

Well brethren, it is God's Sabbath and it's the time that God has chosen to feed us, His people.

Brethren, we understand that the purpose of all of God's creation is to create Elohim, the Family of God, which could only become a reality through a Son, as you and I know, God's Son, Jesus Christ; therefore, the purpose of all of God's creation was established from the beginning to be made a reality through His Son, Jesus Christ. In the past sermon we saw that those in Jesus' day did not perceive the light - that's the way God calls it - the light that God the Father sent to them. Mankind does not have the capacity to accept or receive the light of God - it's the way that God says it - the Word of God, without His, God's, help. When God calls a person to see the light, the truth, that person has a choice whether or not to receive the word of God in and through Jesus Christ; they do have that choice.

**John 6:44** tells us, (you don't have to turn there), you know it by heart, and I'll just quote this scripture to you. God says through Jesus Christ that, **No man can come to Me, except the Father who has sent Me draw him: and I will raise Him up at the last day.**

And down in **verse 65** we find He says through the Son, **And He said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto Me, except it were given unto him of My Father.** There is no other way. We have been following Jesus Christ as He is on the road to crucifixion to make this possible by becoming the Passover. And that will be the title today, *The Road to Crucifixion - Pt. 2.*

Jesus Christ was on the road to crucifixion, to die a very horrible death so that you and I could have forgiveness for our sins. And that's why you are here today, because of that sacrifice, and that's what made it all possible for you to be sitting here today in God's time. And we understand a person can choose to receive the light, the word of God that is offered to him or her by calling them. God chose the one and only true and perfect way to reveal Himself and His purpose to mankind and that was through a son, Jesus Christ, the one who was born the Word, the Word of God made flesh. So the Word of God was made flesh and the Word of God was given in the very life of His Son into the mind of His Son. God's Son was of the same mind, of the same light, of the same way, the same way of life and purpose.

What we have been focused upon in the last sermon was the life of Jesus Christ when He was in the flesh upon this earth and we will continue to follow Him today as He travelled on that road to His crucifixion. But before we get into that part of the sermon I think it necessary to reflect back on what we know about the spirit world, because as Jesus Christ was making His way to be crucified He was stirring up a spirit world that hated what He was doing.

Let's turn over to **Psalms 22:12** - we find that it was prophesied what Jesus Christ would suffer and it says, **Many bulls have surrounded Me: strong bulls of Bashan have encircled Me.** We understand that there was a spirit world that was mightily stirred up at this time and they had stirred up some physical human beings. But Jesus is reflecting back on the spirit world, the demon world and He said, **They gape at Me with their mouth like a raging and roaring lion.** And we know that Satan is described as a roaring lion. And He said, **I am poured out like water and all My bones are out of joint: My heart is like wax; it has melted within Me. My strength is dried up like a potsherd and my tongue clings to My jaws. You have brought Me to the dust of death.** And let's notice what's being said...**For dogs have surrounded Me: the congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me: they pierced My hands and My feet. And I can**

**count all My bones: they look and stare at Me. They divide My garments among them and for my clothing they cast lots.** Brethren, there was a spirit world that was being stirred up mightily at this time. There is a physical realm and there is a spiritual realm and only that which is spirit existed from the beginning, and it was in the form of the one that you and I know as the One Eternal God, the Self-Existing One, the God of All Eternity.

And I'm going to take some of this from the booklet, "The Rest of the Mystery of the Ages"<sup>11</sup> and it says:

### **A Spirit Realm**

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Concerning anything that is mentioned as existing from a beginning of time, God reveals there was only Himself, and as He stated, there was "none else." The Self-Existing One, the One Eternal God has described His existence through the Word—**His Word**—that is of His essence and all that reflects His mind—His Being, His thinking and His thoughts. Then, that "revelatory thought" communicates His plan and purpose for all that follows—all life and its purpose for existence.

God reveals Himself in many ways, so that we can come to more fully know Him. Although God has revealed Himself from the beginning in terms of the Word and that of true wisdom, God's existence is spirit. He is composed of spirit essence. His mind, His thought, His WORD is also spirit, but it is **the holy spirit**, because it emanates from God, and it reveals Him. The holy spirit is the essence of His being, of His thought, of His Word and His way—of all that reveals who He is—His truth—His [God's] very mind.

So there is spirit essence. It is the power of God that proceeds from God, but His purpose, His thinking, His Word, His mind and all that is communicated and proceeds from Him, from His being, is in what we call the **holy spirit**. This holy spirit proceeds from Him and reveals His thought, His Word to those who can and will receive it. It is "to those who can" because no one "can" until God grants it [brethren]—speaking of mankind.

It's the only way that it can be done. Be turning to Colossians 1:12.

So, only Yahweh Elohim existed from the beginning, and then He began to create and bring other than Himself into existence. What followed and why?

God reveals that there was purpose and order to His creation: "*Giving thanks unto the Father, who has enabled us [made it possible for us] to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:*

That's the way God says it.

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<sup>11</sup> <http://www.cog-pkg.org/publications/the-rest-of-mystery-of-the-ages.pdf> : Begin on page 7, various pages thereafter...

*Who has delivered us from the power of darkness, and has translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: [and let's notice...]Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by [through] him all things were created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by [through] him, and for him” (Col. 1:12-16).*

All things created by God are wholly about His Family and how it will come into existence, beginning in and through Jesus Christ.

And that is what is taking place as we go through the events that are taking place as Jesus Christ is making His way to Jerusalem, on the road to crucifixion to become the Passover so that we can become part of God's Family.

So, when it speaks of all things that have been created, both visible and invisible, things that can be seen and things that cannot be seen, they have been created with that great purpose as the design for it all. Further, it will be accomplished through His Son.

There are things created that are of spirit essence and there are things created that are of physical essence, as there are things that were first created in the spirit realm and then things created in the physical realm.

That's how it took place.

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Before even the angels were created, God created a spirit realm for them to exist in. The angels were not brought into nothingness. God first created a spirit realm in which they could exist and function.

....[scripture reveals] there is a spirit realm that God has created which is made of spirit essence just as there is a physical realm made of physical essence (physical elements)—ALL sustained by God.

All are sustained by the Great God of this universe...all of it! Hebrews 1:1 God tells us...

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*"God, who at different times and in many various ways spoke in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Has in these last days spoken unto us by [through] his Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, by [through] whom [Christ] also HE [God] made the worlds [as part of that master design for the eventual creation of His Family, that's what it's talking about]; Who [Christ] being the brightness of His [God's] glory, and the express image of His person, and upholding all things, [let's notice], by the word of His power [all*

things are upheld and sustained by the power of God, brethren, that's how it's done], *when He [Christ] had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; Being made [Gk.—to come into being], better said, so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they*” (Heb. 1:1-4).

And verse 5, let's notice...

*"For unto which of the angels did He say at any time, You are my Son, this day have I begotten you? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he will be to me a Son? And again, when He brought in the first begotten into the world, He said, And let all the angels of God worship Him...."*

So we can see that Satan understood this. When Satan understood what God was going to do with mankind it really upset him and he rebelled, as we know. God says...

*"And of the angels He said [in Psalms], Who makes His angels spirits, and His ministers a flame of fire” (Heb. 1:5-7).*

We see that God “fashioned”—“made”—the angels of spirit essence with spirit given life. He gave independent life (as free moral agents, free individuality) to beings (angels, is what we call them) who were composed of spirit essence.

Verse 13, let's notice what God had written:

*“But to which of the angels did He say at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool? Are they not all ministering spirits [angels] sent forth to minister for [to] them who shall be heirs of salvation?” (Heb. 1:13-14).*

And Satan didn't really like this.

There is a spirit realm with things created of spirit essence. Then there are angels who dwell in a spirit realm, whom God made of spirit essence, but with life IN them. The angelic beings are composed of spirit essence and they have been given individual spirit life, but all that is spirit and all that is physical is sustained by the Great God of this Universe.

That's how it's done.

These angelic beings are pictured in a spirit realm as being created differently...

As we can read back in Ezekiel where he describes some.

...describing wings, and eyes, and varying kinds of faces...

And we can see that it's beyond our comprehension and we can see that it is a most unique creation.

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That which is of the spirit, specifically the holy spirit, from the mind of God is His Word that is revealed in His “truth,” and it can only be understood by man when God chooses to give it.

That's the only time.

It must come from God and be communicated to man by/through God.

There were three great angelic beings created and God reveals these two and he says, they were created great in the angelic realm and served a great purpose before God.

.... there were three angelic beings who were created great in the angelic realm and served great purpose before God. These three archangels are mentioned by name in scripture. Two of them, Gabriel and Michael, are faithful to God, but one rebelled against God and chose to live another way than the way God showed him [to live]. His name was Lucifer, but after his rebellion, God changed his name to Satan and the Devil.

Let's turn over to Luke 1:11 and let's look at an account that God had written, so we can understand.

Gabriel is known as the messenger of [or “sent from”] God. He is mentioned as the one whom God sent to Daniel to give him answer from God and to reveal matters of prophecy to him. Then several hundred years later, Gabriel is the one whom God sent to speak to Zacharias about a son [John the Baptist] that would be born to his wife Elizabeth.

**Luke 1:11** - it's talking about this account - **Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him standing on the right side of the altar of incense. And when Zacharias saw him he was troubled and fear fell upon him.** We can understand that when you're in there alone by yourself and suddenly something appears before you. We can understand why he was troubled a little bit by what he saw and he was probably wondering what he saw. **...and fear fell upon him.** So you and I can kind of understand that one. **But the angel said to him, Don't be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will call his name John. And you will have joy and gladness and many will rejoice at his birth. For he will be great in the sight of the Eternal, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; let's notice, and he will also be filled with the holy spirit even from his mother's womb. And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah...** And it is the same at the end of an age, brethren. There is one on the scene that is preparing the way for Jesus Christ, therefore our name, 'Preparing for the Kingdom of God' that is coming to this earth.

I'm going to read what is on the website about Truth 51 and it says:

**51 (1) God has revealed the identity of the Elijah to come.** As part of this revelation God has made it clearer that John the Baptist was a 'type' of the Elijah to come and that

Herbert W. Armstrong was also a 'type' of the Elijah to come. The final completeness of this role (as a 'type') is fulfilled by the spokesman of the two end-time witnesses. As an end-time prophet and apostle during this end-time period, Ronald Weinland is the third and last fulfillment of a 'type' of the Elijah to come before Jesus Christ returns as King of kings. Over the past 2,000 years there have been three people who have fulfilled part (as a 'type') of the purpose of the "Elijah to come," but Jesus Christ will fulfill this role in its completeness.

So now let's continue on, **verse 17 ....to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children**, and this is not literally talking about a child and their father, it's talking about the fathers that are written in this book, talking about the prophets and those that went before us. The children are the Church of God, those that God is calling, and it's to turn their minds to what is written in this book. **...and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord...**for His second coming, brethren.

**Verse 19 - And the angel answering said to him**, here is the answer of who this angel was, and he said, **I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God and was sent to speak to you and to bring you these glad tidings.**

[...continuing in 'The Rest of the Mystery of the Ages' under **Three Great Angelic Beings**]

Then six months later, Gabriel was sent once again, this time to carry the good news to Mary that she would conceive from God and bear Jesus the Messiah.

The archangel Michael is one who is spoken of as a great warrior who has fought against the spirit realm that rebelled along with Satan. Michael is spoken of as the great angel who stands up and fights for those whom God has called—those whom God is working with to become part of His Family.

Only three angelic beings have been mentioned by name but there are vast numbers of angelic beings whom God created in the spirit realm. Herbert W. Armstrong was given the knowledge to understand that there had been a great rebellion of Satan, along with a third of the angelic realm that was created.

God gave it to him.

That rebellion was so great that all physical life on the earth was destroyed.

As we know, that's how great it was! That's how powerful it was! And you and I, because we can't see that spirit realm, sometimes we don't recognize the power that's there.

The earth then remained in that condition...

That Satan and the demon's had destroyed it.

.... It was that way until the time we read of in Genesis, in the first chapter, when God refashioned the earth. He put it back in its proper orbit and cleared the atmosphere so that

light could once again reach the surface [of this earth]. God began to do this within that seven day week, as He also began to put living things back on the earth, also adding the creation of mankind on the sixth day.

[Continued under heading, '**The Temple Begins with the Church**']

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*“And came [Jesus Christ] and preached peace to you who were afar off, and to them who were near. For through him [Jesus Christ] we both [Jew & Gentile] have access by one spirit [the holy spirit] unto the Father. Now therefore you are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household [talking about the Family, the Family] of God [begotten into Elohim]; And are built [are being built] upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone; In whom all the building is fitly framed together and grows into a **holy temple** IN the Lord: In whom you also are built [are being built] together [let's notice] for an **habitation of God** [Gk—“dwelling place”] through the spirit [holy spirit]” (Ephesians 2:17-22).*

The Church is the beginning of construction in the creation of Elohim. All who are in the Church are described as growing into a holy temple. It is holy because God's presence is in it. To be begotten of God's holy spirit means that God must dwell IN the one who is begotten.

[Continued under heading, '**The Purpose of Conversion**']

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It was God's purpose for His Family that there be only one who would live such a life as Jesus did. [Only one.] There could only be one Passover, [there could only be] one high priest, [there could only be] one cornerstone, [there could only be] one intercessor between God and man, one Word of God made flesh, and one such Son of God.

From birth, Jesus Christ had continuing access to the holy spirit (which was in him, part of his very mind and being)....

[Continued under heading, '**Revelation of the Word**']

God then tells us that His Word is life. It is “His life” and there is great power in it as we will... see... This life of His that is contained in His Word is light to mankind as it will enlighten in the true ways of life that mankind can choose to embrace if he will do so.

Eventually they will have their time.

If he chooses not to embrace the light...

We know the plan of God, we know the Great White Throne, we know about the true ways of God. And if he chooses not to embrace this light eventually through God's plan...

... then his life will be filled with darkness and confusion and eventually death for eternity.

Let's turn over to John 1:6.

God goes on to show how He is going to give His Word that can light the way for mankind: *"There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness..."*

Just like the end of an age there are two witnesses at the end of this age. John came for a witness.

*"...to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lightens every man who comes into the world" (John 1:6-9).*

These verses are speaking of John the Baptist who was sent by God to bear witness of His Son, Jesus Christ. God had purposed from the beginning of time, before anything was created, that He would have a Son who would be the one through whom the "light"...

As He calls it...

—the way of the life of God—the Word of God—would enlighten mankind as to the very purpose of God for them. Jesus Christ was made that light for mankind:

*"He was in the world, and the world was made by [through] him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them who believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God..."*

Let's notice what is being said....

*And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth" (John 1:10-14).*

And now with this understanding we will move forward as Jesus Christ, while He was in the flesh, while He was moving toward Jerusalem to become the Passover and die a horrible, horrible death.

Now, with this knowledge of the spirit world we looked at how Herod went in (in the last sermon) and took all those male children under two years of age, took them out of the homes of those parents and killed them. Sometimes we just read through these scriptures and we don't really understand the magnitude and the power of a spirit world that can influence man's mind - and we've seen it all down through history, the atrocities that have taken place.

So with that understanding we'll pick up where we stopped last Sabbath and that's in John 11:45, and it's 'The Plot to Kill Jesus Christ'. **John 11:45 - Then many of the Jews who had come to Mary and had seen the things which Jesus did believed on Him. But some of them went away to the Pharisees and told them the things Jesus did.** Let's pay attention to what is taking place. **The chief priests and the Pharisees gathered a council and said,** the authorities of their day, that's who it was, those in the governing body. And it says, **What shall we do, for this man works many signs? And if we let Him alone like this every one will believe in Him,** and let's notice... these were their concerns, **and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.** In other words, they would lose their position, they would lose their authority, and this was their concern. **And one of them, Caiaphas, being high priest that same year said to them, You know nothing at all, nor do you consider that it is expedient for us that one man should die for the people and not that the whole nation should perish.** In other words, he thought Jesus Christ would lead all of them away from their authority and their position in life.

**Now this he did not say on his own authority, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation; and not for that nation only but that also He would gather together in one the children of God who were scattered abroad. Then from that day on they plotted to put Jesus to death. Therefore Jesus no longer walked openly among the Jews,** because He knew this, He knew they were out to kill Him and there was a spirit world that was being stirred up mightily at this time and it was beginning to stir up certain people in authority of that day.

**But went from there unto the country near the wilderness to a city called Ephraim, and there remained with His disciples.** And from this time on Jesus no longer walked openly because He knew that they would kill Him before His time.

**Verse 53 - Then from that day forward they took council together determined to put Him to death, but Jesus went into a country near the wilderness, into a city called Ephraim;** that's where He went, **and there He continued with His disciples.** And let's notice, **And the Jews' Passover was drawing near: and many went out of the country up to Jerusalem before the Passover to purify themselves. Then they sought Jesus...** We've been to Israel and it's a very small country and you can probably in a little over an hour travel across it. It's a lot longer than it is across but that area that Jesus was in is very narrow so it doesn't take long to get across that. And Bethany, Jerusalem and Jericho, all these are close to one another, and this is down in that area that Jesus was at.

**And the Jews Passover was drawing near: and many went out of the country up to Jerusalem before the Passover to purify themselves.** They were coming from different parts of the country to Jerusalem because of the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. It's why so many were gathering there, to purify themselves. **And then they sought after Jesus and spoke among themselves as they stood in the temple...** The news of Jesus Christ was spreading because of what He was doing and people were talking, and this was spreading very rapidly, and this was the talk of that whole area. And here we find that it was even in the temple that they had begun to talk and they were saying, **What do you think? Will He not come up to the Feast?** In other words, they were wondering because they knew about the Jews, the authorities of their day, and they knew that the Jews wanted to stone Him. And now we find they were talking about killing Him.

And it says, **Now both the chief priests and the Pharisees,** so let's notice who it was that gave the command: **they gave a commandment, that if any man knew where He was that he should reveal it that they might take Him:** in other words, that they should come and tell them where He was at so

they could take Him. So this was spread among the Pharisees, that if any Pharisee or if anyone had contact with anybody they needed to get word to them immediately because it was their desire to have Him killed.

In John 11:55 we find that this was the Sabbath being the primary time for these kinds of things to take place, the Sabbath before the Passover is when most of this would be done.

Let's look at **John 12:1** and pick it up there - **Then six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany again**, so they had come down because of this word spreading around and what had taken place and about some of the things that Jesus was doing. So He had backed away because it was not His time, because He knew they were trying to kill Him; and He was walking back and forth between Bethany and Jerusalem, which is very close, only two miles apart, thereabouts. So here we find just **six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany again**, let's notice, **where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead**. And you know that that word spread rapidly because Lazarus was once again alive, and you know people were coming by to see Lazarus.

**Verse 2** we find - **There**, it's in Bethany, **they made Him a supper**; and this supper was on a Friday night, which is the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the 1<sup>st</sup> month, **and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them who sat at the table with Him. And Mary took a pound of ointment, of spikenard**, so here we find the timing of events. **Mary took a pound of ointment, of spikenard, very costly ointment, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odor of the ointment**. And to most of the religions of the world they have no clue what this was about. This was something that God said would be talked about to the end of the age, of what this lady did. They have no clue, it's just a nice story to them. **Then one of the disciples said, who was Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, the one who would betray Jesus Christ**, and let's notice what Judas said, **Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence...** I looked this up and the best I could come up with was it's about a year's wages for a worker. So we can see that it was worth a lot of money. **...and given to the poor?** It's what Judas said should have been done with it.

And this account just shows us what mankind is like. *Somebody* had to be the son of perdition and it happened to be Judas, and we can see his attitude coming out here. We've seen it in the Church of God; we are witness of that. We saw where Jesus Christ was betrayed, and some lived through a period of time and we are here today because God had a plan. That's why you're here, God had a plan. God had a purpose and it is being worked out here below; and there are some of those sitting in this room that are a witness of what took place in the Church of God, our time in the Church, the Church of God that had the impregnation of God's spirit. And we look at what Judas did without God's spirit...and there are some witness of what took place and what was done. And we've learned what human beings are capable of even without God's spirit, and now we know what human beings are like and capable of with God's spirit, and we're going to learn in the Millennium what human beings are capable of with God's spirit again. We will learn again. The ones who have the God Family living amongst them here upon this earth, and we will be a further witness to what will take place and what they will do. We're going to learn in a very powerful way at the end of this age, the thousand years, the Millennium; we're going to learn what they're going to do throughout that thousand years, it's going to be talked about in sermons, they will be told. We knew there was an apostasy coming - didn't come down like you thought and neither will this for them.

So conditions will be such and you and I know human nature, it will still be here during the Millennium, and when Satan is let loose once again we know what's written in the scriptures, we know what will take

place. It's hard to comprehend. It was hard to comprehend an apostasy that would scatter the Church of God, but God has it written in His book and it says, 'they will encompass the breadth of the earth.' It's going to be a lot! And we know what is written, we know it's there.

But let's go back to Judas, because this was really getting to Judas. There was something in his nature that spurred him on. Judas was the one that carried the purse, the money pouch (that's what it was called) and this is where it started with Judas. It just didn't happen all of a sudden; here is where it started to take place and it ate away at him because of his mind, the battle of his mind that was taking place at this time, because of the way that he thought about things and it was bringing it to the surface. And this is how it happens with or without God's spirit, we've seen it many times when the mind turns just a little, doesn't take much. It can so lead you astray that you may not find your way back.

God allows certain things to exist to try us, and it's why we have trials sometimes, to see what we're made of, to see how we will respond, to see whether or not we will keep God in our focus, and His Son. And it's powerful if we understand how it works.

Let's notice what Judas said, again, **verse 5** - he said, **Why not was this ointment sold for three hundred pence and given to the poor? This is what he said, and he did not say this because he cared for the poor; Judas was a thief**, brethren, he was a thief in his heart and God knew this about Judas. God allowed him to be who he was and he had great opportunity to be part. Judas had walked with the one who would become the Passover, side by side, walked with the Messiah, walked side by side with Him and he didn't get it, he just didn't see it and he was there. So again, He said, **not because he cared for the poor but because he was a thief and he had the bag**, just what we talked about, he carried the money. He looked after the matters that dealt with the money **and carried what was put in it**. It's what Judas' job was.

**Verse 6 - And he used to take what was put in it, so the money was his concern.** And some of the disciples already knew Judas' attitude and spirit. When you walk side by side with a person you kind of know sometimes how they think, and they knew how he felt and it's not something that you can hide.

Let's notice what Jesus said to him; **verse 7 - Jesus said, Leave her alone, for the purpose**, let's notice, **for the purpose**, let's focus on this, the purpose why. **...for the purpose for the day of my burying she has kept this**. "She's kept this ointment for My burial." Jesus told them and they still didn't get it, they didn't understand fully what was going to take place, they didn't comprehend it. Jesus Christ was preparing for His death. Jesus understood what God was doing with Him. Jesus understood how God was working various things out in His life, but *they* didn't understand what was about to take place. He's walking into Jerusalem to spend some time with His disciples, then He's going to be killed. He's going to be put to death and He knows it.

**Verse 8** He said, **For 'the poor'**, in other words it means 'the needy', better said, **you will always have them with you and you will not always have Me. Many people of the Jews therefore knew that He was there, and they came not only for Jesus' sake**; it's like we talked about earlier, they came to see Lazarus. They had heard the stories. So there were some coming around because Lazarus had become a kind of 'celebrity' in his day, because the word had spread rapidly and they were wanting to see the man that Jesus Christ had resurrected from the dead. They had heard the stories, they had heard the story that Lazarus was dead for four days and now he was alive again, and they wanted to go up and see Lazarus.

And let's notice...**The chief priests consulted how they might also put Lazarus to death;** so they were really getting stirred up at this time and here they were ready to kill Lazarus as well **because that by reason of him many of the Jews went away and believed on Jesus.** They were losing their authority and they didn't like it.

And this account here is actually two days prior to the Passover, if you want to note it. In this account it goes back and forth but here it's talking about a period of time two days before the Passover and this just happens to be a specific moment in time that we're going to come back, because it's talking about Mary taking that oil and the ointment that she put upon Jesus Christ.

Mark 14; and we will see the time frame as we get through this and understand why it was done the way that it was done. So in **Mark 14:1 - After two days was the Passover;** now, in the King James version it probably says **the feast of the Passover,** those words are added, it's not in the Greek language, and there is a lot of expression out here that you and I use at different times and it was the same in their days about the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. I think the New King James probably has it correct and it says, **After two days it was the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread.** Where Passover is discussed, we know what it means, so sometimes even the whole Feast of Unleavened Bread as referred to, is the Passover in their days, and you and I understand that, 'the Passover Season'. So we know what it means and they did too in their time.

**...the Passover and the Days of Unleavened Bread,** and let's notice, **and the chief priests and the scribes sought how that they might take Him by craft,** in other words they were talking about how to trick Him, how to deceive Him. They wanted to kill Jesus Christ and they had to try to figure out a way that they could bring it about. They're trying to figure these things out about how to put Him to death, and it says, in **verse 2 - They said, Not on a Feast day,** they knew they could not put Him to death on a Feast day because that would cause an uproar, because it was a High Day, it was a Holy Day; and you and I understand this. And they were saying they could not put Jesus Christ on a Holy Day, so they're looking for a time that they can do it and this is what they are scheming and planning to do, about how to bring it about, how to do it. So we can see that they cannot do it on a High Day because **the people would be in an uproar.**

And in **verse 3** we are actually going back in time and let's notice how it's been written - **And being,** past tense, **in Bethany;** so it's talking about two days before and it's referring back to a few days of what took place of what we just read about in John and it says, let's notice the location, **And being in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as He sat at meat,** so it's this same event about the ointment, **there came a woman,** so they're telling it, **having an alabaster box of ointment in spikenard, which was very precious;** very expensive, brethren, of great price is what it means, **and she broke the box and poured it upon His head. And there were some that had indignation within themselves,** let's notice what is taking place and why it's recapping what had already too place, there is a reason, **and said, Why was this waste of ointment made? For it might have been sold for more than three hundred pence,** and we know who it was that was spreading this, and we know that it was Judas Iscariot, because this is what he said, **and should have been given to the poor,** to the needy. **And they murmured against her.** So we can see how Judas by his complaining, and his murmuring was affecting others - not the disciples - but this was others because of his mouth and what he was saying. And this never changes, this kind of nature. It wasn't about the poor; it's about getting all this pulled into this and they began to find fault also. It's an age old story, we can read about it over and over.

**Jesus said, Let her alone;** so we're going back into the story. It says, **why are you troubling her? For she has done a good work for Me. For you always have the poor,** talking about the needy. And in this account here in Mark it says, **whenever you want you can do good to them:** so you can do that any time, **but you will not always have Me,** because He knew that He was on the road to crucifixion, to die. **She has done that which she could:** let's notice, **she has come beforehand,** so Jesus Christ is telling them but they still do not get it at this time, **to anoint My body,** let's notice what He's telling them, **to anoint My body for the burial.** So here He is telling them ahead of time and He said, **Wherever this gospel shall be preached,** let's notice, **throughout the whole world, this also that she has done shall be spoken of as a memorial of her,** of what she did. And here you and I are at the end of an age and we're still talking about this event that took place. And Jesus said that it would be preached throughout all the world in remembrance of her, in what she did.

So we see the reason this is inserted here in the story flow and it's referring back to what had happened a couple of days earlier. It's going back to the story and bringing in what Judas Iscariot did, his attitude, and it's bringing in this same account that John gave earlier, but it's because it's about Judas Iscariot now, that's the focus. So it's remembering, it's going back and reminding everyone of the story and what took place, why Judas began to think the way that he did, and that is why it is written the way it is.

That's why it says in **verse 10 - And Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went unto the chief priests,** a couple days later after all this had happened, and it shows the story flow and this is where it started, with Mary, because of the oil and what had taken place. And so it ate away at Judas Iscariot and then a couple days had passed and he went to the chief priests **to betray Jesus Christ,** that's why he went. **And when they heard it,** talking about the priests, **they were glad and they promised to give him money.** And we know that it was thirty pieces of silver. And this is just a nice story to most religions, they have no idea of what actually took place. **And he sought how he might conveniently betray Jesus Christ.** In other words, they were discussing how to get it done, and it was this expensive ointment that just ate Judas' mind up and he went to betray Jesus Christ for thirty pieces of silver, because that's what his motive was all along, the money, it's about the money. God allowed him to carry that purse, that money bag, for a reason. He knew Judas was a thief and He knew that he was consumed by the desire for the money.

So we can see that they began to plot and scheme how they would kill Jesus Christ and you and I cannot begin to comprehend how the events were fashioned that would lead up to the very hour that Jesus Christ would be betrayed. God had worked it out that it would be the exact timing that was needed, exactly, that they would finally come and get Him to crucify Him, to hang Him on a pole. And it led up to the exact timing of when they would kill Jesus Christ; God worked it out.

The timeframe here was on a Friday evening, the Sabbath meal. And you know the world thinks that Jesus Christ died on a Friday and He rose on Sunday morning. There is no way you can get three days and three nights from that account. It's a day and a half instead of three days and three nights, and they don't have a clue, they don't understand. But we understand because God has opened your mind and revealed the truth to you, that's why you understand, and there is no other way to understand it. And here we are putting the events and the sequence of events together as we move forward.

This Friday night was the beginning of the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the 1<sup>st</sup> month, when this took place, and it was on a Friday evening. We know what Exodus tells us. We know what was done on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the 1<sup>st</sup> month. God tells us - we won't turn over there - we know the account. We know that in Exodus 12 concerning the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the 1<sup>st</sup> month it tells us that the lamb was to be set aside at that time for the

Passover, the one that would become the Passover lamb. And this is the beginning of that day, that 10<sup>th</sup> day, that Mary poured that expensive ointment on Jesus Christ. We know what Judas Iscariot's response was and how it was eating him up. Judas would become so agitated about this expensive ointment that was used on Jesus Christ until he would finally betray Jesus Christ. He just stewed and stewed and it ate him up.

And all this has come about to the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the month: as He's coming down the Jordan and going through Jericho and He comes down to Bethany, Lazarus is - recapping the story - Lazarus is resurrected, goes back up toward Ephraim and comes back down and it talks about here before this, 'then six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany where Lazarus was', and He was there for two days. And it came to this point in time for this particular meal and this is just before the Passover period, and other scriptures in this book confirm this timing. It all comes together as to exactly what happened and when it happened, and this happened on that particular Friday night, that Friday evening, and it was a Sabbath meal

In the two accounts that are recorded about this, one of them is in Matthew, and the other one is in Mark, we'll look at Mark 14:1...and this is two days prior to the Passover so it's on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of the first month if you want to note this. And then we're going to come back to this 10<sup>th</sup> day again and look at the sequence of events. The way that Mark addresses this now, it's talking about a period of time - **Mark 14:1 - After two days, it says, was the Passover, but better said, It will be the Passover in two days, and Unleavened Bread: and the chief priests and the scribes sought how that they might take Him by 'craft', we read this earlier, and it's a word that means 'trickery and deceit', and put Him to death, to kill Him. But they said, Not on the Feast day lest there be an uproar of the people.** So they knew. They knew that these multitudes had been following Jesus and they had saw the miracles that He had done, so they knew the crowd would not allow that. We can see that because of the way the Holy Day had to be kept they just wanted to get rid of Jesus as quickly as they could, and it was eating them up to get it done.

And in the next verse they're actually going back in time to see what happened two days before this, so this is on the 12<sup>th</sup> that this is stated, but what they're doing in the story flow of Mark, he's going back now and telling what had happened for a reason because it's about Judas now. It's important that we understand what is being discussed, because of Judas' betrayal of Jesus Christ and how it comes about. And it's two days ahead of time because this is when Judas gets to the point where he's going to betray Jesus Christ, he's ready to do it, and then that's the focus here of Mark, where John's account was just a little different.

So in **verse 3** it says - **And being in Bethany, so it's talking about what had happened, past tense, in the house of Simon; so we can see where it took place, in the house of Simon the leper; as He sat at meat,** so he's talking about that Friday night, **there came a woman with an alabaster ointment of spikenard, which was very expensive, very costly, of great price; and she broke the box and poured it on His head. And there were some that had indignation within themselves, in other words, their attitude was coming out, and said, Why...** and we know Judas Iscariot was among them, but there were others who were getting stirred up because of it and this is what sparked it, it was about the money. **Why was this waste of ointment made? For it might have been sold for more than three hundred pence,** here again we see it's about the money, **and it should have been used to give to the poor and needy.** That was their excuse. They were not concerned about the poor and needy, Judas was a thief. **And they murmured against her. And Jesus said, Leave her alone. Why are you troubling her? She has done a good thing for Me. For you always have the poor and needy with you and whenever you want to do**

**good to them... you will not always have Me.** He was telling them He would not be around much longer but they did not comprehend it at this time and what was being said at this time.

It's just like us, we have children, friends that are very close, and we want to tell them certain things but we know that they cannot understand at this time. And this is the same situation that Jesus was facing, He knew that they did not understand the events that were taking place. And that Friday night when this took place and the things that were said, they didn't understand that either. And on the 10<sup>th</sup> day we understand it was about taking the lamb that would be separated, and that's when the people would go out and find that young lamb and they would take the children with them, and they would nurse that lamb until it was slain on the Passover day. They would have to feed this lamb, have to look after this lamb, so they got to know this lamb very well...so you know what it did to the children when that lamb was sacrificed. I've had animals and I know you have too, so we can see the mindset. And it was the lamb that would be separated, that's what it's talking about, and here Jesus Christ is being pictured as that lamb, the one that would be separated. And Jesus Christ made it very clear that He was the one that was going to die as the Passover, and that's what this is all about.

**And He said, Verily I say unto you, wherever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also what she has done will be spoken of as a memorial to her.** And it is. But it's about Judas at this time and what stirred him up to do what he finally did because of what this lady did with that ointment. So we can see this spirit world really getting stirred up at this time and really influencing those that were betraying Jesus Christ, and especially those that were trying to kill Him. So they were being highly influenced at this time. And that's one of the reasons why Jesus Christ had not walked openly anymore, because He knew this, He knew a demonic world that was really stirred up.

**Verse 10 - Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went into the chief priest to betray Him unto them, and when they heard it they were glad and promised him money. And he sought how he might conveniently betray Him.** So he's going to begin seeking now what he can do as a traitor, to betray Jesus Christ so that they can kill Him, to put Him to death...and he had walked side by side with Jesus Christ. What kind of mind can be influenced to do such a thing as this? It's how powerful it was! It was the weekly Sabbath preceding the Passover, which was the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the month which was that Friday evening when Mary poured that ointment upon Him.

And then on the Sabbath day, let's turn over to Matthew 21 and pick up the journey, and in **Matthew 21:1** and it says - **When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage unto the mount of Olives, they sent Jesus two disciples, saying unto them, so here they're going toward Jerusalem. He told them to Go into the village next to you and straightway you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them and bring them to Me. And if any man say anything unto you, you will say, The Lord has need of them; and straightway he will send them. All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, Tell you the daughter of Zion, Behold,** let's notice what's being said because this is very important because of what they believed. And it says, **Behold, your King comes unto you meek and sitting upon an ass, and a colt, the foal of an ass. And the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them and brought the ass and the colt and put on them their clothes, and they sat Him thereon.**

We have had the anointing that took place, that set Him apart as the Passover lamb, and Jesus lets it be known that this was for His burial, His death, His death as the Passover Lamb. Then this great prophecy begins to be fulfilled of Him riding into Jerusalem. He's going to go into Jerusalem on the road to crucifixion and He's fulfilling this prophecy that was written, and it says, **Your King is coming to you,** and

let's notice the day, the day He's to be set apart, that others are to know that He is your King. And this is why certain things happened the way that it did and the way that it happened on this particular day, for a reason. God was working it out. Because this day is of such great importance in what God was going to reveal.

**Verse 8** it says - **And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way**; let's notice what they were doing, **spreading their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees...** now why would they do such a thing, brethren? They were moved to do this and it was an awesome time because it was something that the Great God of this universe was working out. He was announcing, "This is your King!"

**... and so they spread them, the clothes, along the way. And the multitudes that went before, and that followed Christ,** let's notice what they began to say, **Hosanna, the son of David:** So they were inspired by God to do these things. They know the lineage, and this is saying He is the Messiah. That's what it's saying! He's coming into Jerusalem, they just didn't exactly understand why at this time, and it's on the 10<sup>th</sup> day. He's the Lamb that's been set apart and He's going to die for them and for the whole world. It's why He's coming in, to become the Passover.

**Verse 9 - Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest. And when He comes into Jerusalem all the city was moved,** let's notice; **all the city was moved,** they were moved and they said, **Who is this?** We have to understand that the city was filled with people from all over, because they were coming in for the Passover and the Feast days, and some were saying, "Who is this man?"

And let's notice **verse 11** - let's notice what the multitude says... and it says, 'multitude', so it had to be quite a few! And there were those, as we know, that had been following Jesus as He had been travelling on this road to His crucifixion and they had saw some of the miracles that Jesus had done and they were following Him, so they were amongst these people too - **And the multitude said,** let's notice, **This is Jesus the prophet, of Nazareth, of Galilee. And Jesus entered into Jerusalem and into the temple. And when the eventide did He went into Bethany with the twelve.** So this was the day about Him traveling through that city and the people seeing Him going through the streets of Jerusalem. That's what it was about, with people crying out as they did, and this was a continual thing that was taking place as He was riding through Jerusalem, and people seeing Him, and that was the purpose, for the people to see Him at this time. They did not realize at this time that this was the one that was going to die for them, this is the one that would be killed as the Passover.

Let's go back to Luke's account, **Luke 19:33** and see what Luke had to say. And it's the same account...**And they were loosening the colt, the owners thereof said unto them, Why are you loosening the colt? And they said, The Lord has need of him. And they brought him to Jesus and they cast their garments upon the colt, and they set Jesus thereon. And as He went they spread their clothes in the way. And when He came near, even now at the descent of the Mount of Olives,** so we can see where He's at, the Mount of Olives. So He's riding the colt the entire distance as He goes through the streets of Jerusalem. **And the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen;** so it's telling us these are the ones that had seen what Jesus had done, the miracles that He had done, and this mass of people had been following Jesus and they were still there with Him and they were there in Jerusalem and they were crying out. And there were people who had come for the Passover, some didn't know who Jesus was, some that had come in, and they were asking, "Who is this? What's going on?" because they were amazed at what was taking place!

In **verse 38** we find - **Blessed be the King who comes in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

And **verse 39**, let's notice, **And came across some Pharisees**, let's notice who they were, **and some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto Him, Master, rebuke Your disciples.** In other words, they did not like what was being done and what was being said; and they did not like what was taking place and they said, "You shouldn't be doing this!" It's what they were saying. It's because they didn't believe who Jesus Christ was. **And He answered and said unto them**, let's notice what He said, **I tell you that if they should hold their peace**, let's notice, **the stones would immediately cry out.** That was Jesus' answer to them.

So this is from God. It *would* take place. God had it worked out. And that's what He was telling them, "And even the stones, if necessary, would cry out." It *would* be done.

**And when He came near, He beheld the city and wept over it saying, If you had known, even you, at least in this your day, the things which belong unto your peace...but now they are hidden**, let's notice what's being said, **but now they are hidden from your eyes.** And we can kind of understand this because there were brethren that were a part of us that are no longer a part. We have family, loved ones, and we can understand what Jesus is saying here and it was a very moving thing to Him because of what He was getting ready to do...and I'm sure that He had emotions that we cannot even begin to grasp. We cannot grasp what He was going through as a human being even though He was moved by the spirit of God in a very powerful way, that you and I cannot comprehend. He knew the scriptures. He knew what was prophesied in Psalms. And we cannot begin to grasp that knowing what He knew, and here He is knowing that He's getting ready to fulfill the Passover, and seeing Jerusalem and knowing about what's going to come to pass in Jerusalem...and He knows what they're going to have to suffer through in time. And He understands what is going to take place for the next 2,000 years before He can return to this earth, so He's having these emotions.

**Verse 43** - Let's notice what He said - **For the days will come upon you that our enemies will cast a trench about you and encompass you and keep you on every side, and shall lay you even with the ground, and your children within you; and they shall not leave in you one stone upon another; because you didn't know**, let's notice what He's saying, **the time of your visitation.** He was talking about some things that were physical and He was talking about some things that were spiritual, that we understand. We understand about the stones of the temple, how they were cast down, even in the Church of God. And some of these things had to do with physical Jerusalem and some with spiritual Jerusalem; and we know that Jerusalem was encompassed about with armies. We know about how they had to flee Jerusalem because of the destruction that was there, and we know that they had to flee. We know the story of Masada where some took their own lives because of the persecutions. So we know these stories and we know how the government, the Romans of their time, have killed and martyred God's people down through time. And it's written in history, as a matter of fact.

So God's people have suffered through different periods of time down through history and this is what Jesus Christ knew. He knew what was going to come upon them at different times and what was going to come upon Jerusalem, the physical city itself. He knew about the temple and how it would be destroyed and that *all* the stones would be torn down - and you can see it to this day. And you and I understand what that means spiritually because we lived it. We lived how the stones of the Temple would be thrown down in our day, those of us at an end of an age. And He wept because of the sufferings that would have to take place in this human life before we could become a part of God's

Family, all those in God's Church down through time. And He wept for the suffering...that's why He was weeping. Jesus Christ knew that there would be incredible suffering, especially at the end-time, and we're not even going to talk about that one yet.

So here He is telling us, the last part of **verse 43** - **...they'll encompass you and keep you on every side, and shall lay you even with the ground; your children, yes.... you don't know the time of your visitation.** So Jesus Christ was looking to the future, to those things that were going to come to pass, and that's why He was moved. He knew He was going to suffer. He knew He was the Passover. He knew that people didn't understand at that time what He was getting ready to do.

**John 12:12** - this is on the next day, this is the daytime portion of the 10<sup>th</sup> day - **On the next day many people who were come to the Feast, when they had heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem took branches of palm trees and went forth to meet Him and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel who comes in the name of the Lord.** It's the same account. And when they were crying out about these things, the prophecies that they knew were about a Messiah that was coming, they knew that a King was coming and it had to do with one who was anointed. They knew the scriptures, they knew they were being persecuted by the Roman government of their day. The Romans, the Gentiles and also by the Sanhedrin of their time, those in authority, and they knew that one would come to establish God's rule. They believed that Jesus Christ was coming to Jerusalem at that time to be the King; that's what they thought - to take over the reins of the government by the Romans, by the power of God is what they thought. And so they were excited because of all the prophecies and because of the oppression of the Romans and the Sanhedrin of their day. They thought they were going to be rescued and here is their prophesied King to rescue them. That's what they thought!

**And Jesus, when He had found a young ass, sat there upon; and as it is written, Fear not, daughter of Zion: let's notice, behold, your King comes sitting on an ass's colt. First, the disciples didn't understand these things,** let's notice what is being said; they didn't know. And it's hard to comprehend. They didn't understand and they were walking side by side as these events took place, and they didn't know. God tells us they didn't. Let's notice when they did know, **But when Jesus was glorified they remembered these things that were written of Him and that they had done these things unto Him.** So it all came together for them later on and they understood these scriptures.

**The people thereof that were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his grave and raised him up from the dead, bear record. But Jesus answered them saying, The hour has come that the Son of man should be glorified. Most assuredly I say to you, Except a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone: but if it dies, it brings forth much grain.** So let's notice how Jesus Christ is saying this and let's notice what He said, **He who loves his life will lose it;** in other words, if that's the reason you're here, he who loves his life will lose it, that's what it's saying. And if you're just trying to save your life and you believe just enough that this maybe, might be true and you're not fully convinced that this is God's Church and you haven't fully proved that to yourself God says, **he who loves his life will lose it and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.** In other words, if you understand and know that this is God's Church, is what it's saying.

Let's notice **verse 26** - **If any one serves Him,** this is what you have to do, **let him follow Me; and where I am there My servant will be also: if any one serves Me, him My Father will honor.** And there is a lot said in these verses.

And now **verse 27** - this is where Jesus predicts His death again and He says, **Now My soul is troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save Me from this hour: but for that purpose I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name. Then a voice from heaven saying,** let's notice what took place, a voice from heaven. So there are a lot of things happening in a small period of time and it announced and it said, **I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again. Therefore, the people who stood by and heard it said that it thundered: others said, An angel had spoken to Him. Jesus said, The voice did not come because of Me,** let's notice why it came and why it was done this way, **but for your sake.** So that's the reason it was done, for the people.

And let's notice **verse 31 - Now is the judgment of this world: now the ruler of this world will be cast out.** So you know this went over well with the demonic world when Jesus said these words. They heard Him so it really stirred them up mightily when He said these things. **...now the ruler of this world will be cast out. And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to Myself.** So He's telling them, brethren.

**This He said, signifying by what death He would die.** He told them that He would be lifted up from the earth and He would die and He would draw all people to Him eventually. They will be given a chance. **The people answered Him, We have heard from the law that Christ remains forever: and how can you say,** it's the question that was asked, **The Son of man must be lifted up?** Let's notice what they're asking... **Who is this Son of man? Then Jesus said to them, A little while longer the light is with you. Walk while you have the light lest darkness overtake you:** and it is the same today, brethren, in the Church of God. If we don't stay in the light and if we don't stay focused and we step back into that darkness it will probably overwhelm you where you won't get back in this age. And that's what He's telling them in their day, the ones that believed that He was from God, because the holy spirit would come in a few days, that we now about, and He was telling them to stay in the light, to stay focused, and he was there with them, walking with them at that time.

And He told them, **he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going. And while you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become,** let's notice what He's telling them, **that you may become sons of light.** That's what He was telling them. And **these things Jesus spoke, and departed from them,** and they did not understand at the time it was said.

**But though He had done many signs before them, they did not believe in Him.** It's hard to believe! It's hard to comprehend!

**Verse 38** - Let's notice why it was done, because this took place for a reason, brethren, God had a plan and it would be brought about just the way He said it would be brought. And these prophecies had to be fulfilled, and that's what verse 38 is telling us, **That the word of Isaiah the prophet,** this is why it was done this way, **might be fulfilled which he spoke, Lord, who has believed our report and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? Therefore they could not believe, because Isaiah said again, He has blinded their eyes, and hardened their hearts, lest they should see with their eyes, lest they should understand with their hearts and be turned, so that I should heal them. These things Isaiah said when he saw His glory and spoke of Him. Nevertheless, even among the rulers many believed in Him; but because of the Pharisees,** let's notice, **they did not confess Him lest they should be put out of the synagogue:** peer pressure. The governments of their day had much influence. **For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.** They knew that Jesus was a man sent from God but the pressures were more than they could bear. Just like you and I feel those pressures in this world, in this system that we find ourselves in. And they didn't have God's spirit, we do, we have help.

**Then Jesus cried and said, He who believes in Me, believes not in Me but in Him who sent Me. And he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me. I have come,** let's notice just what God said and just the way we started off, **as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness. And if any one hear My words and does not believe, I do not judge him: for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world.** In other words, God had a plan and we know what that plan is. He came the first time as the Lamb. He's not coming back the second time as a Lamb but He's coming back as a King that we just read about, in what that pictured when He came through the streets of Jerusalem saying that He was a King. Just like the procession through the streets of Jerusalem, just what it pictured...and He will be here upon this earth.

**And He who rejects Me and does not receive My words has that which judges him:** that's what does it; **the word that I have spoken will judge him,** let's notice, **in the last day.** We know *that* plan. We know about the Great White Throne and what will take place. We know that Satan and the demons will eventually be done away with. And those that don't live and want this way of life, there is always the lake of fire, and we understand this one, so we know that plan.

**Verse 49 - For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a commandment,** let's notice where it came from, **what I should say and what I should speak.** It's who did it through Jesus Christ, the Great God of this universe is who did it, who brought it about and brought it about to the very hour that it would take place. And Jesus said, **the Father who sent Me gave Me the command, what I should say and what I should speak; and I know that His command is, everlasting life, therefore whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak.** So we can see Jesus Christ on this road to crucifixion and everything that He did and said came from the Great God of this universe.

So we will conclude here today.

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