

Sun Morning

THE PREPARATION OF COURAGEOUS LOVE

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Text: Luke 22:1-6, John 18:2-11

"Now the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called the Passover. 2 And the chief priests and scribes sought how they might kill him; for they feared the people. 3 Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve. 4 And he went his way, and communed with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray him unto them. 5 And they were glad, and covenanted to give him money. 6 And he promised, and sought opportunity to betray him unto them in the absence of the multitude." (Luke 22:1-6)

INTRODUCTION

- last Passover Jesus observed with His 12 disciples
 - * Jesus was about 33 yrs old
 - * Jesus was about 30 yrs old when He started His earthly ministry (Lk 3:23)

1. LOVING IN Preparation (v. 14-34)

- A. Jesus' Calming assurance
 - Jesus had His Last Supper with them

"And when the hour was come, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him. 15 And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer."
(Luke 22:14-15)

JESUS EXPRESSES HIS LOVE

Jesus
always
with
Christian

"Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. 6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me."
(Hebrews 13:5-6)

Quote: "I must confess that I never realize Christ's preciousness so much as when I feel myself still to be, apart from Him, an undeserving, hell-deserving sinner."—**C.H. Spurgeon**

JESUS ILLUSTRATES HIS LOVE

Quote: "The deepest level of awareness of God is achieved only by intimate communion with the Son."—**Kenneth Grayston**

celebrate
Jesus
with
you

Quote: "Affection is the real secret of a good memory in religion. No worldly man can think much about Christ, unless Christ is pressed upon his notice, because he has no affection for Him. The true Christian has thoughts about Christ every day that he lives, for this one simple reason, that he loves Him."—**J.C. Ryle**

Eucharist
Lord's
Communion
table

"For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: 24 And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. 25 After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. 26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death til He come..."
(1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

B. Jesus' consideration of the Disciples' Weakness

JUDAS WOULD BETRAY - Mt 26: 14-16

Quote: "Man proposes, but God disposes." - *man plans, but God acts*

"Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain." (Acts 2:23)

- Disciples, "Who will be greatest?"
- Jesus still loved them

THE DISCIPLES WANTED GLORY - Mt 18:1, Mk 9:34, Lk 22:24

"Know ye what I have done to you? 13 Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. 14 If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet." (John 13:12-14)

PETER WOULD DENY HIM Mt 26:76, Jn 18:17, 25-27

"Then saith Jesus unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad. 32 But after I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee. 33 Peter answered and said unto him, Though all men shall be offended because of thee, yet will I never be offended." (Matthew 26:31-33)

Quote: "You can get too big for God, but you can never get too small."—Lester Roloff

"And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: 32 But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren." (Luke 22:31-32)

"Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." (1 Corinthians 10:12) *pride*

servant mindset

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2. LOVING IN Surrender (v. 39-46)

Garden of Gethsemane

"And he came out, and went, as he was wont, to the mount of Olives; and his disciples also followed him. 40 And when he was at the place, he said unto them, Pray that ye enter not into temptation." (Luke 22:39-40)

Quote: "Talking to men for God is a great thing, but talking to God for men is greater still."—E.M. Bounds

1st time

"And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour? 41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." (Matthew 26:40-41)

Quote: "Prayer girds human weakness with divine strength, turns human folly into heavenly wisdom, and gives to troubled mortals the peace of God. We know not what prayer can do."—C.H. Spurgeon

A. Our Lord's request - questions

TO THE FATHER

"O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt."
(Matthew 26:39)

WITH GREAT SORROW

B. Our Lord's relinquishment - accept answer

2nd time *"He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done. 43 And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy. 44 And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words."* (Matthew 26:42-44)

JESUS RELINQUISHES HIS OWN WILL FOR THE FATHER'S

3rd time *"And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless, not what I will, but what thou wilt."* (Mark 14:36)

JESUS' ACCEPTANCE OF WHAT WAS BEFORE HIM

"Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. 4 Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin." (Hebrews 12:2-4)

3. LOVING IN Adversity (v. 1-11) - troubles

- A. The plot Against Christ
- 30 pieces of silver sold by Judas Iscariot (Mt 26:15; 27:5)
 - Prophecy spoken in Zechariah 11:1-12

THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS

Quote: "The arrest of Jesus was effected by the Sanhedrists through the Temple police, accompanied by a part of the cohort of Roman soldiers from the tower of Antonia. This cohort of some five hundred soldiers was kept in the tower to quell any tumult among the people and act as an emergency police force."—*Christ in the Gospels*

JUDAS ISCARIOT

B. The power of Christ — Jn 18:4-8

Jesus in temple every day

HIS POWER OF HIS PERCEPTION — ~~Mk~~ Mk 14:29

HIS POWER OF HIS NAME — "I AM HE."

God allowed Jesus death

HIS POWER OF HIS AUTHORITY — Jn 19:10-11
power from above

C. The passion of Christ for All Men

HE LOVED THE SERVANTS AND SOLDIERS WHO CAME TO ARREST HIM. — Jn 18:10-11

Peter cuts Malchus' ear (Lk 22:50) (Jn 18:10)

"And one of them smote the servant of the high priest, and cut off his right ear. 51 And Jesus answered and said, Suffer ye thus far. And he touched his ear, and healed him." (Luke 22:50-51)

HE LOVED JUDAS

"Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he: hold him fast. 49 And forthwith he came to Jesus, and said, Hail, master; and kissed him. 50 And Jesus said unto him, Friend, wherefore art thou come?" (Matthew 26:48-50)

- Jesus called Judas Iscariot "friend"

CONCLUSION

Jn 18:6 When Jesus names
Himself

→ "I AM HE."

* they all fell backwards
to the ground

* this is the power of
Jesus name

- Acts 2:38 Repent & be baptized
in the name of Jesus Christ

- Philp 2:10 At the name of Jesus
every knee shall bow.

- Jn 20:31 that you may believe
that Jesus is the Christ the
Son of God

* And that believing you may
have life through His name

"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. 10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life." (Romans 5:8-10)