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The Plot to Kill Jesus

Sunday, February 18/24 – Matthew 26:1-16

“You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified.” Matthew 26:2

1. Jesus predicts His death and resurrection (Matthew 26:2)

Matthew 16:21, 17:22, 20:17-19

2. Many other attempts to arrest and kill Jesus.

Matthew 12:14, 21:45-46, 22:15 / Luke 4:29-30 / John 5:18, 7:32, 8:59, 10:31, 10:39

3. The final plot to kill Jesus (Matthew 26:3-5)

John 11:45-57

4. The missing piece of the plot (Matthew 26:14-16)

5. Jesus Anointed at Bethany (Matthew 26:6-13)

Mark 14:3-9 / John 12:1-8

6. Lessons to be learned:

- Forgiveness of sin requires a sacrifice
- God uses the evil plans of others for His Good
- True worship involves sacrifice
- Be careful not to misjudge others in their style of worship



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Discussion questions

1. Were Jesus' disciples not paying attention when He foretold His death and resurrection? Or did they just not fully comprehend what He had been telling them? Why do you think that was the case?
2. What motivated the Jewish leaders to plot the arrest and crucifixion of Jesus?
3. What motivated the woman (Mary) to anoint Jesus with rare and expensive ointment?
4. What motivated the disciples (Judas, but apparently others as well) to question this act of devotion?
5. When have you been guilty of judging the worship style of someone else?

Application:

How do you reconcile the evil plot of the Jewish leaders, the greedy participation of Judas Iscariot (and later, the actions of the Roman authorities) in arresting and crucifying Jesus, with the sovereignty of God's plan in offering His Son as the sacrifice for our sins? How have you seen God use the evil intent and deeds of others to accomplish His Good purposes?