

# **Betrayed and Honored**

Sermon 75 in the Matthew Series

## **Matthew 26:1-16**

### **I. The Plot to Destroy Jesus 26:1-5**

A. Jesus once again Foretells His Death 1-2

B. The Plans of Men 3-5

Psalm 31:13b – *“While they take counsel against me, They scheme to take away my life.”*

C. The Plans of God

1 Cor. 5:7b – *“For indeed Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us”.*

### **II. Judas and the Betrayal 26:14-16**

The time appointed and the means appointed were ordained by God.  
The Leaders thought they were in control.

A. The plot was the act of wicked men, but are part of the Sovereign control of God.

Acts 2:36; 4:10; 4:27-28

The Scripture must be fulfilled.

***Psalm 41:9 -- Even my own familiar friend in whom I trusted,  
Who ate my bread, Has lifted up his heel against me.***

B. Judas was only a Disciple Outwardly.

John 17:9-12 – the son of perdition – to fulfill Scripture.

C. The Events were also Engineered by Satan – Luke 22:1-6

Luke 22:53 (Amplified Bible) -- But this is your hour—and the power [which] darkness [gives you has its way].

D. Thirty Pieces of Silver

Exodus 21:32 – 30 pieces of silver was the price paid to a master if his slave was accidentally killed.

Zechariah 11:12-13

### **III. Those at the Meal 26:6**

A. The Host -- Simon the Leper

B. Also in Attendance Lazarus, Martha, Mary and the Disciples

Martha loved and served Him.

Mary was the one willing to put everything aside for Christ.

### **IV. Mary – and Her Lavish Gift – 26:7-13**

A. It was an Act of faith

B. It was an Act of Love

C. It was a Sacrificial Act

There are 3 things that all believers should agree on about spiritual gifts.

A spiritual gift is:

1. An ability to express, celebrate, display or communicate Christ in a way that builds up a and strengthens the faith of other Christians and or is a witness to the world.
2. Spiritual gifts may be broadly classified as either abilities of speech or of practical helpfulness – “Giving” is one of the spiritual gifts and we can certainly see Mary sacrificially giving here and receiving the praise of Jesus.
3. Every Christian has God given gifts.

D. It was an Act of Glorifying Christ

E. It was an Act that will not be Forgotten. v. 13

Wherever the gospel is preached, this incident will be remembered.  
Her gift is still remembered to this day.