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The Preparation for Christ's Death
Late in the afternoon on Wednesday the thirteenth of Nisan

While **Jesus** was teaching **His** apostles some parables to help them understand the coming events, the Great Sanhedrin was gathered at the house of **Caiaphas**. They were in a frenzy. Killing **the maverick Rabbi** was their only solution, but the time was short. First, **the Nazarene** needed to be arrested. After that, there needed to be a trial. But they knew that no trials could be held on the Sabbath, and the Sabbath was fast approaching.

If they were going to kill **Yeshua** they needed to have **Him** arrested and tried before sundown on **Friday, the fifteenth of Nisan**. Making matters even worse, they had to deal with their own laws that were restricting them (**to see link click Lh – The Laws of the Great Sanhedrin Regarding Trials**). But **Caiaphas** knew that all those details could be massaged. The most important thing at that time was to arrest **the Galilean Rabbi**. All the other problems could be worked out once that happened.



None of the people who had listened to **the Lord** in the Temple during the week could be alerted about the arrest or there would be a riot. That would mean Pontius Pilate would get involved and **Caiaphas** would be blamed. So the arrest had to be kept secret.

For that, Joseph **Caiaphas** needed some help. Little did he know that one of **Christ's** own **talmidim** was making plans to provide it (see **Kc – Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus**).

All **Judas** wanted was money.[1354]

The times I have associated with the different events of **Friday, the fifteenth of Nisan** are merely estimates to help the reader understand the sequence of events. There are only three times that we can be sure of. First, **Messiah** was nailed to the cross at nine o'clock in the morning. Secondly, **He** died at three o'clock in the afternoon. And third, that **He** was put in the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea before sundown.