

# Treasure Hunt

- What two things does the Lord urge the disciples to behold, and what is the relation between them?
- What groups were involved in arresting the Lord?
- Which group does Matthew emphasize, and why?
- What are the implications of the title “Friend” by which the Lord addresses Judas?
- What three reasons does the Lord give for forbidding the disciples to use force to defend him?
- Which of these reasons are general motives for non-violence, and which are specific to this situation?
- Give an example of the missed opportunities to which the Lord refers in v. 55.

# Contrasting Parties in Matt 26-28

	The Lord's Friends	Transition	The Lord's Enemies
Purpose: Jesus' Death	26:1-2 Fourth Announcement		26:3-5 Planning in the Palace
Preparation for Death	26:6-13 Anointing in Bethany		26:14-16 Contract with <b>Judas</b>
The Lord is betrayed /delivered	26:17-46 Jesus with the Disciples: Last Supper ( <b>Judas</b> ), Gethesemene ( <b>Peter</b> )		
		26:47-56 from the Disciples to the Jews ( <b>Judas</b> )	
			26:57-27:56 <b>Jesus</b> with the Jews: Trials ( <b>Peter, Judas</b> ), Crucifixion ( <b>women</b> )
Preparation for Burial	27:57-61 Joseph of Arimathea		27:62-66 Sealing the Tomb
Responses to the Resurrection	28:1-10, 16-20 Spread the gospel		28:11-15 Deny the Resurrection

# 45, 46: Behold two things

45 Behold, the hour is at hand ἰδοῦ, ἤγγικεν ἡ ὥρα

**God** controls what happens when:

Psa 139:16 (David) Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all of them were written, **the days were fashioned**, when *as yet there was none* of them.

Dan 2:21 he changeth the **times** and the **seasons**:

Act 1:7 It is not for you to know the **times** or the **seasons**, which the Father hath put in **his own power**.

Behold, he is at hand that doth betray me

ἰδοῦ, ἤγγικεν ὁ παραδιδούς με

**Judas** is fully responsible for his sinful actions

*Deut 29:29 The secret things belong unto the Lord our God ...*

Psa 76:10 Surely the **wrath of man** shall **praise thee**:

Gen 50:20 But as for you, **ye thought evil against me**; but **God meant it unto good**, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.

Act 2:23 Him, being delivered **by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God**, ye have taken, and **by wicked hands** have crucified and slain:

Act 4:27 For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both **Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together**, 28 For to do **whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done**.

# Who came to arrest the Lord?

Matt 26:47 And while he yet spake, lo, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great **multitude οχλος** 3793 with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people. (also Mark)

Luk 22:47-52 And while he yet spake, behold a **multitude οχλος** 3793, and he that was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them, and drew near unto Jesus to kiss him. ... 52 Then Jesus said unto the chief priests, and **captains στρατηγος** 4755 of the temple, and the elders, which were come to him, Be ye come out, as against a thief, with swords and staves?

Joh 18:3 Judas then, having received a **band σπειρος** 4686 *of men* and **officers υπηρετης** 5257 from the chief priests and Pharisees, cometh thither with lanterns and torches and weapons.

**Band, σπειρος** (John): cohort (~600 men) of Roman soldiers

**Captain, στρατηγος** (Luke), **officer, υπηρετης** (John; cf. 7:32, 45): the (Jewish) temple guard

**Multitude, οχλος** (Matthew, Mark, Luke): the crowd. In Matthew:

- Jewish in composition
- Initially supportive (4:25; ch. 8-9; ch. 14-15; ch. 20-21)
- Here turning hostile
- Ultimately reject him:  
Mat 27:20 But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas, and destroy Jesus.
- cf. 7:21-22; 25:11, “Lord, Lord”

# Faithless Friends

Mat 10:17 they will **deliver you up** [betray you παραδιδωμι] to the councils ... Mat 10:21 And the brother shall deliver up παραδιδωμι the brother to death, and the father the child: and the children shall rise up against *their* parents, and cause them to be put to death.

2Sa 20:9 And Joab said to Amasa, *Art* thou in health, my brother? And Joab took Amasa by the beard with the right hand to kiss him. 10 But Amasa took no heed to the sword that *was* in Joab's hand: so he smote him therewith in the fifth *rib*, and shed out his bowels to the ground, and struck him not again; and he died.

Pro 27:6 Faithful *are* the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy *are* deceitful.

Mat 20:11 And when they had received *it*, they murmured against the goodman of the house, 12 Saying, These last have wrought *but* one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us, which have borne the burden and heat of the day. 13 But he answered one of them, and said, **Friend**, I do thee no wrong: didst not thou agree with me for a penny? 14 Take *that* thine *is*, and go thy way: I will give unto this last, even as unto thee.

Mat 22:11 And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: 12 And he saith unto him, **Friend**, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. 13 Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast *him* into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

# 52 Put up again thy sword...

Mat 5:38 Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: 39 But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.

Three reasons:

1. There is no winner:

Rev 13:10 He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

2. The Father's care is sufficient:

2Ki 6:15 And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do? 16 And he answered, Fear not: for they that *be* with us *are* more than they that *be* with them. 17 And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain *was* full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

Rom 12:19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but *rather* give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance *is* mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

3. It does not suit God's purposes:

Isa 50:5 The Lord GOD hath opened mine ear, and I was not rebellious, neither turned away back. 6 I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting.

Isa 53:7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

# 55 I sat daily ... ye laid no hold

Joh 7:28 Then cried Jesus in the temple as he taught, saying, Ye both know me, and ye know whence I am: and I am not come of myself, but he that sent me is true, whom ye know not. 29 But I know him: for I am from him, and he hath sent me. 30 Then they sought to take him: but no man laid hands on him, because his hour was not yet come. 31 And many of the people believed on him, and said, When Christ cometh, will he do more miracles than these which this man hath done? 32 The Pharisees heard that the people murmured such things concerning him; and the Pharisees and the chief priests sent officers to take him. ...

... 37 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. 38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. 39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.) 40 Many of the people therefore, when they heard this saying, said, Of a truth this is the Prophet. 41 Others said, This is the Christ. But some said, Shall Christ come out of Galilee? 42 Hath not the scripture said, That Christ cometh of the seed of David, and out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was? 43 So there was a division among the people because of him. 44 And some of them would have taken him; but no man laid hands on him. 45 Then came the officers to the chief priests and Pharisees; and they said unto them, Why have ye not brought him? 46 The officers answered, Never man spake like this man.