

Exegetical Notes, Mark 14:12
“The Day About Which the Bible Says Nothing”

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Mark 14:1-2

Verse 1

Now the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread were only two days away, and the chief priests and the teachers of the law were looking for some sly way to arrest Jesus and kill him.

- The day about which this verse speaks is the second day before the Passover began. Jesus had cleaned the Temple on the second day of his last visit to Jerusalem. On the third day, he had set the stage by engaging in debate with the chief priests and the teachers of the law about his authority to cleanse the Temple. After those events, they were determined to kill Jesus.
- The traditional chronology unfolds as follows. Jesus arrived at Lazarus' house on Friday. He rested at Lazarus' house on Saturday in accordance with the Sabbath Law. On Sunday, he went to the Temple late in the day. On Monday, he cleansed the Temple. On Tuesday, he engaged in debate with the chief priests and the teachers of the law in the Temple. The Passover was celebrated on Thursday. That means that the Scripture makes no mention of Wednesday. This verse asserts that the Passover was still two days away. That means it was Tuesday. There is no mention of anything happening on Wednesday of the last week.
- Already though, the leaders of Judaism are looking for a way to execute Jesus.

Verse 2

“But not during the Feast,” they said, “or the people may riot.”

- They decided not to act on the plan until after Passover because they feared the reaction of the people.

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