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- a) The Lord knew wicked people wanted to kill Him, even though He wasn't present and listening to them. He knows everything, of course, but He also knew what kinds of people they were. Therefore, He knew that they were the kind of people who would want to kill Him.
- b) These people wanted to arrest the Lord by trickery because they were afraid of all His followers.
- c) Of course, Judas was very wrong. By the way, no one really knows what the thirty pieces of silver were worth. It depends which coins were used. The cheaper coins would have made them worth about \$100 in US money, and the more expensive would be worth \$400. It was much less than the four-hundred denarii he had wanted to steal from the purse in the previous story.
- d) Tell children Judas had to find a safe way to get Jesus arrested, and he knew where Jesus would be at all times.



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The Lord Knows That Wicked People Want to Kill Him

And it happened that when Jesus had finished teaching, He said to His disciples, “You know that in two days time the Passover will take place, and I will be delivered up to be crucified.”

Then the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders of the people gathered together in the courtyard of the high priest who was called Caiaphas. They talked about how they might take hold of Jesus by trickery and kill Him. But then they said, “Not at the feast, because this might greatly upset the people.”

Then one of the twelve disciples, called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, “What will you give me as a reward if I give Jesus to you?” And they agreed to give him thirty pieces of silver.

And from then on Judas Iscariot looked for a time to turn Jesus over to the chief priests.

Matthew 26

