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The Conspiracy to Kill Jesus

When Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said to his disciples, 2 “You know that after two days the **Passover** is coming, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified.”

3 Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, 4 and plotted together in order to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. 5 But they said, “Not during **the feast**, lest there be an uproar among the people.” [ESV]

The Conspiracy against Christ

- Notice the connection between the betrayal and the Passover. What is the Passover and why is this timing significant? [Exodus 12:1-13]
 1. The Passover was a lamb, slaughtered on behalf of the households of God
 2. The Blood of that lamb, painted on the doorposts and beam , purchased safety for those who consumed its flesh
 3. Exodus 12:24: This is an everlasting observance

The Conspiracy against Christ

- What is the importance of the Retisancd of the Chief Priests to kill Jesus
 1. They feared the people.
 2. They knew their plot was dangerous
 3. The knew they would need a careful plan
(Have you ever thought about the lengths people go to in planning wickedness without consequence?)

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The Anointing at Bethany

6 Now when Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, 7 a woman came up to him with an alabaster flask of very expensive ointment, and she poured it on his head as he reclined at table. 8 And when the disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, "Why this waste? 9 For this could have been sold for a large sum and given to the poor."

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10 But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a beautiful thing to me. 11 For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. 12 In pouring this ointment on my body, she has done it to prepare me for burial. 13 Truly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her."

Anointing at Bethany

- What is the significance of anointing in Scripture?
 1. Anointing of a prophet
 2. Anointing of a priest
 3. Anointing of a king
 4. Anointing of the dead for burial

Anointing at Bethany

- Who anointed Jesus and who was present?
 1. The woman with an alabaster flask
Historically believed to be Mary Magdalene
A woman should not touch the feet of a man who is not her husband
 2. Simon the Leper
Though healed by Jesus, nevertheless,
only known for his uncleanness
- While the leaders condemned and conspired

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Judas agrees to betray Jesus

14 Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests 15 and said, "What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?" And they paid him thirty pieces of silver. 16 And from that moment he sought an opportunity to betray him.

Judas agrees to Betray

Note whose idea it was.

- The Chief priests and Scribes wanted to kill but couldn't get close enough
- Judas went to the Priests and offered Jesus to them.
- Only someone so close could have done this.

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The Passover with the Disciples

17 Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?" 18 He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'" 19 And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

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20 When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. 21 And as they were eating, he said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." 22 And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, "Is it I, Lord?" 23 He answered, "He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me."

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24 The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born." 25 Judas, who would betray him, answered, "Is it I, Rabbi?" He said to him, "You have said so."

Passover with Disciples

Again, note the explicit statement of the beginning of the Passion.

Compare this to John 2:4, the Wedding at Cana, the first miracle of Jesus where he said, "my time is not yet come."

Passover with Disciples

“They were very sorrowful...one after another, ‘Is it I, Lord’”

They knew their own hearts and it terrified them. How many times had they already betrayed him in small and large ways? Peter, James and John, (falling asleep, disbelief, opposition, selfish gain...)

Passover with Disciples

Main Point: "The Son of Man goes as it is written..."

Jesus' death is inevitable.

In deed it is the reason for the incarnation. All that has come before, both in Jesus' life and in the whole history of the world, has lead to this Passover sacrifice.