

The Gospel of Luke

The 'Almost' Disciple Revealed

Luke 22:1-6

1. **A Special Time** (v.1)

Passover was part of the Feast of Unleavened Bread and was one of three annual festivals that all of Israel was to observe. The seven days of celebration of this feast began on the day following Passover. This was to be a time of celebration and teaching the next generation of God's deliverance of Israel from Egypt.

2. **A Secret Agenda** (v.2)

It was no secret that the religious leaders opposed Jesus (cf. Mk. 15:10), and though they had endeavored to turn the people against Jesus, they had failed (Lk. 20:1-47). Because of this, any move to place Jesus in custody would have been disastrous if it were done during the day (Lk. 21:37-38; cf. Mt. 26:3-5).

3. **A Satanic Influence** (v.3)

Judas' betrayal of Jesus was foreshadowed in the Old Testament (Acts 1:16-26; cf. Zach 11:12-13), known and predicted by Jesus (Jn. 13:21-30), influenced and instigated by Satan (Jn. 13:2, 27), all while being willingly carried out by Judas (cf. Acts 2:23).

4. **A Simple Negotiation** (vs.4-6)

Having made up his mind, Judas sought out the religious leaders in order to make a deal for him to betray Jesus. While it is impossible to specify all of the exact motivations behind Judas' actions, his love of money was undoubtedly among them (cf. Jn. 12:6).