

# Jesus begins his ministry

- Jesus preaches with authority and power:
  - asking people to repent for the kingdom of God is near
- Jesus teaches with heavenly wisdom (sermon, parables):
  - God's wrath over sin and God's plan for man
  - the truth about Him (Son of God, Messiah)
  - the eternal kingdom of God
- Jesus performs many miracles:
  - healing (God's power over man)
  - demon possessed (God's power over satan)
  - raise the dead (God's power over life and death)
  - calm the storm, walks on water (God's power over nature)

# People reactions to His ministry

- Jesus encounters differing reactions to his ministry
  - Jews waited for the Messiah that was prophesized by prophets, that could rescue them from their Roman oppressors and establish a new kingdom
  - Some acknowledged him as the son of David
  - Some refused to believe him (Nazareth)
  - Some rejected him
- Jesus faces conflict with the religious leaders

# Religious leaders (priests and elders)

- They were offended because Jesus had overruled their authority:
  - When Jesus eats with sinners and tax collectors
  - When Jesus heals a man on the Sabbath
- They were outraged because:
  - When Jesus said to a a paralytic , your sins are forgiven (Luk 5:20)
  - When Jesus said He was before Abraham (John 8:58)
  - When Jesus said He have come down from heaven (John 6:38)
  - When Jesus said He could raise the temple in 3 days (John 2:19)

# Religious leaders (priests and elders)

- They hated Jesus because they were condemned as hypocrites (Matthew 23:1-33):
  - They teach but never do what they teach
  - They loved to be called teacher, loved their positions, loved their garments.
- Plot to kill Jesus.

# Judas Iscariot

- A disciple
- A treasurer
- Greedy for money and a status
- He was unhappy that Jesus praised Mary for using a perfume worth a year's wages on Jesus
- Betray Jesus for money and favor from religious leaders
- 30 silver coins = worth of a slave
- Hanged himself

# Jesus is betrayed and arrested

- Jesus and the Disciples have the Last Supper
- Jesus agonized in the Garden
- Jesus was betrayed by Judas Iscariot and arrested by the men armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and the elders.
- All the disciples deserted him and fled

# Caiaphas (the High Priest)

- Jesus was taken to Caiaphas, the High Priest where the whole Sanhedrin assembled.
- Sanhedrin = the most powerful religious and political body of the Jewish people. Under Roman's government, Sanhedrin is given power to handle religious disputes and some civil disputes. But death sentence has to be approved by the Romans.
- They were looking for false evidence against Jesus and used many false witnesses to put Jesus to death.
- Caiaphas accused Jesus of blasphemy for speaking the truth that He is the Christ, the Son of God. (To the Jews, this was a great crime, punishable by death, Lev 24:16)

# Pilate (the governor)

- Early in the morning, Jesus was handed over to Pilate
- Pilate could not find Jesus's fault and he knew it was out of envy that the chief priests and elders handed Jesus over to him
- Pilate saw the crowd was getting uncontrollable. If this caused a riot, his position will be in trouble.
- Pilate finally handed Jesus over to be crucified
- *John 15:25 But the word that is written in their Law must be fulfilled: "They hated me without a cause"*

# Why ???

- Why they can not see Jesus is truly the Messiah, the One that they are waiting for?
- Why Jesus is hated for stating the truth?
- Why Jesus is hated for stating the real condition of the religious leaders life?
- Why Jesus is betrayed by his own disciple?
- Why Jesus has to be crucified while He was innocent?

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- Why they can not see Jesus is truly the Messiah, the One that they are waiting for?

They are blind and in darkness, unable to see the Light.

- Why Jesus is hated for stating the truth?

They feel that they are more righteous than Him

- Why Jesus is hated for stating the real condition of the religious leaders life?

They are exposed their sins

- Why Jesus is betrayed by his own disciple?

Because Judas loves money and position

- Why Jesus has to be crucified while He was innocent?

They are envy and hate Jesus

# We are sinner

- They are SINNER.
- We are SINNER too.
- Do you admit that you are a sinner?
- Do you think you should receive punishment?
- Do you believe Jesus is the Son of God?
- Do you believe that you have been forgiven?
- Do you want to live your life to return His love for you?