**Act 1 Scene 2 | Plot to Kill Jesus**

**Palace of Caiaphas, High Priest**

*(Chief priests burst in through right foyer door and talk as they walk to the middle of the aisle. Spotlights carry the focus to the door.)*

**Chief Priest 1:** Who does this man think he is, calling himself the son of God!

**Chief Priest 2:** He calls himself a king.

**Chief Priest 1:** I don’t know who he is but I know he’s undermining our authority and making a mockery of us!

**Chief Priest 2:** Performing miracles on the sabbath. He’s destroying everything we’re built on.

**Chief Priest 1:** He’s turning the hearts of the people against us!

**Chief Priest 2:** Something has to be done about this and it has to be done now.

*(Stage lights up as Caiaphas enters from stage right.)*

**Caiaphas:** It’s already taken care of…

*(The men walk up the stairs and join him. Judas enters and stands alone on stage left. Officers join the priest on stage right. All face Judas.)*

**Caiaphas:** This man has offered to lead us to him.

**Judas:**Yes, I know where he is.I will take you to him.

**Caiaphas:** So how will my men know who to arrest? We must be discreet and precise.

**Judas:** He’ll be the one I greet with a kiss.

**Caiaphas:** When?

**Judas:** He prays in the garden. I can lead you there at the appointed time.

**Caiaphas:** This is sure?

**Judas:** Yes.

**Caiaphas: ...**So be it. Thirty pieces as we agreed. *(Caiaphas throws a money bag, silver pieces scatter everywhere.)*