

Mark 14:1-42 • Preparing for God's Will

1. (v.1-2) **The Authorities Prepare Their Own Plan:** Man makes plans according to his own **will**; where appropriate God causes them to be conformed to His **will**.
2. (v.3-9) **God's Preparation for His Own Plan:** Every heart makes a choice to either support and follow Christ in **love** and **obedience** or to work against Him according to rebellious **self-interest**.
3. (v.10-11) **Man's Preparations:** Where Christ is concerned every heart will be a **sell-out** to the world or **sold out** exclusively for Him stemming from their free will of **choice**.
4. (v.12-16) **The Messiah's Preparations:** Where Christ is concerned we must follow through in our personal choice and actions to live **in concert** with His will for our individual life in accordance with His greater **purposes**.
5. (v.17-21) **Preparing Those in Rejection of Christ:** We can choose to either be **willing** or **unwilling** participants where God's Word and will is concerned, but it will be **fulfilled** regardless.
6. (v.22-26) **Preparing Those in Acceptance of Christ:** Christ provided the Church with a reminder that by personal **choice** and the application of **faith** each believer participates in God's salvific plan both for this **life** and the **next**.
7. (v.27-31) **Knowing What Will Happen vs. What Is Intended:** We do not have to be **perfect** in order to accomplish God's will through us because there is always restoration through **repentance** and **obedience** to His Word.
8. (v.32-42) **In the Midst of Knowing God's Will:** Through Christ's personal example we understand that although God's will has a plan for our life, it is our own **choice** as to whether it will be **voluntarily** accomplished through us.
9. **Application:** The tension between free will and God's foreordained plans are to be kept in **equal** balance, neither actually contradicting the other. We are called but choose whether or not to **heed** that call. If we choose our own way God will **use** those ill intentions to accomplish His will anyway.