

Luke 22.31-38

How Jesus Saves us Forever

One of the saddest moments in the life of our Lord Jesus Christ

He brings redemptive history to the climactic moment of revelation

He > God's Passover Lamb >> His body and His blood Only Way to God

Turns Final Passover into 1st Holy Communion > Symbol to REALITY

Jesus hands a morsel of Bread to the One who would Betray Him

Then Rest of His chosen Apostles Quarrel over who is the Greatest

Jesus giving Disciples His Last Will & Testament: Makes New Covenant

v 28-30 "You are those who have stayed w me in my trials & I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, that you may eat & drink at my table in my kingdom & sit on thrones judging the 12 tribes of Israel"

Reality Check > IF you want to STAY w Me > CROSS leads to CROWN

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

1. How Jesus Fixes our Failures

Just Heard > Treasurer is TRAITOR > Best Apostle will BETRAY Jesus

Judas LEFT > Betrayal BEGUN > Army to Arrest Him getting Organized

Jesus would be DEAD in less than 24 hours

If THEY are Falling Away... What HOPE is there for the Rest of Us?

v. 31 "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat

No Throne YET > Apostles about to become Satan's PLAYTHINGS

'you' PLURAL "y'all" – Not just Peter, ALL Apostles

Wants TOSS them in Air // Farmer throws Grain in Air to sift the Chaff

Many Enemies Coming > Most TERRIBLE enemy UNSEEN > Devil

1 Peter 5.8,9 "Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in your faith"

Satan always Ravenous in his Appetite for Lost Sinners

Not say "Peter", English Name 'Rocky' > Solid, Dependable BOULDER

Calls SIMON > reminds of Frail Humanity 2 X's – U are in Great Danger!

Not Surprising Satan attacks Simon >> First to call Jesus the CHRIST

>> First to Climb Out of BOAT and WALK on Water > Leader of TEAM!

// JOB God allowed Satan TROUBLE him > Suffered Great Loss 4 Good

Revelation 12 “the devil & Satan, the deceiver of the whole world – the ACCUSER of our brothers – dragon thrown down to the earth...”

Demonic Influence? Selfish to Keep what we Know Should Give to Jesus

Ministry Conflicts Tempt us to Quit and Leave

Sudden Impulse Click on Websites that know lead us Away from God

Resentment for People over Us: Fathers, Husbands, Pastors, President

Temptation to Attack Friend who Hurts Us instead of Seeking Restoration

Satan always Lurking – Hoping we’ll Walk Away from Jesus Forever

“Satan wants to have us. One of the most dangerous things in the world would be to think that we are not in any danger, which is the mistake that Peter made.” Philip Ryken

v. 32 but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.”

YOU singular = Peter “I have prayed for You

Peter’s COURAGE Failed, but Peter’s FAITH did NOT FAIL

v. 33 Peter said to him, “Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death.”

Peter SWEARS his DEVOTION > Presumes on Jesus’ Prayer

Jesus is Praying for Me! I’m Good! Mom, Grandma, Pastor, For Myself!!

Power in Prayer? YES!! But we must WALK in that Power WITH Jesus!

I am INVINCIBLE! Often in ERROR, Never in DOUBT! Empty Boast

Misplaced Confidence > Not in Jesus but in HIMSELF: Disconnected!

Peter’s Boasting Warning to US ALL – Not Fully Know own Evil Hearts

Jeremiah 17.9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?

Abe said WIFE was Sister > 2 X’s Gen 12 & 20 – Pharaoh & Abimelech

Moses lost his Temper > Struck Rock of God > Not Enter Promised Land

David Israel’s Greatest King > Loved by God > Adultery and Murder

1 Cor 10.12 let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.

“turn around” / CONVERT better REPENT! Daily Duty of Believers

1st of 95 Thesis... "When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said, 'Repent,' he willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance."

Jesus SEES his DISASTER > Shocking PROPHECY

v. 34 Jesus said, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day, until you deny three times that you know me."

Peter going to DENY Jesus THAT VERY DAY – "I don't know Him!"

Decade Ago Minist hosted Pastors Conf Big Hotel Chicago: Full! Success!

Organizers called Ministry days after Conf Ended > Welcome Next Year!

Great Success for our Hotel!! Min Ldr expected Hear Praise for Xtians!

"We never made more \$ on In Room Pornographic Movies from Conf Me

2 Cor 12.10 4 the sake of Christ, I am content w weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions & calamities 4 when I am weak, then I am strong

Satan DID Sift Peter to DENY Jesus > but Did Not Fall Away Forever

Door to Repentance REMAINS open until LAST Breath even for JUDAS!

The continued existence of grace in a believer's heart is a great standing miracle. His enemies are so mighty, and his strength is so small, the world is so full of snares, and his heart is so weak, that it seems at first sight impossible for him to reach heaven. The passage before us explains his safety. He has a mighty Friend at the right hand of God" J.C. Ryle

2. How Jesus Strengthens our Service

v. 35 And he said to them, "When I sent you out with no moneybag or knapsack or sandals, did you lack anything?" They said, "Nothing."

Jesus REMINDS Apostles God has Provided for their Needs

Sent into ISRAEL > Culture of Hospitality, Religious Acceptance/Open

v. 36 He said to them, "But now let the one who has a moneybag take it & likewise a knapsack & let the one who has no sword sell his cloak & buy 1

Now sending Them to Distant Lands, Hostile to God, Unwelcome!

Looking After Resurrection/Pentecost > GOSPELING to ALL Nations

Missionaries to Pagan Nations cannot expect those Nations to Support X

Anticipates what Luke will Write Book of Acts: Jerus, Judea, Sam, Ends

Sword? Wild Animals? Attackers? Thugs? Enemies God & Gospel

Verse used by Supporters of 2nd Amendment: Need Swords & GUNS

Main Point: God provided Then, God WILL provide in your FUTURE

Church in China > Back to Jerusalem movement > Gospel to Islam!

Classes on Theology / Missions / Ministry > and Business Training

Opening Dry Cleaners, Language Centers, Restaurants, Engineers....

How to Get Out of Handcuffs – Jump Out 2nd floor Window Safely

v. 37 For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me: ‘And he was numbered with the transgressors.’ For what is written about me has its fulfillment.”

What will Change their Mission? Isaiah 53.12 > CROSS = Change

If Arrest Me – They will Arrest You / Hate Me – Will Hate You

At that Time Jesus VERY Popular – People Protected! – Not True Now!!

Be Prepared to be Treated like a Common Criminal – Get Ready!

Hebrew lit = “he let himself be numbered with the transgressors”

Servant Songs of Isaiah: Jesus: v 27 “I am among you as one who serves”

God’s sheer Delight in what His Servant/Son will Do > SAVING WORK

Disciples FOCUS more on SWORDS than SCRIPTURE – Not Listening!

v. 38 they said, “Look, Lord, here are two swords.” And he said to them, “It is enough”

Response Reveals their Misunderstanding > We will WIN the War!

Interview Winning Athletes > Many Theists, Many Xtians, Humble, Gift!

Some: “I did it!...Worked Hard...My Best...My Efforts!

TRUE! But More SWORD > Will CUT Both Ways

Few Hours Later – Judas led them to Garden of Geth to Arrest Jesus

vs. 49-51 when those who were around him saw what would follow, they said, “Lord, shall we strike w the sword?” one of them struck the servant of the high priest & cut off his right ear. But Jesus said, “No more of this!”

Jesus Frustratingly Says “Enough of This!” > No More of This!

No Physical Force in the Name of God > No Violence in the Ministry

John 18.36 J. to Pilate “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world”

Ephesians 6.17 the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God

Hebrews 4.12 For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

2 Corinthians 10.4 For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds.

Jesus gives 2 PROVISIONS for our Problems

3. How Jesus Saves us Forever

a. **Atonement** v. 37 “For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me: ‘And he was numbered with the transgressors.’ For what is written about me has its fulfillment.”
– Promises of God in Isaiah 53...

Savior would be Despised and Rejected

He would Carry His People’s Sins and Sorrows

Savior be wounded for our Transgressions, crushed for our Iniquities

Savior would be led like a Lamb to the Slaughter

Buried in a Rich Man’s Tomb

Savior would make Intercession for Sinners

He was Savior for Sinners – One who would Die for People’s Sins

Luke will walk us thru Several Trials > Never will be Found GUILTY

But WE Are! He Took our Guilt on self > Died btwn 2 Sinners on Cross

2 Corinthians 5.21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

What kind of Sinner was Peter? Denier! Jesus died for Peter the Denier!

Died for All Sinners – Idolators, Adulterers, Thieves, Liars, & Gossips...

Jesus was Counted by God as Guilty Sinner on Cross – All our Guilt!

“Now there is the Savior for sinners – took my place, died for my sins!”

Disciples Blinded in that Hour > Too Full of themselves!

2 Swords! How’s that working out of you against Temple Guards? Rome?

Only Warrior who can Save > DIED for our Sins, Prays as we LIVE!

b. **Intercession** v. 32 but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.”

“BUT” – Jesus will Counter everything that Satan TRIES

Satan was Against Peter, but Jesus was For Him – & He has More Power

Satan wanted to DESTROY Peter – but Jesus willed to SAVE him

“The point of Satan’s chief attack on a believer is his faith... We are engrafted into Christ by faith, and faith is the point of contact between the believing soul and the living Christ. If, therefore, Satan could manage to cut through the graft just there, then he would defeat the Savior’s work most completely”
Charles Spurgeon

Bible: “we are justified by faith” Romans 3

Bible: “without faith it is impossible to please God” Hebrews 11

Bible: faith enables us to extinguish the fiery darts of the evil one Ephes 6

Bible: the righteous will live by faith Galatians 3

Not sure if PETER Heard or Understood this Promise from Jesus

Many Believers have Stood on these Promises for 2 Millenia Now

1 John 2.1 'I am writing these things 2 U so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate w the Father, Jesus X the righteous.

Rom 8.34 Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

Hebrews 7.25 he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

Jesus is praying for us, that our faith will not fail. He is praying about our chronic pain, that in our physical weakness we will not stop trusting in the goodness of God. He is praying about our troubled marriage, that in our alienation we will not stop trusting his love. He is praying about our financial situation, that in our urgent concern about paying the bills we will not stop trusting in God to provide. He is praying about our secret discouragement, that in the night of dark despair we will not stop trusting him to lead us into the light. He is praying about our wandering into sin, that we will never stop trusting in his forgiveness. Jesus is praying for everything we need.
Philip Ryken

v. 32 “but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail”

Psalm 65 // Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed. // **O you who hear prayer, to you shall all flesh come.** // When iniquities prevail against me, you atone for our transgressions. // **Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts!** // We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple! // **By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness, O God of our salvation,** // the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas; // **the one who by his strength established the mountains, being girded with might;** // who stills the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, // **the tumult of the peoples, so that those who dwell at the ends of the earth are in awe at your signs.** // You make the going out of the morning and the evening to shout for joy. // **You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it;** // the river of God is full of water; you provide their grain, // **for so you have prepared it.** // You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, // **softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.** // You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with abundance. // **The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy,** // the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, // **they shout and sing together for joy. Amen and Amen.**