

Victory Before the Battle Begins (Luke 22:1-13)

I. Jesus' Enemies Conspire to Destroy Him (1-6)

A. The Religious Conspired to Kill Him (1-3)

1. They feared His influence on the people (3)
 - a. Many people in Jerusalem during Passover
 - b. Jesus was daily teaching in the Temple
2. The religious still hate Jesus' influence
 - a. They try to conform you
 - b. They try to discourage you
 - c. They try to silence you
 - d. They try to denigrate you

B. Satan Conspired to Prompt Jesus' Death (3)

1. Satan himself entered Judas
 - a. No indication that it was against Judas' will
 - b. Satan tempts and lies
 - c. Spiritual battle
2. Satan himself still conspires
 - a. Against Spirit's work in the world
 - b. Against the people of God
 - c. Against your walk with Christ

C. The World Conspires to Betray Jesus (4-6)

1. Judas Betrayed Jesus for Money (4-5)
 - a. May have been other reasons
 - b. Simple temptation of money
2. World still tempts us to betray Jesus
 - a. Sin is betrayal not mistakes
 - b. Sin as entertainment is treason

II. Jesus is Prepared for His Enemies (7-13)

A. Jesus was Prepared for His death (7-9)

1. The Passover had come (7)
2. Jesus sent Peter and John to Prepare (8)

B. Jesus Didn't Inform the Disciples of the Plan (10-12)

1. He gave them the sign but not location (10)
 - a. Jesus had prepared beforehand
 - b. Men usually don't carry water
 - c. Follow him
2. He gave them the Message not the Plan (11)
 - a. Tell the master...
3. He gave the Command not the Purpose (13)

C. Jesus Had all under Control

1. Jesus was in perfect control
 - a. He had good reason for not telling disciples
 - b. He would only be arrested when he chose
 - i. He was aware of Judas' plan
 - ii. He would not allow him to betray him early

2. Jesus is in perfect control of our situations as well
 - a. Although we may not know all the facts
 - b. Although it may seem like darkness is winning
 - c. Although it seems like it is out of control

No matter what God's enemies have planned and what lengths they go to, Jesus is in control and His plans work for our good. We are never given all the answers, but we can trust in the one who has all the answers.