

Luke 22.54-71

Jesus Came to Save Sinners

Next Several weeks Focused Last Hours of Jesus life on Earth > Familiar!

2 Main Trials: Religious Ldrs & Romans & 2 Religious Pre-Trials

v. 54 “high priest’s house” 1st Annas, former HP, 2nd Caiaphas High Priest

Really Happened > Attacked by Critics, even More Solid Truth, History!

Luke 1. 3 it seemed good to me...to write an orderly account for you

Real People > LIKE Us, Promised to Follow, Pressure, Tempted, FAIL

Put MIRROR in our Open Bible > See Historical Figures & OURSELVES

Lk 22.31 Jesus Predicts Peter’s DENIAL, Prays Garden, Arrested >> Peter

“the small party of men leading a strangely unresisting figure through the darkness, along the rocky defile that skirted the precipitous eastern face of the temple wall, up the historic causeway at the southeastern angle of the city wall to the headquarters of His avowed an inveterate enemies”
Frank Morison

1. Sinner who Needs a Savior

a. Proud Great Danger of BOASTING about what YOU can DO!

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

PRIDE comes before the FALL! > God RESISTS the Proud!

b. Prayerless > Jesus NEEDED a Prayer Partner in the GARDEN

v. 45 JESUS came to the disciples & found them sleeping for sorrow

Peter trying to Follow Jesus on his Own Power with NO Prayer!

c. Distance v. 54 “Peter was following at a distance” Physical & Spiritual

v. 54 “distance” in Space & HEART: When Seek Safety > Greatest Danger

AT Least Peter was Still Following > Rest of Disciples Scattered:

Jesus “You will all fall away” – Mark 14.27

Cool Evening in Jerusalem v. 55 when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard & sat down together, Peter sat down among them.

d. Peter denied Jesus Immediately: Very Little Pressure Ldr Apostles

Peter Walked on Water to J. > 1st to Confess Jesus as X > Die for You!

vs. 56,57 servant girl, seeing him in light...looking closely @ him, said, "This man also w him."
But he denied it, "Woman, I do not know him."

"I do not know Him or anything about Him!" // Jewish BAN Formula

Synagogue Dismissal: We no longer know U...we have nothing to do w U

e. Peter denied Jesus Timidly Afraid of Servant Girl, For his Own Life

Consequences 4 Knowing Jesus: SOCIAL, Not Judicial Not Illegal to Foll

Peter likely NOT Know people Around Fire, Never See them Again!?

Cowardly Peter gave in to Social Pressure > Afraid of Servant Girl

f. Peter denied Jesus Unconvincingly > Saw Peter's Face in Firelight

Saw him when Listened to Jesus Preach > Accent > People Noticed

3 Denials > Told in 8 verses – Took several HOURS to Unfold

3rd Man Insistent: vs. 59,60 after an interval of about an hour still another insisted, "Certainly this man also was with him, for he too is a Galilean." But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about."

g. Peter denied Jesus Comprehensively: 3 X's > Men & Woman

v. 57 "Woman, I do not know him" / v. 58 "Man, I am not"

v. 60 "Man, I do not know what you are talking about"

No Escaping Terrible Sin > Not Misunderstanding > Complete Denial!

h. Peter sinned Grievously > Very Great Sin! > Rock about to Roll!

Peter the Rock denied the Builder and Lord of His Church

Jesus given Many Warnings > Dangerous > Do Not Fall > Endure to End

Hours Earlier Enjoyed Final Passover and the First Holy Communion

v. 53 "this is your hour, and the power of darkness."

"Each of us must decide we will go through life *pretending*, like Judas; or *fighting*, like Peter; or *yielding to God's perfect will*, like Jesus. W.Wiersbe

2. Savior who Came for Sinners

Denials of Peter SHOCKING to all the Apostles, Disciples, & PETER

Betrayal of Judas ALSO Great Shock > Selling Savior for 30 pcs SILVER

ONE Person NOT Surprised was Jesus > Heartbroken! But Not Shocked!!

Jesus to Zaccheus: “For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost” 19.10

“Here I am – it is written about me – I have come to do your will, O God!”

Jesus came to be our Prophet, King, Priest > foreshadowed in OT

a. Prophet – Jesus came to Speak the True Word of God

v. 59 after an interval of about an hour // Peter spent most of Night by Fire

Where was Jesus while Peter made himself WARM & COZY??

vs. 63 Now the men who were holding Jesus in custody were mocking him as they beat him.

Can you IMAGINE how Terrible these Soldiers eventually soon FELT?

Go Home in Morning, Wive’s Ask: “What have you been doing all night?”

Beating Jesus of Nazar into Bloody Pulp, Blindfolding, Slapping, Teasing

How PROUD they must have Been w selves, Kids Heard, Names Bible!!

v. 64 They also blindfolded him and kept asking him, “Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?”

OT Prophet called SEER > How could He SEE w/ Blindfold?

Jesus SAW Everything even thru Blindfold > Word Ordained whole Plan

As Peter DENIED Jesus as King > Soldiers denied Him as PROPHET

Torments of Jesus were Fulfillment of Prophecy

Luke 18.31.32 And taking the twelve, 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*”

Jesus sees Peter > Debating who is Greatest! Promising Never Deny You!!

Prophecy NOT just Denial but WILL RETURN and SERVE 22.32 “I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.”

Jesus still look At Us, For Us, Through Us, Into Us – Today & Forever

b. King: Hard to See that this Prisoner is KING – More Victim than Victor

v. 66 When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people gathered together, both chief priests & scribes. they led him away to their council

Chief Priests, Scribes, High Priest and Sanhedrin > Highest Court in Israel

Decision ALREADY been Decided in Darkness @ High Priest's Home

Jewish Talmud: Sunshine Law > Cannot Try Case at Night, only Daytime

No one should Think Actions were Just > Same Talmud Sunshine Law

FORBADE Executing DEATH Penalty on Same Day Sentence is Decreed

Want to Give Jesus enough ROPE to TIE Himself up for Execution...

v. 67 "If you are the Christ, tell us." > Christ Not Jesus' Last Name = Title

Messiah = Christ = Anointed One > KINGLY overtones

"royal house of David" > Looked for Savior/King to overthrow ROME

23.2 Use Against Him > "misleading our nation...saying he is X a KING!

IF you are X > Luke been proving this Truth all thru his Gospel

Gabriel to Mary 1.32 'He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, '

Angels to Shepherds in Bethlehem 2.11 'For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. '

v. 67 But he said to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe,

If Question was Sincere > Jesus would have Answered It

Even if Jesus told them He was Messiah > They would Not Believe Him

He had Already Performed Many Wonders > things Only God can Do

If NOT Believe His Works, they will Not Believe His Words

Not Lack of Evidence > Refusal to Accept the Evidence

v. 68 "and if I ask you, you will not answer" > Do you believe I am X?

They would Never give Him an Honest Answer: Minds Already Made Up

"Do not confuse me with the facts, my mind is made up!!"

v. 69 But from now on the Son of Man shall be seated at the right hand of the power of God.” >
Jesus tells them Favorite Title for self > Son of Man

One sense Everyone is Son of Man > Offspring of Humanity > Person

Jesus is Man Too > Born of Mary > Fully Human > God-man

Jesus uses Title Son of Man like Daniel > Prophecy Final Judgment

“there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed. Daniel 7.13,14

v. 70 So they all said, “Are you the Son of God, then?” And he said to them, “You say that I am.”

You have just confessed it > Even if you do not believe it!

v. 71 Then they said, “What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips.”

“God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” Philippians 2.9-11

Every Knee Bow > Every Tongue Confess to Jesus > Right before Judged!

c. Priest > Jesus is SACRIFICED as High PRIEST > Intercedes for Peter

Breastplate of High Priest carried Names of Sons of Israel

Heart of Jesus was Name of Peter > He has Prayed for him

1) Only way to Condemn High Priest need vote of whole council

2) Before day of atonement other priests kept HP awake thru entire night

Turned this High Priest into a Sacrificial Beast > Bear burden of our Sins

Jesus came into World for Failures > People who Deny, Reject, Blaspheme

And He would Die for these Failures > Bear the Wrath of God for them

Jesus Must Die Alone, Abandoned, Abused – Fulfill all Righteousness

God fully Understands our Pain, even Abuse: Endured Worst Possible Evil

‘Jesus stands among enemies in regal silence, dripping spittle & blood’ K

“He had undertaken to purchase our redemption by His own humiliation, and He did not flinch from paying the fullest price” J.C. Ryle

Where Look for Salvation & Mercy? > Jesus King, Prophet, Priest

3. Savior who Changes Sinners

a. Christian Faith must be Public and Private

True Discipleship seen in our Witness to World – Not just Private Life

Peter was Presumptuous v. 33 “I am ready to go w/U to prison & death”

Matthew 16 “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God”

John 6 “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life”

Peter made those Bold Declarations in Private Audience with Jesus

Not Yet ready to Proclaim Jesus before the Watching World – Are You?

Luke 12.8,9 “everyone who acknowledges me before men, the Son of Man also will acknowledge before the angels of God, but the one who denies me before men will be denied before the angels of God”

We Deny X when No Different colleagues Work, School, Neighborhood

Deny X shrink back Clear Witness about Abortion, Homos, Only J Saves

b. Jesus knows our Weakness, and Came to Save Us

Our Strength Not in Ourselves > In our Weakness we are Strong in Jesus

Jesus PREDICTED Peter’s Fall 22.34 “I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day, until you deny three times that you know me.”

He would DENY Jesus, HOW many X’s, the Language he’d Use to Do It

Jesus Predicted what He would do to Keep Peter from Total Failure

22.32 “I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail.”

Jesus never CANCELS Anyone > Offers Repentance and Second Chance

Many think God NOT Love Us until we Get Better > Long Wait!!

Pastor Gordon MacDonald > Adulterous Affair > Repented, Restored

Heard: Sticky Name Tag “sin” > Jesus comes in Stick on Him > Gordon >> Adulterer

Run to the Love that always Looks Out for our Salvation

22.61 And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how he had said to him, “Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times.”

Jesus knew All this would happen in ADVANCE, before Happened
 Gave Scriptures: Promise Forgiveness /Gave Spirit: Empower Repentance
 With All Suffering He Enduring > Took Time to think about Weak Peter
 Like Parent of Small Child > Talk to Adult & Keep Eye on their Child
 Hope for Peter > Hope for All who Repent of Sin & Receive the Savior

“Though our feelings come and go, His love for us does not. It is not wearied by our sins, or our indifference; and, therefore, it is quite relentless in its determination that we shall be cured of those sins, at whatever cost to us, at whatever cost to Him” C.S. Lewis

Psalm 67 // May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us // **that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.** // Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you! // **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,**

for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. // Let the peoples praise you, O God; // **let all the peoples praise you! The earth has yielded its increase;** // God, our God, shall bless us.

God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!