

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 = συναγω = "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 = συμβουλευω = "to counsel together," "for evil, to plot."
 - 3. subtlety = δολος = "bait" "guile, deceit"
 - 4. kill = αποκτεινω = 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 = αγανακτω = to feel a violent physical irritation, to be vexed, annoyed. **Vs.8-9**
 2. purpose = εις τι = to what end?
 3. waste = απωλεια = "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 = γνωσκω = "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 = εις μνημοσυνον = "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 = ευκαιρια = "fit time" **v.16**
 2. betray = παραδιδομι = "to give over into another's hands."

