

## THE BETRAYAL PLOT

--MARK 14:10-21--

### INTRODUCTION:

The last time we were in Mark, he contrasted two events that were not in chronological order. The first event was two days before the Passover and the feast of Unleavened Bread and was the gathering of the chief priests and scribes out of desperation and hate; there had to be some way in which they could seize Jesus by stealth and kill Him. The second event had taken place six days before the Passover, in Bethany where Jesus was the honored guest at a dinner party. The remarkable thing that took place in this event was when Mary, the sister of Lazarus and Martha, came in with an expensive perfume and anointed Jesus' head and feet with it and then wiped His feet with her hair. The disciples, led by Judas Iscariot, scolded Mary. Jesus stopped the disciples and commended Mary for her love and devotion and for anointing Him for His upcoming burial. This morning, we will see how this act of love, contrasted with the religious leaders hate resulted in a plot to betray Jesus.

### I. PLOT PROPOSED (Mark 14:10-11)

- There are names in human history that become \_\_\_\_\_ because of the person who bore that name.
- Mark records for us, "*Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went off to the chief priests in order to \_\_\_\_\_ Him to them.*" (Mark 14:10, NASB95)
- The rest of the \_\_\_\_\_ were oblivious to the devious plot of Judas, the Lord knew exactly what he was plotting and planning to do. (Luke 22:3-6)
- It is shocking to know that the Messiah's \_\_\_\_\_ could come from among the twelve disciples, His closest companions.

### II. PASSOVER PREPARATIONS (Mark 14:12-16)

- In verse 12, Mark moves us forward to the \_\_\_\_\_ of Passion Week.
- Jesus answered in the way He did because of the \_\_\_\_\_ that Judas was planning.

- Jesus instructed Peter and John to go into Jerusalem and when they arrived they would be met by a man carrying a \_\_\_\_\_ of water.
- How could \_\_\_\_\_ celebrate the Passover on Thursday night when the actual Passover was on Friday?

### III. PLOT PROCLAIMED (Mark 14:17-21)

- Mark tells us that when evening had come, Jesus came with the disciples to the \_\_\_\_\_ where Peter and John had prepared the meal.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ would have several features.
- "*As they were reclining at the table and eating, Jesus said, 'Truly I say to you that one of you will \_\_\_\_\_ Me—one who is eating with Me.'*" (Mark 14:18, NASB95)
- Jesus knew who was going to betray Him, He knows the hearts of all men, and He knew the \_\_\_\_\_ intentions of Judas' heart.
- Mark writes their response, "*They began to be \_\_\_\_\_ and to say to Him one by one, 'Surely not I?'*" (Mark 14:19, NASB95)
- "*And He said to them, 'It is one of the twelve, one who \_\_\_\_\_ with Me in the bowl.'*" (Mark 14:20, NASB95)(John 13:24-30)
- Judas was a wretched \_\_\_\_\_, he was motivated by his own evil desires, but even so he could not frustrate nor alter the plan of God. (Psalm 22; Isaiah 53; Zechariah 12)
- It is important to note and to understand that although God used Judas to accomplish His purposes, Judas was still personally \_\_\_\_\_ for his evil actions.

### CONCLUSION:

What can we learn from this passage of Scripture? We can learn that we do not want to be like Judas Iscariot. Like Judas, we too have been given much opportunity to go the right way, to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. We have the written record, and it is true, Jesus went to the cross just as it was written of Him, and He went to that cross for you. He loved you and suffered and shed His blood and died

for you, so that we might enter into a relationship with Him, that we might be reconciled to God, that we might be declared righteous in Him, that we might have eternal life. Do not make the same choice as Judas and reject it all. Instead, repent agreeing with God that you are a sinner and that you deserve nothing from Him but judgment and condemnation. Believe, that Jesus Christ died for you, paying the penalty required for sin and find forgiveness and salvation in Him.

If you are a believer already, this is a good time to reflect on your own relationship with Christ. Have you betrayed Him by not using the opportunities that He gives you to speak about Him? Have you betrayed Him by going somewhere whether physically or online where you know He would not go? As we think about the betrayal plot of Judas, it is a good time to do some self-examination and our own confession. John wrote in 1<sup>st</sup> John 1:9, *“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”* (1 John 1:9, NASB95)