

Betrayal & Preparation

Luke 22:1-30

"The first step in putting Christ to death was taken by the religious teachers of the Jewish nation. The very men who ought to have welcomed the Messiah were the men who conspired to kill him; the very pastors who ought to have rejoiced at the appearing of the Lamb of God had the main part in killing him. They sat in Moses' seat. They claimed to be guides of the blind and lights to those who were in darkness (Romans 12:9). They belonged to the tribe of Levi. Most of them were in direct succession and descent from Aaron. Yet they were the very men who crucified the Lord of glory! With all their professed knowledge, they were far more ignorant than the few Galilean fishermen who followed Christ. Let us beware of attaching an excessive importance to ministers of religion because of their office. Orders and ranks confer no exemption from error. We must try all teachers by the unerring rule of the Word of God. It matters little who says a thing in religion; but it matters greatly what it is that is said. Is it scriptural? Is it true? These are the questions." "To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to the word, they have no light of dawn" (Isa. 8:20). Ryle

- I. Judas is an example of a seared conscience toward what Jesus was offering through the love, grace and mercy of the gospel. He didn't want to embrace Jesus because the god of this age and the things of this world, kept him blinded to his need for salvation. His rejection of Christ was on him and him alone, and it cost him his soul.

Luke 22:1-6, 21-23

1 Cor. 4:2-4 *And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.*

- II. Jesus is an example of a man who was willing to do whatever was necessary to fulfill the will of the Father. His whole life's purpose was to serve God and man by giving his life as a ransom to set us free from the penalty of sin.

Luke 22:7-30; Matt 20:28; 2 Timothy 4:4; Mk 10:45; Exodus 12:14

- A. The price that Jesus paid to redeem sinners from the curse of the law is to be remembered on a consistent basis through the ordinance of communion. The reason why Jesus commands us to so, is so that we don't forget the price he paid for our salvation.

Luke 22:14-20; Gal 3:13-14; Isa 53:5; Lev 17:11; Heb 9:14-14, 22; 1 Cor. 11:23-32

1 Peter 1:18-21 *For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.*

- B. The attitude Jesus maintained throughout his earthly ministry was that of a servant. With the example of the Gentiles, Jesus is saying that greatness is not measured by money, power or prestige; it is measured by a willingness to humbly serve others.

Luke 22:24-30

Eph 6:7 *Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does.*