

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS**  
**FEBRUARY 17, 2021**  
**MATTHEW 26.1-5**

**INTRODUCTION:**

1. Chronologically, we are in the last week of the life of Jesus. (John 12.1,12)
  - a) During this week, Jesus was entrenched in a heated battle with the Sanhedrin.
  - b) Predicting the final day of Judgment, Jesus teaches His disciples to be prepared (Matt. 25.1-12), be productive (Matt. 25.13-30), and be compassionate (Matt. 25.31-46).
2. In the final day of judgment, we will be judged by how we treat one another.
  - a) **MATTHEW 25.40:** *“And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.’”*
  - b) Jesus judged them by how they treated *“My brethren”* (Matt. 12.48-40; Heb. 2.11)
  - c) Not just brethren, but *“the least of these”* (James 2.1-4,12,13; 1 Cor. 12.20-26)
  - d) Is our help limited only to fellow Christians? (Gal. 6.10; Titus 3.8)
3. Matthew 26.1-5, we read about the plot to put Jesus to death.

**I. THE CHRONOLOGY**

- A. **MATTHEW 26.1:** *“Now it came to pass, when Jesus had finished all these sayings”*
  1. In keeping with His purpose, Jesus preached from the beginning of His Ministry. (Matt. 4.17; Mark 1.38; Matt. 5.1,2; 21.28ff; 22.1-14; 23.1-39; 24.4-51; 25.1-46)
  2. Now just days before His death, Jesus has finished *“all these sayings.”*
- B. **MATTHEW 26.2:** *“You know that after two days is the Passover”*
  1. The Passover was the fourteenth day of the first month. (Ex. 12.1,2,6; Deut. 16.1,2)
  2. Mark includes reference to the Feast of Unleavened Bread. (Mark 14.1,12; Ex. 12.18)
- C. **MATTHEW 26.2:** *“and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified.”*
  1. Jesus predicts that He would be betrayed and arrested on the Passover.
    - a) The disciples eat the Passover with Jesus. (Matt. 26.17-20; Luke 22.14,15)
    - b) Jesus goes with His disciples to Gethsemane. (Matt. 26.30,36)
    - c) While He was in Gethsemane, Jesus is arrested. (Matt. 26.50)
  2. **1 CORINTHIANS 11.23:** *“the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed”*

**II. THE CONSPIRACY**

- A. Who were those involved in the conspiracy?
  1. **MATTHEW 26.3:** *“Then the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders of the people assembled at the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas.”*
  2. This would be the Sanhedrin. (Matt. 16.21; 17.23; 20.18)
- B. What did the conspiracy do?
  1. **MATTHEW 26.4:** *“and plotted to take Jesus by trickery and kill Him.”*
    - a) Plotted (symbouleuo): Sum – “together”; Bouleuo – “to deliberate.”
    - b) Trickery (dolos): “a bait of contrivance for entrapping.” (John 11.53,54)
  2. **MATTHEW 26.5:** *“Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people.”*
    - a) The Sanhedrin conspired with Caiaphas. (John 11.53,54)
    - b) Jews had come from all over to observe the Passover. (John 11.55-57)
- C. What was their plan? (Luke 22.1-6)