

Sermon Notes

Insights from Luke

#87 – “Conspiracy and the Foiling of Satan’s Schemes”

Luke 21:37 – 22:13

I. Introduction

A. The eventful last week of Jesus’ life

1. Teaching in the temple
2. Sadducees trapping question
3. Direct confrontation with all the religious leaders
4. The Olivet Discourse

B. Today, we examine the conspiracy against Jesus.

1. Legal definition of “conspiracy”
 - a. The religious leaders viewed everything about Jesus as a threat.

C. The text – Luke 21:37 – 22:13

II. Exposition

A. Luke 21:37-38

1. “Everyday”
 - a. Urgency in Jesus’ voice
 - b. A frenetic time as worshipers arrived to celebrate the Passover.
2. He retreated at nightfall to the Mount of Olives.
 - a. Mostly this was a safer place, and He would lay His life down at a moment of His choosing.
 - b. He predicted His death.
 1. Mark 10:32-34; John 10:17-18

B. Luke 22:1-2

1. Background on the Passover
 - a. One of three high feast days.
 - b. Commemorates God’s deliverance of Israel from Egypt
2. “Chief priests and scribes”
 - a. Included Caiaphas, Annas, high-ranking Sadducees, renown scribes, most of who were Pharisees

C. Luke 22:3-6

1. A disciple is enlisted.
2. Judas – Why did he do it?
 - a. Perhaps disenfranchised, having longed for a military deliverance.
 - b. More probable – money
 1. Matthew 27:3-5; John 12:5-6
3. Who else was in the conspiracy?
 - a. Satan (verse 3)
 1. An extreme form of possession
 2. How did this possession happen?
 - a. If we resist the devil, he will flee (James 4:7). Judas gave himself to selfish desire and thus opened the door of his soul.
 1. Luke 4:13

D. Luke 22:7-13

1. Day of Unleavened Bread was always celebrated the day before Passover.
2. Luke’s details on the preparation demonstrated Jesus’ full control of the situation.
 - a. Judas was kept in the dark.
3. Jesus would offer himself as the Lamb of God.
 - a. I Corinthians 5:7; Psalm 4:9

III. Points for Reflection

- A. Judas was misguided on Jesus’ ultimate mission to be the savior and many today make the same mistake.
- B. Love of money is **not** a lesser sin.
 1. Luke 12:15
- C. Luke’s account of Christ has almost reached its crescendo when the serpent’s head will be crushed. While Satan desired the death of Jesus, Jesus desired the death of death!
 1. Genesis 3:15