

A Word from Our Preaching Pastor:
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Jesus, knowing that His hour had come that He would depart out of this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.

John 13:1

It would not be possible to even *try* to list all the books and movies that have been written about the Lord Jesus Christ. He has been a subject of fascination for Christians, as well as non-Christians, for over 2000 years. And yet there is one theme that is found again and again in many of these books and movies that really gets on my nerves! It is the portrayal of Christ as a helpless victim of tragic circumstances. According to this view, what happened to him in Jerusalem during the Passover, happened the way it did because things simply spun out of control. Bad men did what bad men do and Jesus, the innocent victim, died. At least that's how the story is often told.

However, if we read the Bible itself, rather than popular screen plays, we find that Jesus, far from being the victim of terrible circumstances, was indeed Lord and thus fully in control of every event and every step that led up to his sacrificial death on the cross. That's what must be kept in mind. It was *love for His church* that sent Christ to His death, not an ill-timed fate! And that's what we want to look at this morning as we return to Mark 14:12-21.

My prayer is that we will be able to see how the Sovereign Christ was ruling over every decision and action of men that led up to his death on the cross. And I hope we will find, in that, great comfort in knowing that He who was sovereign then, over those events, is still sovereign today over our lives, and will remain in control of all things that might possibly impact our future happiness in Him! It is His hand that moves all things for us and our salvation according to the good purpose of His sovereign will.

Rejoicing in His Majesty Together with You!

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