

▼ **The Looming Cross - Part 1**

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- **Read the Passage: Matthew 26:1-16**

▼ **Overall Exegetical Idea**

- After Jesus predicts his impending crucifixion, the pieces fall into place.

▼ **Determine Sermon's Purpose (what listeners should do)**

- Understand that Jesus fully expected to be crucified.
- Understand what it took for the leaders to feel compelled to kill Jesus.
- Understand the significance of Mary's actions.
- Understand the likely impact of Jesus' embrace of the cross .

▼ **Understand that Jesus fully expected to be crucified.**

- Jesus warns the disciples one last time that he will be crucified.
- Jesus fully expected to be crucified. It wasn't an accident.
- ▼ Crucifixion was a Roman method of execution for rebels. Jesus' actions would not normally have brought him to the attention of the Roman governor. It took the Jewish leaders to make that happen.
  - Think about having a local Boston Crime result in a federal civil rights, hate crime, narcotics, or terrorism charge.
- Judas' betrayal will allow the leaders to arrest Jesus away from the crowds.

▼ **Understand what it took for the leaders to feel compelled to kill Jesus.**

- Jesus operates in miracle, signs, and wonders.
- Jesus teaches without deferring to other Jewish leaders.
- Jesus has the admiration of the people.
- No one can beat Jesus in a verbal confrontation.
- Publicly arresting Jesus could cause a riot.

▼ **Understand the significance of Mary's actions.**

- Jesus interprets Mary's actions in light of his impending crucifixion.
- Mary's actions are reported in 3 gospels: Matthew, Mark, John. Luke 7 appears to describe a different event.
- Mary's action of costly devotion to Jesus sets an example for us.

▼ **Understand the likely impact of Jesus' embrace of the cross.**

- Jesus' expectation that he will be crucified flies in the face of his disciples' expectation of political power in God's Kingdom.
  - Jesus' embrace of the cross and acceptance of Mary's act of devotion may have been too much for Judas.
  - Jesus can identify with us in all of our trials - including betrayal.
- **Review**
  - **Questions & Answers**