

Jesus—Matthew 26:1-15; Mark 14:12-17

Plot for Jesus' Death; Arrangements for Last Supper

I. Additional Scriptures/Notes...

1. **Mt 26:2...** “For the fourth time Jesus warns the disciples of His death (16:21; 17:22-23; 20:18-19), but for the first time He gives them a time frame. ‘After two days’ likely indicates the third from when He spoke. ... This prediction clearly shows Christ’s death was part of a sovereign plan that was proceeding on schedule. ... In fact, he acts as the agent who guides the events of the passion instead of just enduring them” [Kenneth Chumbley, *The Gospel of Matthew*, p. 450]. ||| “He was the antitype to which the Passover Lamb had always referred. Christ had always avoided His enemies’ plots to kill Him (Luke 4:29-30); but now it was His time. The true Lamb of God would take away the sin of the world (John 1:29)” [*MacArthur Study Bible*, p. 1443].
2. **Mt 26:3...** CAIPHAS—A sermon outline <http://www.hcis.net/users/dlemmons/Caiphas.pdf>
3. **26:3...** CHIEF PRIESTS, SCRIBES, ELDERS—“...these were the three major groups that made up the Sanhedrin, the Jewish legislative and ecclesiastical supreme court” [Chumbley, p. 451].
4. **Mt 26:6-13...** See our lesson #86 on “Jesus Anointed for His Burial.” <http://www.hcis.net/users/dlemmons/BSG01-86.pdf>
5. **Mt 26:14-15...** JUDAS—“The initiative was all his; they didn’t approach the apostles seeking a traitor, he approached them. The Jews, of course, were delighted by his proposal (Mk 14:11) and agreed to pay him thirty pieces of silver—the amount foretold as the fee for the Messiah’s betrayal (Zech 11:12; Mt 27:9)” [Chumbley, p. 455].
6. **Mark 14:12...** “Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread were so closely associated that both terms were used inter-changeably to refer to the 8-day celebration that began with the Passover. Although Unleavened Bread is used here, Mark’s clear intention is the preparation for Passover... killed the Passover lamb—The lambs were killed on 14 Nisan at twilight (Ex 12:6), a Hebrew term meaning, “between the two evenings,” or between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. After the lamb was slaughtered and roasted whole, and eaten in the evening meal with unleavened bread, bitter herbs, charoseth (a paste made of crushed apples, dates, pomegranates, and nuts, into which they dipped bread), and wine” [*MacArthur Study Bible*, p. 1494].

II. Chronology.

BIBLE PERIOD: **The Period of the Christ.**

III. Summary.

The first part of Matthew 26 has Jesus telling the disciples about His approaching death for the fourth time. Perhaps at the very time Jesus was speaking here to the disciples, the plot was being worked on by the chief priests, scribes, and elders of the people. Their only delay was that there were so many people present for the feast day that they feared an uprising among the people should they do it now. However, it was not up to this group of religious leaders to determine the time of Jesus’ crucifixion. It would take place this very week. Matthew places the anointing at Bethany, which we have already studied earlier, at this point in his record. He also tells us about Judas going to the chief priests and asking what it would be worth to them if he should deliver Jesus to them. The passage from Mark tells of preparation for the Passover.

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IV. Outline.

1. The plot to kill Jesus (Mt 26:1-5).
2. The anointing at Bethany (Mt 26:6-13).
3. Judas agrees to betray Jesus (Mt 26:14-15).
4. Preparing for Passover with the disciples (Mk 14:12-17).

V. Questions.

True or False

01. _____ The disciples had no way of knowing about the coming crucifixion.
02. _____ The chief priests contacted Judas to offer him money to betray Jesus.
03. _____ The disciples thought the ointment poured on Jesus' head had been wasted.
04. _____ The two disciples could not find the man with the pitcher of water.
05. _____ The Passover Lamb was to be eaten at the Passover.

Fill in the Blanks

06. The room Jesus talked about for observing the Passover would be an _____ room, large, _____ and _____.
07. The two disciples were to follow a _____ bearing a pitcher of water.
08. _____ 1:29... "...Behold, the _____ of God, which taketh away the _____ of the world."
09. The High Priest's name was _____.
10. "...And they _____ with him for _____ pieces of silver."
11. The religious leaders talked together about how they might take Jesus by _____, and _____ Him.
12. The box containing the ointment was made of _____.
13. Jesus said the anointing was for His _____.
14. "...this ointment might have been sold for _____ and given to the _____."
15. In this chapter, for the _____ time Jesus warns His disciples about His approaching death.

Each Question is worth 7 Points

My Score is: _____

Answers will be found on next week's handout

ANSWERS to Lesson 01-94 ... [01—True, Mt 24:51; 02—True, Mt 24:36; 03—True, Mt 24:44-47; 04—True, Mt 24:37; 05—False, Mt 24:44; 06—b, Mt 24:48; 07—c, Mt 24:43; 08—d, Mt 24:38-39; 09—b, Mt 24:37; 10—a, Mt 24:35; 11—day, hour, angels, Father, Mt 24:35; 12—Olives, when, end, Mt 24:3; 13—watch, hour, Mt 24:42; 14—Blessed, Mt 24:46; 15—portion, hypocrites, weeping, Mt 24:51.]

VI. Lessons & Applications.

1. **...the Son of Man is betrayed to be crucified** (Mt 26:2). If anyone thinks that it was a SURPRISE to Jesus that the Jews would crucify Him they have not read well from their Bibles. The fanciful doctrine of premillennialism has as one of its parts the idea that Jesus had come to the earth to set up His kingdom, but when the Jews rejected Him that instead of the kingdom, just sort of as an after-thought, He established the church instead. As was pointed out in the first section above, Jesus had spoken three times previously about his death. It certainly was no surprise. There was no power on earth that could have taken Jesus if it had not been part of His work that His Father sent Him to do. A person has to want to believe this theory a great deal to set aside plain Bible passages which argue otherwise!

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2. **And consulted that they might take Jesus by subtilty, and kill him** (Mt 26:4). One dictionary defines the word SUBTILTY as: “Slyness in design; cunning; artifice.” If we can imagine it, here we have God’s people the Jews—THE LEADERS OF THE JEWS, plotting in this way to murder someone. These religious leaders would certainly be well aware of the Ten Commandments, yet their pride and lust for power had overcome them to the degree that they could rationalize in their own minds even the violation of the sixth commandment. How distorted the thinking of these men had become!
3. **For in that she hath poured this ointment on my body, she did it for my burial** (Mt 26:12). This woman evidently had been listening to Jesus’ teaching better than the apostles had. She had heard His statements about His coming death and she wanted to do what she could to prepare for it and acknowledge her own feeling about it. That she would pay such a high price to make her statement indicates this was a very significant event in her life and mean a great deal to her. Our Lord was able to read her mind and know what she was thinking in her gracious act. He had nothing but praise for her and, in fact, memorialized her action by placing it in His own biography (v. 13).
4. **Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests** (Mt 26:14). This action of Judas was done of his own free will. They did not come to him, but rather he went to them. “And from that time he sought opportunity to betray him” (v. 16). Mark’s account (14:11) says he sought how he might CONVENIENTLY betray Him. How sad!
5. **...Go ye into the city, and there shall meet you a man bearing a pitcher of water: follow him** (Mk 14:13-15). These verses reveal the power of Jesus to know all things. Some very specific items are mentioned to these disciples that they will find when they go into the city. Verse 16 reveals that they FOUND AS HE HAD SAID UNTO THEM.

VII. Seek-A-Word Puzzle.

Y H N B G T R F V C D E W G S X C D E R
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 V F R S T G B E I N H Y U J M K I O Y T
 V F A R T G B L N N H Y U J M T G B M E
 C M R F V B G N R E B M A H C T S E U G
 T G L A R G E U U B H Y U J N M K T G R
 F E L C D E R F F D C V P A S S O V E R
 W S X C D E R F V B G T Y H N M U D R L

[The highlighted words can be found above. They may be backwards, diagonal, upside down, etc. See if you can find them all. The more you use the words of the Bible, the greater blessed you will be! You might be surprised at how much this little exercise will help you retain important truths. THANK YOU for the good effort you are putting forth in Bible study. DRL]

Mark 14:12-17... ¹²And the first day of **unleavened** bread, when they killed the **passover**, his disciples said unto him, Where wilt thou that we go and **prepare** that thou mayest **eat** the passover? ¹³And he sendeth forth **two** of his disciples, and saith unto them, **Go ye into the city, and there shall meet you a man bearing a pitcher of water: follow him.** ¹⁴And wheresoever he shall go in, say ye to the **goodman** of the house, The **Master** saith, Where is the **guestchamber**, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples? ¹⁵And he will show you a **large upper room furnished and prepared: there make ready for us.** ¹⁶And his disciples went forth, and came into the city, and **found** as he had said unto them: and they made ready the passover. ¹⁷And in the **evening** he cometh with the **twelve**.