

THE MINISTRY OF JESUS
Man's Plan – God's plan
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For over three years Jesus has been a thorn in the side of the religious establishment in Israel. Rebellion can never be tolerated because it will upset the balance between Rome overlords and the Jews.

THE PLOT TO KILL JESUS

When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he said to his disciples, ² "As you know, the Passover is two days away—and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified." ³ Then the chief priests and the elders of the people assembled in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, ⁴ and they schemed to arrest Jesus secretly and kill him. ⁵ "But not during the festival," they said, "or there may be a riot among the people." Matthew 26:1-5 NIV

Jesus has seen this day coming for His entire ministry. The irony is that the judge of the universe, the King and Messiah, the Son of Man is about to be Himself judged. They are planning to kill Jesus. But whose plan is it?

If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and then the Romans will come and take away both our temple and our nation." ⁴⁹ Then one of them, named Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, spoke up, "You know nothing at all! ⁵⁰ You do not realize that it is better for you that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish." ⁵¹ He did not say this on his own, but as high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the Jewish nation, ⁵² and not only for that nation but also for the scattered children of God, to bring them together and make them one. ⁵³ So from that day on they plotted to take his life. John 11:48-53 NIV

JUDAS MAKES HIS BARGIN

Then one of the Twelve—the one called Judas Iscariot—went to the chief priests ¹⁵ and asked, "What are you willing to give me if I deliver him over to you?" So they counted out for him thirty pieces of silver. ¹⁶ From then on Judas watched for an opportunity to hand him over. Matthew 26:14-16 NIV

Passover will give way to the receiving of the Lord's Supper
The Old Covenant will become the New Covenant

JESUS PREPARES FOR HIS DEATH

While Jesus was in Bethany in the home of Simon the Leper, ⁷ a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, which she poured on his head as he was reclining at the table. ⁸ When the disciples saw this, they were indignant. "Why this waste?" they asked. ⁹ "This perfume could have been sold at a high price and the money given to the poor." ¹⁰ Aware of this, Jesus said to them, "Why are you bothering this woman? She has done a beautiful thing to me. ¹¹ The poor you will always have with you, but you will not always have me. ¹² When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial. ¹³ Truly I tell you, wherever this gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her." Matthew 26:6-13 NIV

The disciples having anticipated Jesus' leaving in the near future did not reconcile it with talk of His death.

When we say God is sovereign that means whatever we do God is not thwarted. His plan can absorb our actions so His purpose is always served.

Jesus' death on the cross is universal.
It applies to the whole universe.

God's plan is to share the good news of reconciliation with God through Jesus sacrifice on a Roman cross in Jerusalem with the whole world.