The Conclusion

Matthew 26:1-16

Intro:

A. Things begin and things end.
   1. We have studied the beginning of the ministry of Christ.
   2. Not his beginning, for He is from eternity.

B. Here we begin to see the conclusion of His earthly ministry.
   1. Though He dies, it is not His end.
   2. His ministry is transferred from earth to heaven.

I. The Plan Of God.

   A. Jesus finished His teaching ministry. Vs. 1-2
      1. "...finished all these sayings..."
      2. he continues to teach them of His death.
      3. He had taught this before. Matthew 16:21

   B. The plan stated. V. 2
      1. "...the son of man is betrayed..."
      2. "...to be crucified..."

II. The Plot Of Men.

   A. The gathering. Vs. 3-5
      1. assembled = συνάγω = "to bring together"
      2. "...chief priests, the scribes, the elders of the people, the palace of the high priest."
      3. They did not gather in a dark alley.

   B. Their plan. V. 4
      1. They already knew what they wanted, to kill Jesus.
      2. consulted = συμβουλεύω = "to counsel together," "for evil, to plot."
      3. subtlety = δόλος = "bait" "guile, deceit"
      4. kill = ἀποκτάνω = to slay, kill outright
      5. They feared a public outcry. V. 5

III. The Prophecy Of A Woman.
A. The act of faith.
1. She was a guest, a woman. Vs.6-7
2. She poured a very expensive ointment on the head of Jesus.

B. The indignation of the disciples.
1. indignation = ἀγανάκτεω = to feel a violent physical irritation, to be vexed, annoyed. Vs.8-9
2. purpose = ἂν τί = to what end?
3. waste = απωλεία = "destruction, waste"
4. The noble purpose sighted. V.9
5. Evil people still cloak bad deeds in good works, casino gambling, lotteries, bingo.

C. The disappointment of Jesus.
1. understood = γινώσκω = "to receive insight into" "to know and be influenced by that knowledge." V.10
2. He identified the act as a good work.
3. There is always opportunity to do good. V.11
4. It was an act of faith. V.12
5. It would not be forgotten.
6. memorial = εἰς μνημοσύνον = "a view to", + "a monument, commemorative."

IV. The Price Of Betrayal.

A. Judas and the chief priests.
1. "What will you give me"? v.14-15
2. Perhaps Judas is motivated to do this because of the anointing of Jesus.
3. John 12:4-6
4. Also he may have been one of the few disciples (followers) who believed Jesus would go to Jerusalem and die.
5. The price, 30 pieces of silver.

B. The work of the wicked.
1. opportunity = σακαρία = "fit time" v.16
2. betray = παραδίδωμι = "to give over into another's hands."