



# The Prediction, Plotting, Pouring, and Pieces of Jesus' Crucifixion

## Matthew 26:1-16

**Introduction:** Life has its \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, peaks and valleys, good times and bad times, seasons of joy and sorrow, sunshine and storms, blessings and burdens, triumph and trials, moments of rejoicing and times of weeping. Have you noticed this about life?

### I. The \_\_\_\_\_ – 26:1-2

<sup>1</sup> *Now it came to pass, when Jesus had finished all these sayings, that He said to His disciples,* <sup>2</sup> *“You know that after two days is the Passover, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified.”*

What do we have in these first two verses? Let walk through these verses slowly – there is a lot to unpack:

Jesus has more to \_\_\_\_\_, but here we discover that He turns to His disciples. He has a clear message for them. The message is found in verse 2,

<sup>2</sup> *“You know that after two days is the Passover, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified.”*

**What does Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ that is going to happen?**

*and the Son of Man will be delivered up...*

Jesus continues:

*to be crucified.*

**Who can predict their own death?**

**Only Jesus Christ could \_\_\_\_\_ His own death.** And get this, He did so some \_\_\_\_\_ times in Matthew’s Gospel alone (Matthew 16:21; Matthew 17:22-23; Matthew 20:18-19; Matthew 26:1-2).

**II. The \_\_\_\_\_ – 26:3-5**

*<sup>3</sup>Then the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders of the people assembled at the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, <sup>4</sup>and plotted to take Jesus by trickery and kill Him. <sup>5</sup>But they said, “Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people.”*

In these verses we have the Who, How, and Why of the religious elite. Let’s look at those words:

\_\_\_\_\_ is involved in the plotting?

\_\_\_\_\_ were they going to take Jesus?

\_\_\_\_\_ did they want to take Jesus?

**III. The \_\_\_\_\_ – 26:6-13**

*<sup>6</sup>And when Jesus was in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>But when His disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, “Why this waste? <sup>9</sup>For this fragrant oil might have been sold for much and given to the poor.” <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>For you have the poor with you always, but Me you do*

*not have always. <sup>12</sup>For in pouring this fragrant oil on My body, she did it for My burial. <sup>13</sup>Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her.”*

Bible teachers say that what we have in these verses is a \_\_\_\_\_ moment to an event that happened days before (John tells us that this event happened 6 days before the Passover. See John 12).

**Who is \_\_\_\_\_ the leper?**

In verse 7, a woman came to Him having an alabaster flask of very costly oil. An alabaster jar was a...

**Who is this \_\_\_\_\_?** Well, in John 12:3, we discover that it is Mary, the sister of Lazarus.

**What is the \_\_\_\_\_ of this?** She was anointing Jesus for His \_\_\_\_\_.

Here in verse 8, they say, *“Why this waste?”* And in verse 9 we read what they were saying, *“For this fragrant oil might have been sold for much and given to the poor.”*

John 12:4-6 <sup>-4</sup> *But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon’s son, who would betray Him, said, <sup>5</sup> “Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?” <sup>6</sup> This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it.*

The bottom line was that Judas only cared for \_\_\_\_\_. He didn’t care for the other disciples, Jesus, the woman, or the poor.

Now, when Jesus heard what was taking place He responded in verses 10-12 the following way, <sup>10</sup>*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.<sup>11</sup> For you have the poor with you always, but Me you do not have always. <sup>12</sup>For in pouring this fragrant oil on My body, she did it for My burial.*

There is one final thought that I want to present in this account of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus in Bethany, and it is found in verse 13, <sup>13</sup>*Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her.”*

#### **IV. The \_\_\_\_\_ – 26:14-16**

<sup>14</sup>*Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests <sup>15</sup>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.<sup>16</sup> So from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him.*

Luke 22:3 - “Then \_\_\_\_\_ entered Judas,”

We read in verses 14-15, that he went to the chief priest and asked them, *“What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?”*

Zechariah 11:12-13 - <sup>12</sup> *Then I said to them, “If it is agreeable to you, give me my wages; and if not, refrain.” So they weighed out for my wages thirty pieces of silver.<sup>13</sup> And the Lord said to me, “Throw it to the potter”—that princely price they set on me. So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them into the house of the Lord for the potter.*

**Conclusion:** Yes, life has its \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_! And as we make our way through Matthew 26 and 27, we are going to see Jesus facing additional ups and downs that lead Him to his crucifixion, death, and burial.

**Additional Notes:**