

*“The Cast of Characters in the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus, 1
The Setting: “The Passover is Coming”*

Matthew 26:1–5
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The Lord’s Day Morning
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1. The _____: Jesus knew he would be crucified during the Passover feast (1–2).
2. The _____: Jewish leaders planned to crucify him after the Passover feast (3–5).
3. The _____: Jesus’ prediction trumps their plot because it was God’s decreed will.

Excursion on the Two Wills of God (Dt. 29:29)

1. God’s secret will of decree: **What shall be!** What God has decided he will do, which will infallibly come to pass. It is God’s decreed will to permit sin and cause that sin to work toward the fulfillment of his good plan even when it is not clear to us how this could be.
2. God’s revealed will of command: **What should be!** What God decided he wants us to do, which often does not come to pass (i.e., love God and others, the Ten Commandments). Therefore, God often permits in his hidden, decreed will, what he forbids in his revealed, commanded (moral) will. He daily permits what does not please him.
3. Evidence for this: The word “delivered” (to give up, hand over, betray).

4. The _____: The necessary stage backdrop for the crucifixion (Ex. 12; 1 Cor. 5:7).