

Refuel Bible Study Outline: April 1, 2026

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Theme: *The Passion Path: From Betrayal to Resurrection*

Key Scripture: *Matthew 26:28 (KJV)*

I. Introduction

- Scripture Focus: Matthew 26:28
 - “For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.”
 - Context:
 - Spoken by Jesus during the **Last Supper**
 - Occurs just before His arrest and crucifixion
 - Takes place during **Passover** in Jerusalem
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II. Historical and Biblical Background

- Setting:
 - Jewish Passover celebration (Exodus 12)
 - Jerusalem crowded with pilgrims
 - Political and Religious Tension:
 - Religious leaders feared Jesus’ influence
 - Concern over rebellion during Passover
 - Plot to arrest Jesus quietly
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III. Meaning of Matthew 26:28

1. **“My blood of the new testament (covenant)”**
 - Jesus introduces a **new covenant**
 - No longer sealed by animal sacrifice
 - Established through His own blood

2. “Shed for many”

- Salvation offered beyond one nation
- Inclusive of all who believe

3. “For the remission of sins”

- Remission = forgiveness, removal, cancellation
 - Foundation of Christian salvation
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IV. The Passion Path Defined

- Meaning of “Passion”
 - From Latin *passio* = “to suffer”
 - The Passion Path includes:
 - Betrayal
 - Agony
 - Rejection
 - Sacrifice
 - Obedience for divine purpose
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V. Key Moments on the Passion Path

1. **Betrayal by Judas** (Matthew 26:20–25)
 - Revelation of betrayal during the Last Supper
 - Call to self-examination: “Lord, is it I?”
2. **Agony in Gethsemane** (Matthew 26:36–46)
 - Jesus’ sorrow and distress
 - Prayer of surrender: “Thy will be done”
 - Victory in prayer before the cross

3. Arrest, False Accusations, and Trial

- Mockery, abuse, and injustice
- False witnesses before the Sanhedrin
- Silence before Pilate

4. Peter's Denial (Matthew 26:69–75)

- Three denials
 - Deep remorse and repentance
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VI. The Cross and the Crucifixion

- Crucifixion at Golgotha (Matthew 27:32–44)
 - Physical suffering and public humiliation
 - Darkness over the land
 - Jesus' final cry and death
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VII. Supernatural Confirmation

- Temple veil torn
 - Earthquake
 - Centurion's declaration: "Truly this was the Son of God"
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VIII. Resurrection and Victory

- Resurrection on the third day (Matthew 28)
- Confirms:
 - Sacrifice accepted
 - Sin defeated
 - Death overcome
 - Covenant remains alive

IX. Spiritual Truths from the Passion Path

- Betrayal before purpose
 - Pain before promise
 - Sacrifice before resurrection
 - What looked like defeat became victory
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X. Closing Reflection

- The Passion Path:
 - Betrayal → Cross → Resurrection
- God uses suffering to fulfill divine purpose
- Encouragement to trust God through difficult seasons