

LUKE Lesson 56

The Betrayal of the Lord Jesus Christ (22:21-46)

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21-22 Jesus told His disciples that one of them would betray Him. We were told in verse 3 that Satan entered into Judas Iscariot. Judas, possessed by Satan, would sell out the Lord Jesus Christ for 30 pieces of silver (the price of a female slave). (Mt. 26:15, Lev 27:4).

Vs 23 The disciples could not determine which of them was the betrayer. Similarly, we cannot tell which of our church members is saved and which are unbelievers.

24-27 Who's the greatest? There is no "*great one*" in the church. This is the philosophy of the Nicolaitans (Rev 2:8, 15). No one is to be a lord over God's heritage, but ensamples (1 Pet 5:3). Jesus said the greatest will serve others. He gave Himself as the perfect example (vs 27) (Jn 13:5).

27-30 The King James Bible reveals that Judas still had an opportunity to repent and not betray his Lord. He had an appointment (vs 29) to sit on a throne and judge a tribe in Israel. He was not damned before the foundation of the world as the Calvinists teach.

Modern bible versions obscure this truth by their use of the word "*you*" in both singular and plural applications. In the KJV, all forms of "*you*" which begin with a "*y*" (ye, your, yours, etc.) inform us that more than one person is being addressed. All forms of "*you*" which begin with a "*t*" (thee, thy, thine, etc.) refer to one person.

Vs 31 Satan desired to have Simon Peter. He wanted to sift him as wheat. Satan uses a sieve (this verse), while Jesus uses a fan (Lk 3:17) to separate the wheat from the chaff. What is the difference? A fan will blow away the bad and keep the good. A sieve will drop the good and keep the bad.

Jesus wants to remove all your impurities and the worthless things from your life and let you keep your good, decent, honorable qualities.

Satan wants to remove all the good things from your character and your life and leave you with a worthless life.

Vs 32 Jesus didn't stop Satan from sifting Peter, but He prayed for him that his faith would not fail. Notice also that Peter (and everyone else) was not converted yet. You can't be born again without the shed blood of Jesus Christ.

33-34 Peter imagined that he would follow Jesus to the death. Jesus informed him that he wouldn't. Worse than that, he would deny Him.

35-38 The first time Jesus sent the disciples out, He told them to take nothing. They needed to learn that Jesus would provide for them. Jesus is preparing them now for His departure. Now they need to bring whatever they need as they go out to proclaim the gospel.

39-40 Jesus instructed His disciples to pray that they “**enter not into temptation.**” Temptations will come. We need temptations to strengthen us and help us grow as Christians (James 1:3, 2 Cor 4:17, Rom 5:3-4, 8:28). Jesus never promised that temptations wouldn't be part of our life. But we need to pray that when faced with a temptation, we don't “enter into” it.

41-44 Jesus' agony begins here. He petitions His Father in Heaven for another way but submits to His will.

Hebrews 5:5-9

Job once told God that He didn't know what it was like to be a man (Job 10:3-6). The Bible says Job didn't charge God foolishly (Job 1:22). What he said was true; God had never been a man, never suffered as a man, never been tried as a man, etc.

Ever since Calvary, this is no longer a true statement. God was manifest in the flesh (1 Tim 3:16) and was in all points tempted, yet without sin (Heb 4:15). He learned obedience by His experiences as a man. He understands everything that you go through in this life. He is the perfect Comforter.

Hebrews 12:1-4

We all have sin that we struggle with. How do we avoid sinning? “**Looking unto Jesus.**” What did He do when faced with sin? He prayed earnestly until His sweat turned to blood. He looked beyond the moment and beyond the cross to the joy that was set before Him; eternity in Heaven with millions of saved men and women who would trust in Him. He had to deny His flesh to make that possible.

45-46 “**Pray, lest ye enter into temptation.**” We need to be constantly looking unto Jesus, being in close fellowship with Him, talking to Him in prayer, living our lives in view of eternity; not the here and now. Jesus went through everything we go through; He knows how to be obedient through it all and He can help you do it too. Look beyond your trials and look unto Jesus.
