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The Prophecy Fulfilled

Through the Eyes of Christ



- Ch 24-25 end times pictures, then & soon to come!
 - Why were these important?
 - Jesus was preparing their minds and hearts!
 - His death... Passover connection
- Ch 26:1,2 ~
 - Probably belong more with previous chapter...
 - Passover – Son of Man delivered for crucifixion...

Sharp adjustment



- From dreaming of Kingdoms, to the event of Ages!
 - This was what made all else possible!
- Chief priests, elders ~ Caiaphas house
 - This is a “behind-closed-doors” meeting... “subtilty”
 - Deception, intrigue, guile, stealth... not law!?
 - Plan, plot for quiet arrest and murder...
 - “not on the feast day” ~ religious hypocrisy and fear

A woman at His feet



- **What a contrast!**
 - Bethany stay, John identifies her as Mary (Jn 12:1-3)
 - Martha is serving, Mary is weeping!
 - City is flooded with pilgrims for Passover
- 300 denarii, almost a year's wages
 - Anointed the Anointed One – head/feet
 - “to pour down” – act of love and sacrifice

Despising response



- What a waste? Give to the poor??
 - Men wrap evil in good intentions
 - Mary saw the times and took her opportunity
 - Opportunity to feed the poor was ever present
 - He would soon be gone... “My burial...”
- Attached to the Gospel! Vs 13

Judas



- From the poor to personal gain...
 - The answer to the priests plans, denial of God's call!
 - "What will you give me..." lust for more...
- Jesus had:
 - Called, trained, spoken, shared, loved, even warned...
 - What is worth losing Christ?
 - 30 pieces of silver, price of a healthy slave... (Ex 21:32)

What a contrast!



- Matthew has grouped these 3 reactions to Jesus:
 - Fear and plotting
 - Self-sacrifice and love
 - Greed and betrayal
- Key to each ~ opportunity:
 - To kill; to love; to betray...

