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## Meditation for Great and Holy Wednesday

When events and circumstances align themselves in ways that please us, we say: “Things couldn’t have worked out better. What a blessing!” Sometimes, maybe most of the time, that’s true, but not all the time.

When the elders and priests gathered together to plan our Lord’s arrest and crucifixion and colluded with the Roman authorities to make it happen, Judas broke into this meeting and gave them just what they were looking for, the answer to this problem. And there, from that moment, the Scripture says, “and it was night.” It was the darkest night ever.

These conspirators might have said, “Things couldn’t have worked out better.” They couldn’t have worked out better for the absolute worst!

For us, we should be careful. Maybe when our plans fall apart, and our life takes a stressful turn, and what we expected would be a great success was actually a surprising failure, it was our Lord protecting us, not indulging us. Sometimes, by hindering us, God helps us. Sometimes, not getting a blessing is the blessing!

*“The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch” (Acts 11: 26)*

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