

LESSON #82 – JESUS’ BETRAYAL AND ARREST

Matt. 26:47-56; Mark 14:43-51; Luke 22:47-53; John 18:1-11

While Jesus was still speaking a crowd came into the garden carrying torches to give them light. Judas knew the place because Jesus had often met there with His disciples. So Judas now came to the garden bringing with him some soldiers and some of the chief priests and the Pharisees, the leaders of the Jews who were supposed to be God’s people but who had turned away from God. They were carrying weapons with them as though Jesus were a criminal.

Judas was in the front of the crowd and as they came near to Jesus Judas came up to Him and kissed Him on the cheek. This was to show the soldiers which one was Jesus. But Jesus knew what Judas was doing. He asked him, “Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?”

Jesus knew what was going to happen to Him, so He went out and asked the crowd, “Who is it you want?” “Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “I am He,” Jesus said. At first the soldiers did nothing. They did not expect Jesus to come so willingly. They thought that He would put up a fight. Then Jesus asked them again who they were looking for any they told Him, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus did not want any of His disciples to be taken because He had promised and the Word of God had predicted that not one of them would be killed. But then Peter took his sword and swung it and cut off the ear of the high priest’s servant. Then Jesus commanded Peter to put the sword away. He knew that it was God’s will that all of this was happening and that it was the only way to save you and me from our sins.

Then Jesus reached out and touched the men’s ear and it was healed. Jesus said a wonderful thing then. He said that if He wanted to be protected He could call on His Father and God would send hundreds of angels to fight for Him. But this is what He came to earth to do. If He did not go with them all that He had said and done would be for nothing. Jesus came to die for the sins of His people.

These people were evil. They may have thought that they were going to get rid of Jesus once and for all. They may have thought that they had more power than Jesus at this time. But Jesus told them that all of this was happening so that the things which the prophets and written before would be fulfilled. God had made His Covenants with Abraham and with David. He had promised that the seed of Abraham would be born in whom all nations of the earth would be blessed. He had promised that one of David’s descendants would rule over His people forever. The time had come for Jesus to do what He had come to do: To be our Savior!

As they took Jesus away all of the disciples ran away from Him and He was left alone. Peter and another disciple followed them from a distance back so that they would not be seen. A few days before great crowds had welcomed Jesus to Jerusalem but now He was alone, surrounded only by His enemies. His enemies thought that they had won but God was still in control. God ALWAYS keeps His promises. He is more powerful than all of the wicked people in the world. These men could not have taken Jesus if it had not been God’s plan to save us from our sins.

Judas had heard Jesus speak and teach. He had seen Jesus perform many miracles and do many wonderful things. But his spirit was dead. He loved earthly things more than heavenly things. He did not care about God and so he betrayed Jesus and ended up in hell. YOU must hear the Words of Jesus and love Him and obey Him. Otherwise your end will be like it.

Memory Verse: “All this has taken place that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled.” – Matthew 26:55

Application: Always remember that Jesus was doing these things for you and for me. We were born like Judas so thank God for His Spirit within you.

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The things that would happen this night would have made you afraid, just as they made the disciples afraid. They loved Jesus very much. They did not want to see anything bad happen to Him. Even though He had told them that He would suffer and die and be raised again on the third day, they still did not understand what He meant. They only knew that they did not want to lose Jesus, their Master and their friend. As Jesus was still speaking a crowd of people came into the garden carrying torches to give light. Judas had come to this place with Jesus before and he had known where Jesus would be. He had brought with him some soldiers and some of the chief priests and the Pharisees, the leaders of the Jews who wanted to kill Jesus because they did not want Him to lead the people away from them. They brought weapons with them as though Jesus were just a criminal. He had never hurt anyone in all of His life. He had never said a harsh word which was untrue to a single person. All of this was happening because of the sin and unbelief of those who were there.

But we cannot blame it all on them. If you and I had been there we would have done the same thing. For this is what sinful people are like. This is why Jesus came. He came not only because of their sinfulness, but because of ours, too!

As Judas came to Jesus he kissed him on the cheek. This was to show the soldiers which one was Jesus. But Jesus knew what Judas was doing. He asked him, “Judas, are you betraying the son of Man with a kiss?” How horrible Judas must have felt at that moment and we will see in the coming lessons what happens to him. But now Jesus asked the crowd, “Who is it you want?” “Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “I am He,” Jesus said. They had probably thought that Jesus would run or try to get away. They were so surprised that He was so brave that at first they did nothing. Jesus did not want any of the disciples to be killed. In fact, the Word of God had predicted that not one of them would be lost here. But Peter was so afraid that he forgot what he was doing and he took his sword and cut off the ear of the servant of the high priest. Jesus immediately commanded Peter to stop for He knew that this was not all happening by accident. This was all a part of God’s plan. Jesus reached out and touched the man’s ear and it was healed. Jesus told Peter that he could call out to His Father in heaven and He would send hundreds of angels to fight for Him. But this is what He had come to do.

So Jesus went with them willingly. All of the disciples ran away from Him and He was left alone with those who hated Him. Peter and another disciple followed them from a ways back so that they would not be seen. They were afraid and they did not understand why those things were happening. This was the beginning of the greatest sorrows for the disciples and for Jesus. This was the darkest moment in the history of the world- when evil and sinful men laid their hands on the Son of God and treated Him like a common criminal. Should we be angry at these things happening? Sometimes when bad things happen people blame it on God. But we who believe in Jesus and love Him must always remember how He suffered for us. All of this was happening to Him for us! We deserved to suffer as He did. The bad things which happen to us are as nothing compared to what He suffered.

Jesus had come to be the Savior of God’s people. To do that He had to give up His glory in heaven and come to earth and suffer and die. You and I must be willing to do the same for Him! He has saved us as only He could do. Our suffering in this life is only to serve God for when we face our suffering we tell others the story of Jesus. When we can have bad things happen to us without complaining then others will see the power we have and they will ask us how we do it and we can then tell them how Jesus suffered for us and gave us His Spirit and how He is with us even now! I hope that you can really say, “I love to tell that story!”

Jesus's Betrayal (Continued)

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MEMORY VERSE

"Jesus began to explain to His disciples that He must... suffer... be killed and on the third day be raised to life." – Matt. 16:21

APPLICATION

The only way to see these things happen and to have hope and joy in our hearts is to believe that God is in control over all things. These men were wrong and sinful to take Jesus as they did but it was turned by God for our good. Only the strength which comes from trusting God at all times will help us to stay close to Jesus when trials come and bad things happen to us. Remember the words of Jesus from our last lesson: "Watch and pray that you enter not into temptation!"

QUESTIONS

Fill in the blanks with the words at the bottom.

1. Judas brought some _____ and some of the leaders of the Jews with him to the garden to betray Jesus to them.
2. You need to be able to believe and say that "Jesus not only died because of the sin of these people, but He died because of _____ sin."
3. As Judas came into the garden he came over to Jesus and _____ Him to show the soldiers which one was Jesus.
4. _____ was so afraid that he forgot all of the things which Jesus had taught him and took out his sword and cut off the ear of then of the big priest's servants.
5. Jesus told Peter that if He called out to His Father in heaven He would send hundreds of _____ to fight for Him.
6. As the soldiers led Jesus away all of the disciples left Him so that now He was completely _____ without any friends.
7. We must remember that all of the suffering which Jesus did both before the cross and on the cross, was done for those who _____.
8. Even though it looked as if evil men were winning the fight against Jesus and everything good, we know that God was always in _____ and He is still in control today.
9. When you and I _____ today we are not suffering to pay for our sins, but only to bear it willingly and show others the joy and power of Jesus and His kingdom.
10. Because believers have the _____ of Jesus living inside of them they know that Jesus is always with them.

suffer
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believe

soldiers
Peter
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angels
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Spirit

LESSON #82 – PARABLES OF THE SECOND COMING AND JUDGMENT

Read Matthew 25

In these parables Jesus makes it very clear that not all men are going to be saved because not all men will believe. When we read about the horrible and everlasting punishment which will come upon those who are not a part of the kingdom we must desire to know for sure if we are part of that kingdom. How can you know for sure? How do you know if your faith is a real and true faith in Jesus Christ? Jesus points out very clearly that those who are His people will be serving Him. They will not grow weary. Rather, they will use the talents and abilities that God has given to them to build the kingdom. As you read these things look at your life. You are not too young to be serving Jesus or to be thinking about how you can serve Him in the future. “As you do it for one of the least of these,” says Jesus, “you have done it unto me.” What a great encouragement to serve our Savior!

QUESTIONS

- In the parable of the ten virgins, who do the five wise virgins represent? _____
 Who do the five foolish virgins represent? _____
 What does the marriage represent? _____
- What important lesson did Jesus seek to teach by this Parable? _____

- How do we get ready for the coming of Jesus is the subject of the next two parables. In the parable of the talents, who is the man who goes on a long journey? _____
 What is the property which He leaves with His servants? _____
- Are all of the servants given the same abilities or tasks? _____
 See Corinthians 12:12-26. To what does the Apostle Paul compare the many different people with different abilities? _____
- According to this parable, then, how are we to get ready or be ready for the coming of Jesus? _____

- What will happen to those who may be inside the visible church but do not really love or serve Jesus?

- Who is the Son of Man? _____
 Who are the sheep? _____
 Who are the goats? _____
- List some of the things which those who are God’s people will be doing during their life on the earth. _____

- According to verse 34, is eternal life “earned” by doing these things? _____
 What words show that we are saved by grace and that these works are only a proof of the grace of God within us? _____
- According to verse 46, how long will the punishment of unbelievers last? _____

QUESTION TO THINK ABOUT

What comfort do you get from helping others?