

Portals to the Passion
Matthew 26:1-16

Two contrasting responses to the death of Christ from three preludes to His suffering

I. Introduction: What is the Passion of the Christ?

II. Prelude: from Prophet to Priest (v. 1-2)

The Passover: the time appointed by God (Exodus 12:1-14)

III. The Priests' Passover Plot (v. 3-5)

The motive (John 11:47-53): To preserve Israel

God/Jesus are in complete control of the vilest of human events

IV. A Pleasant Pause: the Pouring of Prodigious Praise (v. 6-13)

This anointing of Jesus's body is in preparation for His death
(this is the same as Mark 14:3-9 and John 12:2-8)

The disciples get woke

The 'social justice warrior' misses this

This does not justify ignoring the needs of the poor (Deut 15:11)

Jesus commends the woman, foreshadowing the Great Commission

V. Judas's Perfidious (Treacherous Traitorous) Plan (v. 14-16)

The contrast between Judas and the woman

Judas and the priests evil plot was God's good plan

VI. Conclusion: Zechariah 11:12-13

What price will you give to God?