

A Human Plot and A Divine Purpose

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Mark 14:1-11

The Sovereignty of God over the Schemes of Mankind

Mark 14:1 "It was now two days before the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to arrest Him by stealth and kill Him," (ESV)

John 2:24-25 "But Jesus on His part did not entrust Himself to them, because He knew all people and needed no one to bear witness about man, for He Himself knew what was in man." (ESV)

- ❖ God's plan was for Christ to die on Passover to fulfill His eternal plan of redemption.

📖 Exodus 12:1-14

Matthew 26:2 "You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified." (ESV)

John 19:14 "Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, 'Behold your King!'" (ESV)

1 Corinthians 5:7 "Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed." (ESV)

- ❖ God's plan was for Christ to die on Passover for future testimony to the people of Israel.

John 11:55-57 "Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and many went up from the country to Jerusalem before the Passover to purify themselves. They were looking for Jesus and saying to one another as they stood in the temple, 'What do you think? That He will not come to the feast at all?' Now the chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders that if anyone knew where He was, he should let them know, so that they might arrest Him." (ESV)

📖 Acts 3:13-19

- ❖ God's plan was for Christ to die on Passover to demonstrate His wisdom in contrast to the foolishness of humanity.

Acts 2:23 "this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men." (ESV)

Proverbs 16:1-3 "The plans of the heart belong to man, but the answer of the tongue is from the LORD. All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs the spirit. Commit your work to the LORD, and your plans will be established." (ESV)

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The Grace of God over the Futility of Mankind.

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- ❖ God's plan was for Christ to die for our sins to demonstrate the wickedness of humanity.

Genesis 11:4 "Then they said, 'Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth.'" (ESV)

Psalms 2:1-3 "Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying, 'Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us.'" (ESV)

Jeremiah 6:16-19 “Thus says the LORD: ‘Stand by the roads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls. But they said, “We will not walk in it.” I set watchmen over you, saying, “Pay attention to the sound of the trumpet!” But they said, “We will not pay attention.” Therefore hear, O nations, and know, O congregation, what will happen to them. Hear, O earth; behold, I am bringing disaster upon this people, the fruit of their devices, because they have not paid attention to My words; and as for My law, they have rejected it.” (ESV)

Matthew 21:45-46 “When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard His parables, they perceived that He was speaking about them. And although they were seeking to arrest Him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.” (ESV)

Romans 1:21 “For although they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks to Him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.” (ESV)

❖ God’s plan was for Christ to die for our sins to demonstrate His mercy!

Luke 19:10 “For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.” (ESV)

Luke 23:34 “And Jesus said, ‘Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.’ And they cast lots to divide His garments.” (ESV)

Romans 3:9-11 “What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, as it is written: ‘None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God.’” (ESV)

Romans 5:8 “but God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” (ESV)

❖ God’s plan was for Christ to die for our sins to demonstrate our need for His grace!

Romans 5:10 “For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by His life.” (ESV)

1 Timothy 1:15 “The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.” (ESV)

James 4:17 “So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.” (ESV)

1 John 1:8-10 “If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and His word is not in us.” (ESV)

The Glory of God over the Insufficiency of Mankind.

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❖ Jesus Christ is the plan of God for salvation; designed by God, given to humanity, established by God, and for the Glory of God.

📖 *Isaiah 42:1-9*

Isaiah 53:10 “Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush Him; He has put Him to grief; when His soul makes an offering for guilt, He shall see His offspring; He shall prolong His days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in His hand.” (ESV)

John 10:11, 15-18 “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep ... just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.” (ESV)

John 15:13 “Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.” (ESV)

1 John 3:16 “By this we know love, that He laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.” (ESV)