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### The Timeline

- Friday
  - Arrived at Bethany, from Jericho.
  - Sabbath began at sundown.
  - Before dark on Friday.
- Saturday
  - The Sabbath.
  - Rested.
  - Synagogue.
  - Sabbath ended at sunset.
  - Feast in Jesus' honor, at the home of Simon the leper.



### Sunday

- The Triumphal Entry
- Healed in the temple.
- Prophesied and wept over the destruction of the city.
- Cased the temple.
- In the evening, Jesus and the 12 went back to Bethany for the night.



### Monday

- Cursing of the fig tree
- Second Cleansing of the Temple
- Request of some Greeks



### Tuesday

- The Fig Tree
- Teaching at the Temple
- Questions from His enemies
- The Seven Woes on the Leaders
- The Olivet Discourse

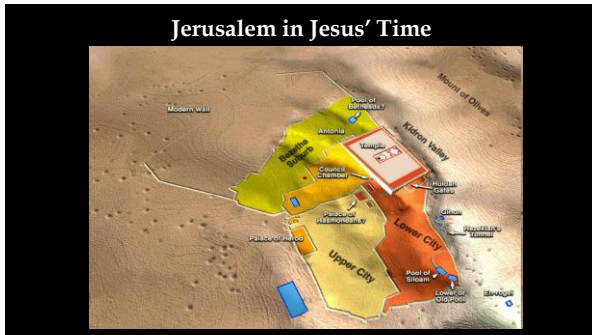


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- I. The Circumstances (1)
  - A. The Timing (1)
    - Cf. Matt. 26:2 - at the end of the Olivet Discourse, Jesus said, "after two days the Passover is coming."
    - Cf. Luke 22:1 - Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was approaching.
  - B. The Location (Mt. 26:3b)
    - **Matt. 26:3b** - Then the chief priests and the elders of the people were gathered together in the court of the high priest, named Caiaphas;

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- II. The Conspirators (1b)
  - A. The Chief Priests
    - High priest, former high priests, male members of the families from which the high priest could be selected.
    - Caiaphas
      - Current High Priest.
      - From 18 AD through 36 AD.
    - Annas
      - High priest from 6-15 AD.
      - Later, 5 of his sons would serve as high priest.

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- II. The Conspirators (1b)
  - A. The Chief Priests
  - B. The Scribes
    - Theological position: Pharisees.
    - Occupation:
      - 1) Interpreters of the Law.
      - 2) Teachers of the Law.
      - 3) Judges of the Law.

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- II. The Conspirators (1b)
  - A. The Chief Priests
  - B. The Scribes
  - C. The Elders of the People (Matt. 26:3)
    - Every city or town in Israel had ruling elders.
    - From those elders, the most prominent were selected to serve on the Sanhedrin.
    - They were the lay members of the Sanhedrin.

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- III. The Plan (1c)
  - *Stealth*: "taking advantage through craft and underhanded methods, *deceit, cunning, treachery.*"
- IV. The Objective (1d)
- V. The Decision (2)

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### Teach Us?

- 1) The power of divine providence to execute the divine plan.
- 2) Jesus' love for his own and his willingness to die for them.
  - John 13:1 - Now before the Feast of the Passover, Jesus knowing that His hour had come that He would depart out of this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.
- 3) Jesus' complete innocence.
  - a) It explains Jesus' innocence before the law.
  - b) It establishes Jesus' credentials to die in the place of sinners.