

## Matthew 26:1-5 **Preparing for the Crucifixion of Jesus**

<sup>1</sup> Now it came to pass, when Jesus had finished all these sayings, that He said to His disciples, <sup>2</sup> You know that after two days is the Passover, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified."

<sup>3</sup> Then the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders of the people assembled at the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, <sup>4</sup> and plotted to take Jesus by trickery and kill Him. <sup>5</sup> But they said, "Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people." NKJV

Facts Revealed:

### The Time has come

- ✚ Jesus said to His Disciples: "You know that after two days is the Passover, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified." [Matthew 26:1-2]
- ✚ Nothing came as a surprise to Jesus, He knew in advance everything that would happen and the details surrounding the event.
  - ✧ Two days before the Passover, Jesus announced to His disciples the time and method of His coming death. [Matthew 26:1-2]
  - ✧ It needed to be orchestrated to synchronize with the Passover, to demonstrate that Jesus was in fact the Lamb of God sent to be our Passover Lamb to save His people from the bondage of sin. [John 1:29, 36]
  - ✧ It was through the blood of the Lamb that He took away the sins of the world for all who believe. [1 Peter 1:19, Hebrews 9:11-12, 13:12, Revelation 7:14, 12:11]
  - ✧ We thus realize why Jesus was so open in His condemnation of the religious leaders of Israel in their presence in the temple. It was to motivate them to act at a particular time to fulfill all prophecy.
    - ✧ Jesus accepted praise of the people as He entered Jerusalem, and rejected the Chief Priests request to quiet them. [Matthew 21:1-11, 15-16, Mark 11:1-10, Luke 19:29-38, John 12:12-15, fulfilling Daniel 9:24-27 to the very day]
    - ✧ Jesus cleansed the Temple. [Matthew 21:12-13, Mark 11:15-17, Luke 19:45-46]
    - ✧ Jesus met the challenge of authority by the Chief Priests and Elders. [Matthew 21:23-27, Mark 11:27-33, Luke 20:1-18]
    - ✧ Jesus spoke parables that condemned the Chief Priests and Elders. [Matthew 21:28-32, 33-45, Mark 12:1-12, Luke 20:9-19, Matthew 22:1-14]
    - ✧ Jesus evaded their attempts to trick Him with questions, and put them to silence with questions of His own. [Matthew 19:3-15, 21:23-27, 22:15-22, 23-33, 34-40, 41-46]
    - ✧ Jesus condemned the works of the Scribes and Pharisees. [Matthew 23:1-12, Mark 12:38-40, Luke 20:45-47]
    - ✧ Jesus pronounced eight Woes against the Scribes and Pharisees. [Matthew 23:13-36]
    - ✧ Jesus had described the Judgment, when He comes with the Holy Angels and separates the good from the bad, casting the bad into everlasting punishment because they did not meet His times of need, saying, "Inasmuch as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to Me." [Matthew 25:31-46]
  - ✧ Jesus had spoken of His coming death and resurrection. [Matthew 16:21, 17:9, 12, 22-23, 20:17-19, 26:1-2, Mark 8:31-33, 9:9, 12, 30-32, 10:32-34, Luke 9:22, 43-45, 18:31-34]

### Actual planning to put Jesus to death

- ✚ Then the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders of the people assembled at the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, and plotted to take Jesus by trickery and kill Him. But they said, "Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people." [Matthew 26:3-5, Mark 14:1-2, Luke 22:1-2]

- ✧ We know that they were seeking an excuse to put Him to death long before. [[Matthew 12:14, 15:12, 21:45-46](#)]
- ✧ Now they were even more motivated to follow through with the act, as they begin to actually plan to do so. [[Matthew 26:3-5, Mark 14:1-2, Luke 22:1-2](#)]