

Luke 21.37-22.20

“Man Plans, but the Purpose of the Lord Will Stand”

21 chapters Jesus Presented by Luke > Came to Seek & Save the LOST

Opposition Growing thru Luke > Started 1st sermon in Hometown Synagogue

4.28,29 When they heard these things, all in synagogue were filled w/ wrath ...they rose up & drove him out of the town & brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so they could throw him down the cliff.

Pharisees Trick Him to Say or Do something to Get Himself in Trouble

Luke 6.7 And the scribes and the Pharisees watched him, to see whether he would heal on the Sabbath, so that they might find a reason to accuse him.

Religious Leaders lying in Wait to Trap Him: 11.53,54 “the scribes and the Pharisees began to press him hard and to provoke him to speak about many things lying in wait for him, to catch him in something he might say”

19.47,48 he was teaching daily in the temple. The chief priests & scribes & the principal men of the people were seeking to destroy him

Luke 20.19,20 The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour...but they feared the people. So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

Hatred Grew Furious Intensity > Whole Leadership of Temple Hot w ANGER

22.1,2 Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called the Passover. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to put him to death, for they feared the people.

Population of Jerusalem GREW by 4 or 5 times During Feast of Passover

RIOTS > Frequent & Violent – Sometimes 100's were TRAMPLED in City Romans had City on Lock Down to Prevent any UPHEAVAL

1. Conspiracy

Decision Made: Religious Leaders Simple Mission Statement > KILL Jesus!

Crowds of People in Jerus for Passover > Celebrate Exodus for Egypt

Religious Ldrs Worried > Things getting Out of Hand > Jesus Too Popular

They were supposed to be getting ready for Passover, praising God for delivering his people and preparing to offer a sacrificial lamb for their sins. Instead, they were conspiring to murder the very Son of God. Philip Ryken

Problem > Jesus POPULARITY Crowds would Protect against Seizing Him

// CROWDS in MN trying to Stop ICE Agents from arresting Illegals Aliens

Hatred against Jesus constrained Only by their Cowardice in Face of Public Opinion

a. Problem Solved: Help from Unexpected Source, 1 Jesus' Close Followers

v. 3 "...Judas called Iscariot, who was of the number of 12"

v 4 "He went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers how he might betray him to them" > Unlikely Co-Conspirator, Faithful Follower?

Judas BETRAYER > Spy inside Organization > Would SPRING the TRAP

v. 6 "he consented & sought an opportunity to betray him to them in the absence of a crowd"

Solved Main Problem of Chief Priests > Inside Information 4 Easy Capture

v. 5 "And they were glad, and agreed to give him money"

Delighted to Commit Greatest Crime in Human History: Murderous Glee

b. Ultimate Co-Conspirator > Dark Demonic INFLUENCE

Conspiracy from the PIT of HELL v. 3 "Then Satan entered into Judas"

Supernatural Dimension to CONFLICT > Co-Conspirator: SATAN, the Devil

Something "peculiarly awful" > Evil Influence of the Archenemy of God

c. What Motivated Judas? Close Friend, Heard Teaching, Saw Miracles

1) Trying to Do Jesus a Favor?

1970's Ancient Doc stolen from Egyptian Tomb > Sold Antiquities Dealers

Gospel of Judas: 1st Ref 2nd C, NOT Gospel, No Cross/Resur/Good News

Judas HERO > Delivers Jesus from PRISON of Human Body by being Killed

Jesus told Only JUDAS Secrets of Kingdom > GNOSTIC Theology: Escape

Jesus allegedly said to Judas "You will exceed all of them, for you will sacrifice the man that clothes me" Getting Jesus killed > Set Him FREE!

Contradicts Bible > Body AND Soul > Good Creation & Future Redemption

2) Disappointed with Jesus? > Not MESSIAH Wanted or Expected >

Kind to Romans, instead of Killing > Rejected Politics & Earthly Throne

Judas FELT Betrayed by Jesus who Over-Promised > No Kingdom had Come

Jesus FAILED You? Someone Died? Lost Job? Not Healed? Never Got Rich?

3) Did it For the Money? > 30 Pieces SILVER

At LEAST Judas would Get Some Money Out of Deal

Judas not Heed Jesus Sermon Lk 12.15 “Take care & be on your guard against all covetousness, 1’s life does not consist in abundance of his possessions.”

Judas called it a Waste when Mary of Bethany anointed J with Expensive Perfume

John 12.5,6 “Why was ointment not sold for 300 hundred denarii & given to the poor?”
...not because he cared about poor...he was a thief, having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it

Some THINK Love of Money is LESSER Sin: But see where IT CAN LEAD

Perished for Sake of Few Miserable COINS > Colossal Crime, Paltry Sum

SO CLOSE to Jesus – Front Row Seat to His GLORY – So FAR AWAY!

Jesus was not kind of Messiah Judas Expected and Wanted > So KILL Him

No Earthly Kingdom, No Earthly Throne, No Earthly Honors – Hopeless Cause Bitter Judas realized he WASTED 3 Irreplaceable years of his Youth

Judas THOT he was WISE BUSINESSMAN > Make Money off Messiah

More than BAD BUSINESS Decision > Spiritual Warfare Highest Levels

Unknowingly Fulfills PROPHECY of ZECHARIAH > 30 Pieces of Silver

Bad EXCHANGE – 1 Day to ENJOY Money / ETERNITY to REGRET

30 Pieces of Silver – What Law of God commanded for LIFE of SLAVE Jesus our

SLAVE on Cross/ Judas Forever ENSLAVED in Eternal HELL

Swiss Antiquities dealer Sold Gospel of Judas to Nat'l Geographic: \$ 1.5 mill

LA Times “some things do not change – except for inflation. 30 pieces of silver then, or \$ 1.5 million now, it is still all about money”

When are we in danger of betraying Jesus? When we spend more time thinking about what we do not have than praising God for what we do have. When we want Him to do something different for us than what he thinks is best. And when we think we are so strong spiritually that we could never betray him at all. Philip Ryken

Devil wants us to THINK we can Never Stop Him > Sure to FAIL

If JUDAS had Resisted > Trusting Promises of God > Would DEFEAT Satan

James 4.7,8 “Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you”

What does Jesus do when He Knows will Die Soon? Panic? No! Preached!

21.37,38 And every day he was teaching in the temple, but at night he went out and lodged on the mount called Olivet. And early in the morning all the people came to him in the temple to hear him.

Proclaim Most Marvelous Truths people Ever Heard, Declaring True God

If Judas had remained STEADFAST / Kupa'a – Not had any Devil Problems!

2. Control

Religious Leaders Trying for Months to TRAP and KILL this Nazarene Worked hard to TRICK Him to MISSPEAKING, Uttering BLASPHEMY All the ROPE they have Thrown Him has ONLY TIED Themselves Up

Wanted to Arrange their CRIME on their Own TIME TABLE

God is the Sovereign of TIME and CIRCUMSTANCES

Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the LORD that will stand. Proverbs 19.21

JEWS Not want Death of Nazarene Disturb Day of National Honor & Pride

Jesus Not Want JUDAS to know place they'd Celebrate Final Passover

ROMANS Not want EXECUTE Popular Leader who had Strong Following

Sovereign Lord accomplishes what RULERS do NOT Want

vs. 7,8 Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it." They said to him, "Where will you have us prepare it?"

Jesus WORD made FLESH and He OBEYED God's Word PERFECTLY

As Faithful SON of ISRAEL – He and Disciples KEPT the FEASTS PASSOVER was

MOST Important > Remembrance God's REDEMPTION

Observe the month of Abib and *celebrate the Passover of the LORD your God*, because he brought you out of Egypt by night...so all the days of your life you may remember the time of your departure from Egypt Deuteronomy 16.1-3

NOW IN Jerusalem > God's NAME Dwelt in His TEMPLE in that City

1st C lived in Palestine supposed to Celebrate Passover w/in City Walls of Jerus

JERUSALEM was PLACE Lord Chose for His NAME to Dwell

LIFE Fully Submitted to WILL of GOD as REVEALED in SCRIPTURE Jesus

BELIEVED & OBEYED Scripture withOUT Compromise or DOUBT

- Safety > Additional CONCERN – LEADER of Pack has BOUNTY on Head
 - v. 2 the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to put him to death

NOT Wrong use Wisdom & Discretion in Ministry > SECRET Gathering

Not AFRAID but NOT TIME, Important Teaching for Apostles of Church REMARKABLE

POISE & DIGNITY of Jesus amidst GREAT CRISIS SECURITY was Concern >

ATMOSPHERE was NOT Panic or Desperation

- Sovereignty MASTER over CITY where He would soon be MURDERED

Jesus Sovereign God > Calmly OUTWORKING His ETERNAL Plan

vs. 10-13 “Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters and tell the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there.” And they went and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

FINDING ROOM > led by God // Finding DONKEY for Palm Sunday

INFLUENCE of Jesus Ministry > MANY Unnamed Admirers & Followers TEACHER has NEED > DISCIPLE puts ALL Things at HIS DISPOSAL

3. Covenant

Sometimes –FAREWELL Meals With your Closest Friends Special Events

Left Hilo for Uganda in 1982 > Service of Dedication, Many Family, Friends

Crying in Pew > Aunty don't say Good-Bye, say A hui hou! “See you later!”

Jesus and Disciples FEW MOMENTS of Quiet before STORM BREAKS

Quiet Place at Center of Storm that's about to Break > Evil is Afoot

- a. Done 14 when the hour came, he reclined at table & the apostles with him

CLEARLY this Meal INTENDED to be PASSOVER for Jesus and Disciples Passover:

EVENING Meal > 4 Courses / 4 Cups of Wine, lasts 'til Midnight

NIGHT was NOT like LISTENING to a LONG, Boring, SERMON Everyone

TOOK Part > Drama, Declaration, Drinking, and Dining

Passover Ceremony led by Head of Household Unleavened Bread

Bitter Herbs – Stewed Fruits – Greens – Roast Lamb

Youngest asks “Why, do we eat these foods on this night?”

FATHER would RECOUNT Story of God's GRACE in the EXODUS

17-19 And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, “Take this, and divide it among yourselves. For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

WORDS ‘My BODY’ must have ELECTRIFIED Somber Atmosphere Takes
PASSEOVER PARTICIPATION to a Whole NEW LEVEL!

Personal Authority Jesus: turns Ancient Trad. into Something about Himself Most
Sacred Liturgical rite of Judaism > Transformed and Points to Him

America celebrate 250 yrs > Honor America Flags, Anthems, Patriotism
Symbol > Citizen of Nation > w All Privileges and Responsibilities
Passover > Symbol of Nation of Israel > Participate Belong to God & Nation
America: Waving Flags, Singing Anthems 250 ys // Israel: Passover + 1000
Whole Point of Every Passover > POINT to Jesus – Fulfils Each SYMBOL
Time of Exceeding Joy & Celebration > Remember Saving Mercy & Grace
Gave Body & Blood in SYMBOL, NEXT DAY Symbol became REALITY

b. Delight

15,16 he to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover w you before I suffer. For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”

Shocking to think Jesus wants to be w Dense, Muddleheaded, Self-Centered
Naïve Fools > But He genuinely PRIZED Them > Chosen Companions
Knew they would Fail but they would Remain > Abiding in Him Forever
Salvation is Not from Symbol but Savior > He is the Living Bread

TRUE Eating draws us into LIFE of CHRIST and POWER of SPIRIT

v. 17 “Take this, and divide it among yourselves”

ALL of You – including JUDAS > Sacrament did NO GOOD for Judas BLESSING of
Sacrament ONLY thru FAITH Alone > Like all Xtian LIFE
I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will
live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”

John 6.51

Believe and you have eaten.

Augustine

c. Desire v. 18 For I tell you that from now on I will not drink the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes”

Every time we have COMMUNION > Sense of INCOMPLETENESS

Look Around WHO is NOT Here > Members, Family, Lost Friends PEOPLE from

Many PLACES and TIMES and MILES AWAY > MISSING

So MANY NOT yet READY to Stand before JUDGEMENT Seat of Christ We

RESTLESSLY WAITING until HOUSE is Full, Sheep are Gathered

Table for WORLD > Blood Shed for MANY > Yearn for them to COME GREATEST

ABSENCE > Head of Household – Master of Table is Missing NO Lord’s Supper in

Heaven > FULFILLED by WEDDING Feast of LAMB

Lord’s Supper for CHURCH MILITANT > Watching, Witnessing, Warfare Every Remembrance > Back to CROSS – Forward to CONSUMMATION

Psalm 63 O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; // **my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.** // So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. // **Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.** // So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands. // **My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips,** // when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night; // **for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.** // My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me. // **But those who seek to destroy my life shall go down into the depths of the earth;** // they shall be given over to the power of the sword; they shall be a portion for jackals. // **But the king shall rejoice in God; all who swear by him shall exult, for the mouths of liars will be stopped.** Amen and Amen.