

MATTHEW 26:1 – 16

The Plot To Kill Jesus

Now it came to pass, when Jesus had finished all these sayings, that He said to His disciples,

“You know that after two days is the Passover, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified.”

Then the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders of the people assembled at the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas,

And plotted to take Jesus by trickery and kill Him.

But they said, “Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people.”

A Murder Plot

The religious leaders of the day hatched a plot to murder Jesus, but Jesus was aware of their plans of conspiracy. Although Jesus knew that He had come to die, it was not yet time for this to happen. He was operating according to God's timetable.

Judas and the religious leaders were later able to capture Jesus Christ and have Him crucified only because it was God's will for Him to die upon a cross. It is important to understand that the religious leaders did not triumph over God's will when they finally captured His son. Although it appeared on the outside that the powers of darkness had succeeded in stopping Jesus, they were actually used by God to put Jesus on the cross so He could finally be resurrected from the dead. As a result, He saved humankind from the power of sin.

And when Jesus was in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper,

A woman came to Him having an alabaster flask of very costly fragrant oil, and she poured *it* on His head as He sat *at the table*.

But when His disciples saw *it*, they were indignant, saying, “Why this waste?”

“For this fragrant oil, might have been sold for much and given to the poor.”

But when Jesus was aware of *it*, He said, to them, “Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a good work for Me.

“For you have the poor with you always, but Me you do not have always.

‘For in pouring this fragrant oil on My body, she did *it* for My burial.

“Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman, has done will so be told as a memorial to her.”

Judas Agrees To Betray Jesus

Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests.

And said, “What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?” And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver.

So from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him.

MATTHEW 26:26-28

Jesus Institutes the Lord’s Supper

And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke *it*, and gave it to the disciples and said, “Take, eat; this is My body.”

Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you”.

“For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.”