



Humans Err,
But God Gets it Right

Human Errors

- Since the Garden of Eden, human beings have been making mistakes
- The devil has been doing everything he can to ruin God's Creation
- But God continues to rule and to fulfill His will
- Let's consider some examples of times that humans have erred, but God has gotten it right



The case of Joseph

Some of the human errors

- Jacob treated Joseph with favoritism
- Joseph spoke about his dreams of superiority
- His brothers hated Joseph and sold him to be a slave
- Potiphar's wife tried to seduce Joseph and then lied about him
- Potiphar had him imprisoned unjustly
- The king's cupbearer forgot him

God got it right

God saved the family and formed a great nation, just as He had promised (Genesis 50:15-21; 12:2; 15:12,13,16)

The case of the Gibeonites

Some of the human errors

- The kings thought they could resist God's power, and made an alliance
- The Gibeonites lied
- The Israelites acted precipitously in making the alliance
- The kings came together to attack

God got it right

God lengthened the day to allow a total victory (Joshua 10:12-15)

God gave them victories over 12 kings (Joshua 10:25-27, 28-39, 40-43)

The case of Jesus

Some of the human errors

- The Jews conspired to kill Jesus
- Judas betrayed Jesus
- Peter denied Jesus
- Pilate gave into the will of the Jewish leaders
- The multitude demanded His crucifixion
- The soldiers carried out the sentence

God got it right

Jesus was sacrificed in the place, on the date and in the way God determined, to offer salvation to all (Acts 2:22-24; 3:13-18)

Let's look more closely

- There were several unsuccessful attempts to kill Jesus (Matthew 2:13,16; John 8:59; 10:31)
- Because the time had not come (John 2:4; 7:6,8,30; 8:20)
- Then the time came (John 12:23; 13:1; 17:1; Matthew 26:1-2)
- And the leaders backed off (Matthew 26:3-5)





Let's look more closely

- Even Judas entered the picture for the wrong reason (Matthew 26:14-16)
- But he gave them a way to move up the date
- So that Jesus would die when, where and how God had determined!



What do we learn?

- Our errors will not frustrate God's plans
- But when we err, we may lose our part of the great promises He has given
- God laughs at those who rise up against Him (Psalm 2:1-6; cf. Ezekiel 36-39)



What do we learn?

- We already know who will win. Our decision is simple: whose side will we be on?
- That's the point Peter developed on Pentecost (Acts 2:22-23,36)
- Which brings us to the same question (Acts 2:37)
- **And to the same answer (Acts 2:38)**

