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### I. The Human Plot (10-11)

- Judas comes from *Judah*, which means “praised” or “celebrated.”
- His father was Simon Iscariot (Jn. 6:71; 13:26).
- Iscariot, from Hebrew *Ish-Kerioth*, meaning “man of Kerioth.”
  - a small town in the tribe of Judah (Josh. 15:15).

### Judas

- John 6:64 - Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who it was that would betray Him.
- The treasurer
  - 1) Providing for the expenses of the disciples
  - 2) Giving to the poor and those in need

### Judas

- Summer of 29 AD (John 6:70-71)
- Saturday night in April 30 AD (John 12:4, 6)
- Wednesday of the Passion Week in April 30 AD (Mark 14:1-2, 10-11)

### Judas' Motive?

- Satan had put it in his heart (John 13:2, 27).
- **1)** Fear of the authorities (John 11:57).
- **2)** Injured pride (John 12:1-8).
- **3)** Disappointed expectations
- **4)** Frustrated ambitions

### Judas' Motive?

- **5)** Greed & covetousness.
  - John 12:6 - he was a thief, and as he had the money box, he used to pilfer what was put into it.
  - Matt. 26:15 - "What are you willing to give me to betray Him to you?" And they weighed out thirty pieces of silver to him.
  - Zech. 11:12-13; Ex. 21:32

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### II. The Divine Plot (12-16)

- “On the first day of Unleavened Bread”
  - Passover – one-day feast
  - The Feast of Unleavened Bread – a 7-day feast
  - Technically, the first day of unleavened bread began at sunset on Thursday night.
  - Josephus and the rabbis both mentioned that Thursday was often called the first day of the feast.

### II. The Divine Plot (12-16)

- “When the Passover lamb was being sacrificed.”
  - Cf. Ex. 12:6 - 'You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month, then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel is to kill it at twilight [literally, “between the evenings”].
  - Two days (Thursday & Friday)

### II. The Divine Plot (12-16)

- In Galilee, a day ran from sunset to sunset.
  - That meant Passover began at sunset Thursday night and lasted to sunset Friday night.
  - Their lambs were sacrificed on Thursday afternoon from 3-5 PM.
  - And then they ate the Passover meal after sunset on Thursday.
  - Ex. 12:8 - 'They shall eat the flesh that *same* night, roasted with fire, and they shall eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.

### II. The Divine Plot (12-16)

- In Judea, the day ran from sunrise to sunrise.
  - That meant Passover began at sunrise on Friday morning and ran to sunrise on Saturday morning.
  - Their lambs were sacrificed on Friday afternoon from 3-5 PM.
  - They ate the Passover meal after sunset on Friday.

### Who is this man?

- The evidence points toward the home of John Mark – the author of this gospel.
  - Cf. Acts 1:13; 12:2 – the other NT uses of “a large upper room” (15) referred to the home of Mary, the mother of John Mark.
  - It's possible the man was John Mark's father.
  - It's even been suggested that the man carrying the water jar was, in fact, John Mark.

### Why the Secrecy?

- Two things are very clear in these most unusual directions from our Lord...
  - 1) He intentionally kept the identity of the owner of the house secret.
  - 2) He intentionally kept the location of the house secret.
- Why?
  - Luke 22:6 – [Judas] *began* seeking a good opportunity to betray Him to them apart from the crowd.

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### Application...

- 1) God's sovereign purpose always trumps human evil.
- 2) The way Jesus orchestrated the Last Supper powerfully revealed our Lord's love for his own.
  - a) Jesus wanted to eat the Passover with his disciples.
    - Cf. Mark 3:31-34
  - b) Jesus wanted to equip his disciples for what lay ahead.
    - John 13-17
  - c) Jesus wanted to express his love for his own!
    - [John 13:1; 15:9-11](#)