

The Message

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Plotters, Traitors, and Those Who Stumble

Matthew 26



I. First Let's Look at the Plotters

26:3 Then the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders of the people assembled at the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, ⁴and **plotted** to take Jesus by trickery and kill Him.



Psalm 2

Why do the nations rage,
And the people plot a vain thing?
The kings of the earth set themselves,
And the rulers take counsel together,
Against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying,
“Let us break Their bonds in pieces
And cast away Their cords from us.”
He who sits in the heavens shall laugh;
The LORD shall hold them in derision.
Then He shall speak to them in His wrath,
And distress them in His deep displeasure



Psalm 2:6-10

Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion.
I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me,
“You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.
Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance,
And the ends of the earth for Your possession.
You shall break them with a rod of iron;
You shall dash them to pieces like a potter’s vessel.””
Now therefore, be wise, O kings;
Be instructed, you judges of the earth.
Serve the LORD with fear, And rejoice with trembling.
Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, And you perish in the way,
When His wrath is kindled but a little.
Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.



II. The Traitors Like Judas



III. Those Who Stumble

All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night . . . But after I have been raised, I will go before you to Galilee.



Scattered Sheep

Jesus said, “the sheep of the flock will be scattered.”

Daniel promised, “the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever” (Daniel 2:44).



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After two days He will revive us;
On the third day He will raise us up,
That we may live in His sight” (Hosea 6:2).

Your people shall be volunteers
In the day of Your power (Psalm 110:3).



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