

03102024. Sunday is Coming...but Friday must be set up and the plan is working Perfectly!! Do not ever mistake ...bad times, hard times, trouble, or trials, disappointment, as an end.. as an indication that Jesus is not in charge...he is always in charge...

- **But this was all planned to accomplish the will of God...He had to be rejected...as prophesied and spoken in the past tense even though it took place was hundreds of years in the future...**

*NLT ISA 53: 6 All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the LORD laid on him the sins of us all. 7 He was oppressed and treated harshly, yet he never said a word. He was led like a lamb to the slaughter. And as a sheep is silent before the shearers, he did not open his mouth. 8 Unjustly condemned, he was led away.<sup>[b]</sup> No one cared that he died without descendants, that his life was cut short in midstream.<sup>[c]</sup> But he was struck down for the rebellion of my people. 9 He had done no wrong and had never deceived anyone. But he was buried like a criminal; he was put in a rich man's grave. 10 But it was the LORD's good plan to crush him and cause him grief. Yet when his life is made an offering for sin, he will have many descendants. He will enjoy a long life, and the LORD's good plan will prosper in his hands.*

**The set up of the good plan to save humans by the death and resurrection of Jesus was planned out before the creation...however the however the groundwork was carried out by Jesus in real time...and this is how he did it...starts with:**

*Mark 10: 33 saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles.*

**First thing.... Jesus from the beginning of his ministry had an ongoing feud with the religious leaders of his day... interestingly Jesus instigated the problem.....**

So we pick up the first incident...which sets the stage for the Pharisee decision to Kill Jesus...very early in his ministry...

In Mark chapter 3...in Capernaum...back story...they had earlier accused he and his disciples of taking the shell off of wheat so it is edible and doing this on the Sabbath...which they considered work...basically saying that God would rather have you hungry on the day of rest...then eat on the day of rest...because that makes God more happy!

**This starts Jesus journey to the cross..**

*Mark 3:1 Jesus went into the synagogue again and noticed a man with a deformed hand. <sup>2</sup> Since it was the Sabbath, Jesus' enemies watched him closely. If he healed the man's hand, they planned to accuse him of working on the Sabbath. <sup>3</sup> Jesus said to the man with the deformed hand, "Come and stand in front of everyone."*

- **Jesus ...knows peoples thoughts...Knowing they were looking for ways to judge him...to actually see if he would "work" on the Sabbath by healing someone...which they would consider work...**
- **The truth is Jesus could have healed this man the next day...and thereby appease their strict adherence to their tradition. But he did not....**

*<sup>4</sup> Then he turned to his critics and asked, "Does the law permit good deeds on the Sabbath, or is it a day for doing evil? Is this a day to save life or to destroy it?" But they wouldn't answer him.*

- **Their silence was their answer...so doing good (an act of mercy) on the Sabbath was no different than doing evil or destroying a life on the Sabbath?...none of it is permitted? ...and that makes God happy?**
- **...God considers Doing acts of mercy as always lawful any day of the week...**

NLTMicah 6:8 O people, the LORD has told **you** what is good, and this is what he **requires of you**: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with **your** God.

- **In Fact the Sabbath as a day of rest is an act of mercy ...it was given to humans to force them to rest, it is good for us...because man's tendency is to work himself to death...it is an act of mercy**

*5 He looked around at them angrily and was deeply saddened by their hard hearts. Then he said to the man, "Hold out your hand." So the man held out his hand, and it was restored! <sup>6</sup> At once the Pharisees went away and met with the supporters of Herod *to plot how to kill Jesus.**

- **He is Angry and saddened because they were hypocrites...for on this very same Sabbath they left the synagogue and began to plot the murder of Jesus...*which by the way Murder was explicitly prohibited in the Law they so hypocritically claimed to follow.***
- **Healing comes through faith in Jesus and obedience...So he tells the man to stretch forward his hand...something he had not been able to do...he had to believe Jesus to some strong degree to obey what he said...stretch forth your hand**
- **This act which Jesus did intentionally...starts the sealing his fate... And the Pharisees joined the Herodians who were religious leaders but were aligned within the Herodian government...so were hated and denounced by the Pharisees...but in this matter they again prove it to be just show... a plan begins to be formulated... All going according to Jesus plan**
- **This is a turning point in Jesus ministry... from this point on He continually move to stay ahead of their plans though they try**

numerous times to arrest and kill him...all the while making sure his plan is the one that works out...

**\*\*\*So we jump ahead a two years or so in Jesus ministry...when the hit is officially sanctioned by the high priest...the green light is given**

- **It happened when Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead...we pick up the narrative..**

*NLT JN 11: 41 So they rolled the stone aside. Then Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, thank you for hearing me. 42 You always hear me, but I said it out loud for the sake of all these people standing here, so that they will believe you sent me." 43 Then Jesus shouted, "Lazarus, come out!" 44 And the dead man came out, his hands and feet bound in graveclothes, his face wrapped in a headcloth. Jesus told them, "Unwrap him and let him go!" 45 Many of the people who were with Mary believed in Jesus when they saw this happen. 46 But some went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. 47 Then the leading priests and Pharisees called the high council<sup>[a]</sup> together. "What are we going to do?" they asked each other. "This man certainly performs many miraculous signs. 48 If we allow him to go on like this, soon everyone will believe in him. Then the Roman army will come and destroy both our Temple<sup>[b]</sup> and our nation."*

*49 Caiaphas, who was high priest at that time,<sup>[c]</sup> said, "You don't know what you're talking about! 50 You don't realize that it's better for you that one man should die for the people than for the whole nation to be destroyed." 51 He did not say this on his own; as high priest at that time he was led to prophesy that Jesus would die for the entire nation. 52 And not only for that nation, but to bring together and unite all the children of God scattered around the world. 53 So from that time on, the Jewish leaders began to plot Jesus' death.*

- **From a plan to plotting it out..getting the big wigs involved..Jesus's plan is working perfect!!**

- **Caiaphas... A Roman appointee Annas was actually the heir to that role in the line of Aaron, Romans placed him there to keep tabs and keep peace. His loyalty definitely divided between the Jews and the Roman occupiers. But he was the one with power...served 18 years...**
- **God is so amazing...He has Caiaphas prophesy how this will work out great for human kind.....and they still do it anyway...you think they would have stopped...**
- **So The religious and political leaders sanctioned the hit...it was on**
- **Raising a man form the dead became the final straw...in the minds of the religious elite...why? Everyone will follow him...and we will lose our place...they will lose it anyway...Jesus wins!!**

**Matthew gives us the details...of the plot**

*NLT MT 26: 3 At that same time the leading priests and elders were meeting at the residence of Caiaphas, the high priest, 4 plotting how to capture Jesus secretly and kill him. 5 “But not during the Passover celebration,” they agreed, “or the people may riot.”*

- **They plotted to kill Jesus on their time table before or after but not during the Passover Celebration...wrong!!**
- **Jesus always in control. the Passover lamb must die on the Passover..**
- **However Jesus had proven to slippery for them... an inside guy, as they have been unable to keep up with his movements and always seem to be a step behind.....they need some one who knows the inside info of Jesus movements and plans... where he stays and where he goes...and where is the ideal place to secretly arrest him...**

**And they get their guy.. And again Lazarus plays a role...**

*NLT Matt 26:6* Meanwhile, Jesus was in Bethany at the home of Simon, a man who had previously had leprosy.

*this took place...in the same town Lazarus lived..*

*NLT JN 12:1* Six days before the Passover celebration began, Jesus arrived in Bethany, **the home of Lazarus**—the man he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> A

dinner was prepared in Jesus' honor. Martha served, and Lazarus was among those who ate with him. <sup>3</sup> Then Mary took a twelve-ounce jar of expensive perfume made from essence of nard, and she anointed Jesus' feet with it, wiping his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance.

<sup>4</sup> But Judas Iscariot, the disciple who would soon betray him, said, <sup>5</sup> "That perfume was worth a year's wages. It should have been sold and the money given to the poor." <sup>6</sup> Not that he cared for the poor—he was a thief, and since he was in charge of the disciples' money, he often stole some for himself. <sup>7</sup> Jesus replied, "Leave her alone. She did this in preparation for my burial. <sup>8</sup> You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me." <sup>9</sup> When all the people heard of Jesus' arrival, they flocked to see him and also to see Lazarus, the man Jesus had raised from the dead. <sup>10</sup> Then the leading priests decided to kill Lazarus, too, <sup>11</sup> for it was because of him that many of the people had deserted them and believed in Jesus.

### **Matthew tells us it was that very night Judas decided to betray Jesus...we pick up the same incident...**

*NLT Matt 26 : 10* But Jesus, aware of this, replied, "Why criticize this woman for doing such a good thing to me? <sup>11</sup> You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me. <sup>12</sup> She has poured this perfume on me to prepare my body for burial. <sup>13</sup> I tell you the truth, wherever the Good News is preached throughout the world, this woman's deed will be remembered and discussed." <sup>14</sup> Then Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve disciples, went to the leading priests <sup>15</sup> and asked, "How much will you pay me to betray Jesus to you?" And they gave him thirty pieces of silver. <sup>16</sup> From that time on, Judas began looking for an opportunity to betray Jesus.

- He had every opportunity to receive Jesus as Lord but he wasted Them.

*Judas Iscariot means Ish (man) carioth (city in Judea) only one of twelve from Judea. All the rest from Galilee.*

- **It is a Good thing she did for Him. What was the good thing??...She Worshipped Him with the best she had.**
- She loved him. She did not forget her first love. Willing to spend a year's wages at one time to demonstrate it. She believed Jesus was worth a lot.
- She did choose the better way. The end was in sight and she knew it. When you're close to the lord's heart ...Your in tune with the pulse of his movements.
- A year's wages spent in one night to honor God. Looks like an excellent investment .... To be remembered wherever the Gospel Is preached.
- **This last event turned Judas Heart completely hard. And he left the seen to betray Jesus.**

**But Satan... was involved also...**

*NLT LK 22: 3 Then Satan entered into Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve disciples, 4 and he went to the leading priests and captains of the Temple guard to discuss the best way to betray Jesus to them. 5 They were delighted, and they promised to give him money. 6 So he agreed and began looking for an opportunity to betray Jesus so they could arrest him when the crowds weren't around.*

**This shows us Jesus is always way ahead of the enemy...**

**Remember I told you that Jesus was in charge ...even though it might look like the enemy is...nobody pulls anything over on Jesus...**

**You know what is great...Satan thought he had won...by klling Jesus...he actually lost**

**Wisdom understand Jesus wins...always....count on Jesus....**

*NLT 1CO 2: 7 No, the wisdom we speak of is the mystery of God—his plan that was previously hidden, even though he made it for our ultimate glory before the world began. 8 But the rulers of this world have not understood it;*

*if they had, they would not have crucified our glorious Lord. <sup>9</sup> That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.”*

**when it looks like you have lost...that is just the precursor to you winning...Jesus betrayal looks like a loss...it is actually the move to win...Friday is the set up For Sunday!**

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