

Luke 22.21-30

How Can Judas Be Blamed?

Matt, Mark, Luke, John NOT Biographies > GOSPELS = Good News

Biographies = Overview of Someone's Whole Life

25-50% Final Week of Jesus' Life // 50% Final DAY

Good News only because of Cross/Resurrection

STEP into Upper Room: Final Passover and the First Holy Communion

Father gave THANKS for Bread > Break OFF Piece & Give Each Person

“This is the bread of affliction which our fathers ate in the land of Egypt. Let everyone who hungers come and eat; let everyone who is needy come and eat the Passover meal”

Passover Meal Prayer

Bread NORMALLY eaten in SILENCE > Jesus broke OFF SILENCE

Jesus gives BREAD of His Body / WINE of His Blood to Closest Friends

1. Mystery of Providence

a. Sovereignty of God v. 22 Son of Man goes as it has been determined

Jesus drops BOMB on their JUBILATION > Shocking News Betrayal

Jesus knows Son of Man will Die > God Determined from Eternity

Predictions thru Luke: 9.22 “Son of Man must suffer many things & be rejected by elders & chief priests & scribes & be killed & on 3rd day raise

9.43 “Let these words sink into your ears: The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men.”

18.31-34 taking the 12, he said to them, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise.” But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

Cross NOT Tragic Mistake > Resurrection NOT a Lucky Break

All in God's Perfect and Sovereign Plan > Eternal Predetermined Purpose

God PLANNED this Horrible CROSS from BEGINNING of TIME

“...the Lamb that was slain from the creation of the world” Revel 13.8

God chose a people for Himself from before foundation of world.

b. Surprise v. 23 And they began to question one another, which of them it could be who was going to do this.

Prophecy of Jesus of Betrayal Started Commotion among Disciples

Thot Good Guys > Safely behind Locked Doors > BAD World Outside!

Judas given Place at Intimate, Holy Table, Still BETRAYs the Master

1 of You > Disciples NOT Know WHO > NO Suspicion it was JUDAS

Luke > Secret Room where Judas met Religious Ldrs Negotiated Price

22.3-6 Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot...He went away and conferred w the chief priests & officers how he might betray him to them. And they were glad, and agreed to give him money. So he consented and sought an opportunity to betray him to them in the absence of a crowd.

None of this was KEPT SECRET from Jesus: Omniscient – Knows All!

Disciples AGONIZED: “Is it ME?” > Seek their LORD’S ASSURANCE

The 12 > INTIMATE, TRUSTED Band of Brothers > RESPECTED LEADERS Does NOT
MENTION JUDAS by NAME

All my enemies whisper together against me; they imagine the worst for me...Even my close friend, whom I trusted, he who shared my bread, has lifted up his heel against me.

Psalm 41.7,9

Faithful MASTER KICKED by his own FAITHLESS Disciple

A traitor often hails from one’s own household.

African proverb

2. We Must Persevere to the End

v. 22 ‘but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!’

Jesus Behind Closed Doors > Protected from ENEMIES Without

GREATEST Enemy was WITHIN > his HAND was in the DISH

God PLANNED IT – EXACT DETAIL – AND Judas was PUNISHED

Jesus is SAD for Judas! Woe of God gave Him No Pleasure!

Jesus words Serious WARNING to Anyone who Chooses to Oppose God

Had a Front Row seat to Jesus Work > Decided to Walk Out Back Door

HOW Hold Together GOD'S Sovereignty & MAN'S Responsibility?

Are they NOT Contradictory? Apparently NOT – BOTH in BIBLE!

God's Sovereignty does NOT Diminish Man's Responsibility

Divine design & human accountability come together here.

Daniel Bock

Peter BOLDLY Preached the Same Theological TENSION: Acts 2.23

This man was handed over to you by *God's set purpose & foreknowledge & you, w the help of wicked men, put him to death* by nailing him to cross

The LORD works out everything for his own ends -- even the wicked for a day of disaster.

Proverbs 16.4

Judas was Not Chosen AND Judas Failed to Persevere

Scripture Never makes God's Sovereignty a Valid Excuse to Escape Hell

Bible Clear > If you Go to Hell, Did Not Believe and Hold On to the End

Lk 21.17-19 You will be hated by all for my name's sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. ***By your endurance you will gain your lives.***

Matthew 24.13 "...the love of many will grow cold. But the one who endures to the end will be saved"

2 Timothy 2.19 God's firm foundation stands, bearing this seal: "The Lord knows those who are his," and "Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity."

In the person of Judas, our Lord intended to admonish his followers in all ages, not to be discouraged or faint on account of intimate friends proving to be traitors; because the same thing that was experienced by Him who is the Head of the whole Church, must happen to us who are members of it.

John Calvin

Jesus says of him, "Woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born"

Matthew 26.24

Better Never BORN > Judas Realized TOO Late > Committed SUICIDE EYES Opened to

TERRIBLE CRIME and DIED in UTTER DESPAIR

Jesus called Judas "the one doomed to destruction" John 17.12

Word Destruction or PERDITION lit means WASTE = Son of WASTE

Luke says that Satan entered Judas > Willing becomes his SLAVE

Man was ONCE Temple of Holy Spirit becomes PRISON for DEMONS

Will YOU choose For or Against Jesus > No One to Blame but Yourself

All our Choices: What we Buy? Watch? How we Speak? Where we Go?

People think Members Church – Not Worship – Come Back When Want

Judas is the example par excellence of the man who believes that he can never sin his way out of the grace of God. We should remember him if we ever think we can decide the point at which we will stop sinning. Sin deceives as well as hardens...*At first he would not repent; eventually he could not repent.* Sinclair Ferguson

Eventually Heart gets So Hard Cannot Come Back – Even if Want To

Like ESAU Weeping but Could Not get Father Isaac's Blessing

3. Motivated by Pride

v. 24 A dispute also arose among them, as to which of them was to be regarded as the greatest.

Jesus tried Explain his Death > but Disciples Not Understand
Too Busy Fighting over Who among Them Should be Greatest

Luke NOT tell us Whether Disciples Suspected Judas was Betrayer

Instead they All Defended Themselves "I am the Greatest!"

"Jesus called me first!"/ "I left my nets and followed"/ "I quit my tax job"

Who should Have the BEST SEAT at the Table for Passover?

Not 1stArgument: Lk 9.46 An argument arose among them as to which of them was the greatest

Common Topic of Conversation for Them > All Old Claims Resurfaced!

Gospels show these 12 Not Brightest Lightbulbs in the Ceiling
Often Miss the Point – Ask Dumb Questions – Get in way of Ministry
Looking Back Disciples must have Been Embarrassed by this Bragging!

Just shared Communion > Connected to God and One Another

Like Big Family Fight at Christmas Dinner Table!

Not worried about Letting Jesus Down > How to lift Themselves UP!

Apostles human, sinful, fallen JUST like Everyone in the Church!

Maybe we Not Saying it Out LOUD, But We Hope get Noticed/Admired

Survey Harvard U MBA Grads "what do you want to achieve after grad?"

1 Wealth, # 2 Notoriety, # 3 Status....Not One mentioned Serve Others

True Greatness v. 25,26 And he said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves”

That Culture great Deference was Given to Elders > Stand, Listen, Bow

Position at the Bottom > Jesus calls the “Youngest”

No TASK too Menial > Nothing Beneath the Dignity of a Disciple

Let Others Go First – Get Biggest Portion – Get the Attention

Putting Others FIRST should be Default Position of Christians

J-O-Y = Jesus, Others, Yourself

Itamul people in PNG – Most Impt Person takes Middle Seat of Canoe

2nd Most Impt BOW – Least Impt sits in STERN and PADDLES

Translated this Verse in Itamul Language New Testament: “If a person wants to be a leader, he should not sit in the middle of the canoe. Let him sit at the stern. Let him do everyone’s work”
Leaders should be Servants to get More People to Serve!

They argued for Greatness When Greatest One soon to give Greatest Gift

v. 27 “For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table?”

Jesus answered His own Question > Superior GETS Served

Jesus is GREATEST of All > Rarely mentions his Rights or Status

Second Person of Trinity, Only Begotten Son of God, God and man

Creator God > Spoke Vast Galaxies of Interstellar Space

Deserves to BE Served More than Anyone > SERVES More than Anyone

Not Long after he became Prez Gerald Ford & family Skiing Vail, Colo

1 of Dogs had Accident > Red Jacketed White House Staff rushed Clean

Prez Ford jumped Up got there First – Grabbed Towel and Cleaned Up

Shocked Staff “No man should have to clean up for another man’s dog”

Gerald Ford became known @ Prez who cleans up after dog’s messes!

v. 27 JESUS: “But I am among you as the one who serves”

4. Mercy of God's Promises

Best Way to Persevere to the End is to Hold on to God Forever

Jesus has Left us with His Word and His Spirit

Importance Reading / Knowing / Understanding / Following Bible

a. Trials: v. 28 “You are those who have stayed with me in my trials

Rulers of People are Plotting the MURDER of Jesus

1 of INNER Circle of Jesus – Trusted Treasurer – Plan to hand Him Over

Judas made Bad Choice > But by Sovereign Providence & Saving

No Indication in Scripture that we will SEE Judas in Heaven

Every Indication will See these UNWORTHY 11 with JESUS

Promise: Grace & Sustaining Grit YOU GUYS Not Going Anywhere

They REMAINED with Jesus and were REWARDED

Trials? Thought Saved, Problems Over, Happy Days are Here Again

No Crown without Cross / No Blessings without Battles

b. Thrones Promised TRIALS AND Thrones! Follow Crucified King

vs. 29,30 I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Jesus giving Disciples His Last Will & Testament > Making Covenant

2 Months Later: Witnesses of Resurrec/Ascension / Filled w Holy Spirit

Understands Jesus NOT by CIRCUMSTANCES but by SCRIPTURES

Now the 11 will POUR OUT PERFUME of their Own BLOOD for Jesus

One Day Disciples would Sit w Him @ Great Banquet: Wedding Supper

12 Tribes ancient ref People of God > Now gathered as Church of Jesus

Ephesians 2.20 “built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone”

Apostles laid FOUNDATION > We call it NEW Testament

Place for All of Us who Trust in Jesus they Preached

All Invited to the King's Table by Grace thru Faith

There is simply no meanness in Jesus...these dense disciples are bickering...and He still tells them how deeply grateful He is for their companionship...you have been 'with me'...How Jesus prized these men. He never rolled His eyes and let loose a heavy sigh when He thought of them.

Dale Ralph Davis

Psalm 64 // Hear my voice, O God, in my complaint; preserve my life from dread of the enemy.
 // **Hide me from the secret plots of the wicked, from the throng of evildoers,** // who whet their
 tongues like swords, who aim bitter words like arrows, // **shooting from ambush at the**
blameless, shooting at him suddenly and without fear. // They hold fast to their evil purpose;
 they talk of laying snares secretly, thinking, "Who can see them?" // **They search out injustice,**
saying, "We have accomplished a diligent search." // For the inward mind and heart of a man
 are deep. // **But God shoots his arrow at them; they are wounded suddenly.** // They are
 brought to ruin, with their own tongues turned against them; all who see them will wag their
 heads. // **Then all mankind fears; they tell what God has brought about and ponder what he**
has done. // Let the righteous one rejoice in the Lord and take refuge in him! // **Let all the**
upright in heart exult!

Amen and Amen.