

PREPARATION FOR JESUS' DEATH, PART 1:
ARRANGING THE SACRIFICE
(Matthew 26:1-5; 14-16)

- I. The Role of SOVEREIGN GRACE (Matt. 26:1-2)
 - A. Aware of FUTURE GLORY (26:1)
 - 1. The “Son of Man” would RETURN in “POWER and GREAT GLORY” (24:30-31)
 - 2. He would JUDGE all MANKIND (25:31-46)
 - 3. It would happen in the DISTANT FUTURE
 - B. Acknowledging IMMEDIATE SUFFERING (26:2)
 - 1. The “SON of MAN” would be “handed over for CRUCIFIXION” (cf. 16:21; 17:22-23; 20:18-19)
 - 2. It would happen during PASSOVER in TWO DAYS
 - a. NECESSARY for SALVATION
 - b. PLANNED and CONTROLLED by the FATHER
- II. The Role of HATEFUL REJECTION (Matt. 26:3-5)
 - A. Identifying the CONSPIRATORS (26:3-4)

1. They were the “CHIEF PRIESTS and ELDERS”
2. They were directed by Caiaphas, the HIGH PRIEST

B. Outlining their PLOT (26:5)

1. They would “SEIZE Jesus by STEALTH”
2. Their goal was to KILL HIM
3. Their intent was to do so AFTER PASSOVER

III. The Role of HYPOCRITICAL BETRAYAL (Matt. 26:14-16)

A. Identifying the TRAITOR (26:14a)

1. His name was JUDAS ISCARIOT
2. He was “one of THE TWELVE”

B. Describing the TREACHERY (26:14b-15a)

1. He went to the CHIEF PRIESTS
2. He offered to BETRAY Jesus for a PRICE

C. Modifying the CONSPIRACY (26:15b-16)

1. They made Judas their AGENT
2. This made their plan LESS COMPLICATED
3. They lost CONTROL of the TIMETABLE