

Players in the Sovereign Plan of Redemption

(Luke 22:1-6)

I. The Deity

- A. There is an hour coming that uniquely is designed by God to belong to Him.
- B. That hour was predetermined by God, in which God would turn Jesus over to be die as His Lamb.
- C. The death of Jesus Christ was God's plan.
 - 1. Jesus Christ is God's Lamb.
 - 2. He did not die because Satan had a plan.
 - 3. He did not die because the Jews had a plan, or Judas had a plan.
- D. He died because God had a plan and He died on God's schedule.

II. The Devout

- A. That is a sarcastic description of the religious leaders of Israel.
 - 1. They were devout in their own minds.
 - 2. In the minds and the eyes of the people, they were the most devout of all.
- B. They already had clearly indicated they wanted Jesus dead but they were seeking a way to do it without causing a riot.
- C. They had a lot of different motives.
- D. The Sadducees were religious liberals.
 - 1. Caiaphas, the high priest, was a Sadducee.
 - 2. He was a political animal.
 - 3. He was corrupt.
- E. The theologians hated Him for theological reasons.
- F. So Jesus assaulted them economically...politically...and theologically.
- G. They were afraid the Romans would move in and take their power and authority away because this Jesus had fomented such unrest.
- H. So they met in Caiaphas' courtyard to figure out a way to kill Jesus.

III. The Devil,

- A. Judas was a child of the devil just as were the religious leaders.
- B. The devil moved them to do what they did.
- C. Why would Satan motivate Judas to betray Jesus and have Jesus crucified when he knew that was God's plan?
- D. Perhaps Satan overestimated the crowd, thinking that if Pilate said, "Do you want Barabbas or Christ?" that the crowd would take Christ and keep Him from the cross.
- E. Satan did not want Jesus dead to be a substitute for sin.
- F. God did and God is absolutely sovereign.

VI. The Defector

- A. John introduce him this way, "Judas Iscariot who betrayed Christ."
 - 1. John 12:6 says he was a thief.
 - 2. Jesus said he was a devil, an adversary.
- B. The Old Testament prophesies that Jesus would be betrayed by someone who knew Him very well. (Psalm 41:9; Zechariah 11:12-13; Psalm 55:12-14.
- C. This is no surprise to God. This is all a part of the plan but it doesn't lessen Judas culpability.

V. Conclusion

- A. The overpowering reality was that God wanted Jesus to die....and that's exactly what would happen.
- B. We all have to look at our own lives and ask where am I in this whole scene?
- C. You will price yourself by what you do with Jesus Christ.