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- The disciples ask Jesus about the great buildings as they were leaving Temple—and Jesus tells them that they will soon be demolished.
- Later, the disciples asked Jesus about signs that will determine when the end will be—and Jesus tells them not to be deceived because many will come claiming to be the Messiah.
- Jesus informs them that many will come falsely—but do not panic—wars, earthquakes, and famines will occur—but still do not worry.
- Jesus tells them about other bad things that will happen—but those who endure until the end will be saved.
- Commentary: Jesus reminds us that when everything else fades away—God will still be there—and the salvation God gives to us is what really matters.

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False Messiahs and the True Messiah 13:21-33

- Jesus informs us that false prophets will rise up and even perform signs and wonders—and God's chosen will be deceived if they are not paying full attention.
- Then Jesus tells them about His coming—and how He will gather chosen ones from all ends of the earth and heaven.
- Jesus tells them to keep an eye out for signs and wonders—and know that the Word of God will never disappear.
- Still, no one knows the day or hour when God will do these things—so stay alert at all times.

- Commentary: What does it mean to be God's chosen? How can God's chosen make sure to see the signs and wonders?
- How can we always stay alert?

Watch For The Master's Return 13:34-37

- Jesus tells a story of a man going on a long trip—and as he leaves he gives instructions as to the work that needs to be done.
- He also told the gatekeeper to keep watch for his return—for no one knows when he will return.
- And when he returns—don't let him find you sleeping—keep watch!
- Commentary: Again, Jesus emphasizes the importance of staying alert—because we don't know when Jesus will return.
- Again, are there any steps we have overlooked regarding staying alert?

- It was now two days before the Passover, and the leading priests were looking for opportunities to capture and kill Jesus.
- They wanted to do it in secret—and they wanted to kill Him.
- Yet, they did not want to do it during the Passover because they felt that the people would riot.
- **Commentary:** Those that were supposed to be the leaders of religious law were plotting to kill Jesus. Why do you think that the religious leaders were the ones trying the hardest to kill Jesus?
- However, they were afraid to kill Jesus because the crowd would riot. Never forget—no matter what people want to do to you—God will always place people around you to give help.

The Plot To Kill Jesus 14:1-2

Jesus Anointed At Bethany 14:3-9

- Even as the leaders were plotting to kill Jesus—He was at Simon's home—a man who had previously had leprosy until he was healed by Jesus.
- While they were eating, a woman came with a jar of expensive perfume and poured it over Jesus; head.
- Some were indignant asking why such expensive perfume was wasted and they scolded the lady.
- But Jesus told them to leave her alone—and not criticize her for doing such a great thing. He then tells them that they will always have the poor among them—but Jesus' time is limited.
- He acknowledges that this woman has done what she could to anoint His body for burial ahead of time—and her deed will be remembered every time the Good News is preached.
- Commentary: Jesus teaches us that no matter what people might be planning and plotting against you—keep on doing the Will of God.
- As Jesus was anointed with expensive perfume—the disciples were worried about the money. One of the biggest problems we have is being overly concerned with money—especially as it relates to doing what God desires us to do.
- Never forget—just as it was with this woman—our deeds will follow us forever. Let's make sure our deeds uplift God and God's Kingdom.

Judas Agrees To Betray Jesus 14:10-11

- Judas, one of Jesus' disciples, went to the leading priests to arrange to betray Jesus.
- They were delighted and promised to give him money.
- So, he began looking for an opportunity to betray Jesus.

- Commentary: One of Jesus' closest companions was the one who ultimately betrayed.
- Also, they did not seek Judas—Judas sought out the religious leaders.
- And again, we see money as a factor—just as it was with the woman and the expensive perfume.
- Never forget, even when others seek to betray us—we must still trust God and do God's Will.