through salvation. **The remission of sins** from verse twenty-eight is due to the blood of Jesus shed so believers have the opportunity to live free from sin.

Forgiveness is necessary because we have all sinned, and sin has caused us to be alienated from God and subject to condemnation and His wrath, as in Ephesians two, verses one through three. Forgiveness made possible by Jesus' death on the cross is how our relationship with God is restored, as in Romans five, verses nine through ten, Ephesians one, verse seven, and Colossians two, verse thirteen. Forgiveness is to cover, pardon, cancel, or send away. God's forgiveness involves making of no account the sin that has been committed, as in Mark two, verse five, and John eight, verse eleven, saving sinners from eternal punishment, as in Romans five, verse nine, and First Thessalonians one, verse ten, accepting them, as in Luke fifteen, verse twenty, delivering them from the dominion of sin and transferring them into Christ's kingdom, as in Colossians one, verse thirteen, and renewing the whole person and promising eternal life, as in Luke twenty-three, verse forty-three, and John fourteen, verse verse nineteen.

For the receiving of forgiveness, there must be repentance, faith, and confession of sin, as in Luke seventeen, verses three to four, Acts two, verse thirty-eight, chapter five, verse thirty-one, chapter twenty, verse twenty-one, and First John one, verse nine, respectively. For God to be able to extend forgiveness, the shedding of blood was required, as in Hebrews nine, verse twenty-two.

Therefore, forgiveness on Jesus' death on the cross, as in verse twenty-eight, John one, verse twenty-nine, chapter three, verse sixteen, and Romans eight, verse thirty-two. Divine forgiveness is a need for ongoing believers to maintain our saving relationship with God, as in Matthew six, verses twelve, fourteen through fifteen, and First John one, verse nine.