

Sermon Outline
“Devotion and Betrayal”
Matthew 26:3-16

- I.** Structure as a guide to understanding
- A** Passover and betrayal predicted vv. 1-2
 - B** Conspiracy unveiled – priests, scribes and elders vv. 3-5
 - C** Preparation for burial vv. 6-13
 - B¹** Conspiracy unveiled – Judas vv. 14-16
 - A¹** Passover prepared vv. 17-19
- The centerpiece of the passage is Jesus’ death & burial vv. 6-13
The Passover and the conspiracy form the framework.
- II.** The betrayal vv. 3-5; 14-16
- The Sanhedrin (or part of it) vv. 3-5
 - A private meeting/conspiracy v. 3 (*cf.* Ps 2:2; 31:13)
 - Take Jesus by deceit v. 4 (*cf.* Gen 27:35; 3:1)
 - Avoiding opposition v. 5 (“not during the feast”)
 - Judas vv. 14-16
 - “1 of the 12” provides the opportunity for deceit (v. 4)
 - An “insider” aids their plot
 - “I will deliver him unto you.” (*cf.* 10:4)
 - Betrayal predicted 17:22; 20:18; 26:2, 23, 24
 - “What will you give me?” Contrast w/ Mary vv. 7-9; Jn 12:4
 - 30 silver coins given him at that time (*cf.* 27:3)
 - Zech 11:12; Lev 27:4 (*cf.* Ex 21:32)
- III.** The devotion vv. 6-13
- A meal before the Last Supper; in Bethany Mk 14:3*ff*; Jn 12:1*ff*
 - Invited to a house (*contra* 21:17)
 - An alabaster of ointment (anointing oil)
 - An expensive gift (possibly a year’s wages)
 - The objections of the 12 (initiated by Judas Jn 12:4-6)
 - The poor (*cf.* 25:31-46) (but *see* Acts 5:4)
 - Benevolence v. covetousness (Mary versus Judas)
 - Jesus’ reply: “the poor you have, me you will not have” v. 11
 - Anointing for burial v. 12
 - A memorial v. 13 (the spread of the gospel)
 - The aroma of sacrifice – a sweet-smelling savor