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Luke 22

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Luke 22.

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The Previous Chapter: in the previous chapter Jesus told the disciples the temple of Jerusalem will be destroyed, then he gave them six signs that will take place before he returns. He warns the disciples to be careful their hearts are not weighed down with the cares of this life, because that day can come upon them suddenly like a trap. Then Jesus continued every day teaching in the temple, but at night he lodged on the Mount of Olivet.

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LUKE 22:1-6

The Feast of Passover is Near.

- **Luke 22:1-6:** Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called the Passover. ²And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to put him to death, for they feared the people. ³Then Satan (Satanas the accuser) entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was of the number of the twelve. ⁴He went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers how he might betray him to them. ⁵And they were glad, and agreed to give him money. ⁶So he consented and sought an opportunity to betray him to them in the absence of a crowd.
- It is now sunset very early in the evening Passover Day has begun

Passover Day: a Jewish day in Jesus time was sunset to sunset and the Passover meal was eaten sometime around sunset in the evening of the 14th day of Nisan (also called Abib) the first month of the Jewish calendar. Passover was held on the exact day God led Israel out of Egypt, (called the house of bondage).

The Jewish High Sabbath: the Sabbath Days that are mentioned regarding the Passover had nothing to do with the Jewish weekly Sabbath that the Jews kept every Saturday. God delivered Israel from Egypt (the house of bondage) on the 14th Day of the month of Abib (also called Nisan) and it was on this day that God commanded the Jews to keep the Passover Feast, regardless of what day of the week it fell on, it had to be kept on the 14th Day of Abib.

The day after Passover Day (14th) was a Sabbath Day because it was the first day of the seven-day Feast of Unleavened Bread (15th), so Passover Day and the Sabbath Day could have fallen on any day of the week. Obviously over their four-thousand years of keeping this feast there were times when it did fall on Saturday (the Jewish weekly Sabbath) when this happened it was called a High Sabbath (meaning double Sabbath). In regards to Jesus death and resurrection, the first Sabbath Day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread (15th) did fall on Saturday, (the Jewish weekly Sabbath Day). We know this because all four Gospels records that the two Mary's went to the tomb after the Sabbath Day near the dawn of the First Day of the week (Sunday) so it was a double Sabbath, called a High Sabbath. (Matt. 28:1) (Mark 16:1-2) (Luke 24:1-5) (John 20:1-2).

JUDAS AND SATAN

Satan (satanas) means, the accuser Satan entered into Judas means that the full depth of evil that resided in his heart took hold of Judas, he was so gripped by his own greed for money (and maybe jealousy of Jesus) that he made the choice to commit the worst act of all wickedness which was that of betraying an innocent man, for his own selfish gain. His greed for money (and perhaps jealousy) residing in his heart was such a powerful and evil force it is referred to as Satan entering his heart, meaning he made the evil decision to betray Christ and committed himself to it. Notice the chief priests, scribes and Judas agreed to betray Jesus in secret (i.e., away from the crowds) (v6). For further information on Satan see the title:

- Satan, in Satan and his Family (ON WEBSITE MENU).

LUKE 22:7-16

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Peter and John to go and prepare the Passover Meal.

- **Luke 22:7-16:** Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. ⁸Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it." ⁹They said to him, "Where will you have us prepare it?" ¹⁰He said to them, "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 ¹¹and 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?' ¹²And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there." ¹³And they went and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover. ¹⁴And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵And he said to them "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

Because Jesus knew the chief priest and scribes were seeking to kill him and was aware that they had people spying on him some suspect that he may have arranged beforehand to have the man carry the jar as a secret sign so no one would know where he was planning to have the Passover while others lean to the more likely idea that he had foreknowledge to foresee future events because he was full of God's Spirit.

Ponder the grief in Jesus heart for a moment: a large room upstairs in a man's house is prepared and Jesus eats the Passover with the apostles, notice Jesus words, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer." Jesus while sitting at the table eating with his friends is fully aware of the horror and brutal torture he is about to suffer, but the eleven have absolutely no idea (Judas the twelfth is obviously not considered a friend).

- This is all happening sometime around sunset in the evening of Passover Day.

Jesus will eat again in the Kingdom of God: Jesus words, "I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the Kingdom of God." Implies that he will eat this meal again with the eleven in the Kingdom of God, obviously this has not yet happened so to fulfil his words there has to be a future and literal Kingdom of God established on earth. This glorious age will be when Jesus returns as, King of kings and Lord of lords (Rev. 19:11-16) to rule and reign from God's Holy City Jerusalem (on Mount Zion God's Holy Mountain) to establish God's Kingdom on earth during his millennial reign. In the first resurrection (Rev. 20:4-5) the dead in Christ and the faithful, who are alive, will be gathered together to rule and reign as kings and priests with the Lord over those nations who are left outside the Holy City of God. Christ the King united with his people will not only bring peace to the Middle East, but establish God's Kingdom of steadfast love, faithfulness, righteousness, joy and peace throughout the world and the glory of God will cover the earth. Jesus will do justice to the poor and oppressed, he will be a faithful and compassionate King forever. He will not allow anyone to strike terror in the earth or use lies and deception to enlarge their own wealth and power. The land will abundantly produce and even the deserts will flourish. The animals will not feed on each other and even the lamb will be able to lie down with the wolf and everyone will eat of their own hands because all that they plant will produce. All nations the LORD has made will come and worship before the Lord Jesus Christ. They will glorify God's Name, proclaiming the LORD is great and does wondrous things and that He alone is God. The book of Revelation states:

- Jesus Christ, the faithful witness who loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood has made us kings and priests unto God and his Father is coming in glory and every eye shall see him, and they also who pierced him and all kindreds of the earth (Revelation 1:5-7).

And in Revelation chapter five we are told that:

- Christ was slain, and by his blood he redeemed a people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation and made them a kingdom and priests to God and they shall reign on the earth (Revelation 5:9-10).

At the end of this glorious Kingdom age God descends to earth on a Great White Throne the sea, death and hades (the grave) give up the dead. They stand before God and are judged according to what is written in certain heavenly books according to what they have done. Death and those counted unworthy are cast into the Lake of Fire a symbol of eternal destruction (i.e., total extinction) (also called the, Second Death) (Rev 20:11-15). Christ hands the Kingdom over to his heavenly Father and God is ALL in ALL and ETERNITY begins in all its fullness and majestic royal glory. For further information see titles:

- Kingdom of God (ON WEBSITE MENU).
- The Second or Great White Throne Judgment.

In, Resurrection (ON WEBSITE MENU).

LUKE 22:17-23

From now on I will not drink of the fruit until the Kingdom of God Comes.

- **Luke 22:17-23:** And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves. ¹⁸For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." ¹⁹And 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." ²⁰And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. ²¹But behold, the hand of him who betrays me is with me on the table. ²²For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!" ²³And they began to question one another, which of them it could be who was going to do this.

Jesus takes a cup and passes it to the disciples to divide between themselves they may have all drunk from this cup, or it is possible they each poured a small amount into their own cups and then drank together. It is certain they would have had their own cups on the table because Peter and John had spent some time preparing this meal and they certainly would not have laid out only one cup for the entire table especially since they knew there would be quite a number of them eating the meal.

The majestic beauty of the Bible: two disciples had gone to prepare the room for Jesus and the twelve to eat the Passover meal in, every Passover feast had to have a roasted lamb without blemish, there is no doubt that at this Last Supper the final Passover the disciples had prepared a roast lamb we know this because it is hardly likely they would prepare a meal of one glass of wine and one slice of bread for thirteen men who had worked all day, but this is the majestic beauty of the Bible the Passover lamb is deliberately not mentioned because Jesus this very night is about to become the eternal and perfect Passover Lamb for all who are seeking God.

The Passover meal: some religious priests teach their followers that the bread and wine literally turn into the blood and flesh of Christ when it enters their mouth, this is a total offense not only to God but to Christ himself. The focus is remembrance not some mystical supernatural action invented by minds that do not understand the Scriptures. Jesus says the bread and the wine are to be taken in remembrance of Jesus (i.e., remembrance of his life, his death and his resurrection) and remembrance of the New Covenant which has been sealed by his blood.

The Eucharist and scholastic philosophers: during the Middle Ages Scholastic philosophers of the early church (who obviously had not idea of what Jesus was saying) interpreted the words, "This is my body" and "This cup is the new covenant in my blood" to mean when a person takes the bread it miraculously transforms into the body of Christ. According to their speculation, the substance of the Eucharistic bread and wine is, by the power of God, wholly transformed into the body of Christ. This view of the presence of Christ, called transubstantiation, was most elaborately formulated by the 13th-century Italian theologian St Thomas Aquinas. It has been the official teaching of the Roman Catholic Church since the middle ages. Eucharistic doctrine also concerns the sacrificial character of the sacrament—how the Eucharist is related to Christ's sacrifice on the cross. Orthodox, Roman Catholic, and Anglican churches have traditionally taught that the Eucharist is a means by which believers can partake of Christ's sacrifice and the new covenant with God that it inaugurated. In popular belief this idea was sometimes interpreted to mean that each celebration of the Eucharist is a new sacrifice of Christ, rather than a partaking of the original sacrifice of Christ as officially taught by the church. This corrupt theology is full of pagan mysticism and totally devoid of any New Testament truth and misses entirely what Jesus words, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Remembrance not transubstantiation is what the Passover Meal (the Lords Supper) is about.

A spiritual kingdom and a literal kingdom: in verse eighteen Jesus said:

- From now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.

There is a spiritual Kingdom of God existing now by faith in the hearts and minds of all who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ because he is the King of the Kingdom. It is manifested individually and collectively by their testimony and outward godly behaviour and compassionate acts of kindness done to help and support the less fortunate and the poor. Any outward action done for the extension of God's Kingdom is also a manifestation of the inward Kingdom of God existing now in the human heart, but there is also a literal Kingdom of God to come in which Jesus will sit down with those that have been faithful to him and once again

break bread and drink a cup of wine (the symbol of his blood, his death and his glorious resurrection), but this time it will be a banquet of glory, joy and praise (see the title, "Jesus will eat again in the Kingdom of God" following verse sixteen). For further information see the title:

- Kingdom of God (ON WEBSITE MENU).

The Son of man goes as it has been determined: these words of Jesus show that even Jesus betrayal by Judas and the high priests and the Pharisees pretend court hearings, Christ's suffering and his crucifixion were all in the eternal plan of God from the foundation of the world for the salvation of mankind, nothing is taking place that God has not purposed. In fact, all of this is echoed in the following words of Psalm two:

- The kings of the earth (Pilate and Herod) set themselves, and the rulers (Pharisees and Scribes) take counsel together, against the LORD and against his anointed (Jesus), saying, "Let us burst their bonds apart (crucify him) and cast away their cords (followers) from us." He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision. ⁵Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, "As for me, I have set my King (Jesus) on Zion, my holy hill." I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.

The Psalm continues to echo Christ's return as King of kings and Lord of lords to rule over the nations of the earth (Psalm 2:2-8) (See title "Jesus will eat again in the Kingdom of God" following verse 16).

Ponder for a moment: Jesus is sitting at the table with his intimate friends they have shared supernatural and miraculous moments together that no-one else on planet earth has experienced and Jesus drop a bomb, one of them is going to betray him. Imagine their shock it appears no-one knew Judas had such a deceitful and evil heart. Judas is a perfect example of a man that appears to love God but is in reality in the ministry for his own selfish gain. He served with Christ for over three years and his walk with Christ tragically ends in Jesus saying, "Woe to him."

- These events are all happening around sunset early in the evening of Passover Day. For further information see the title:
- Eating the Lord's Supper Unworthily (1 Corinthians 11).
- In, Commentary New Testament (ON WEBSITE MENU).

LUKE 22:24-27

Who is the Greatest?

- **Luke 22:24-27:** A dispute also arose among them, as to which of them was to be regarded as the greatest. ²⁵And he said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. ²⁶But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. ²⁷For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves.

Benefactors: the word benefactor carries the idea of a worker of good, a humanitarian, it refers to those who protect those they have authority over and who help the less fortunate.

The greatest: the disciple's dispute over which one of them will be regarded as the greatest and Jesus says "Let the greatest among them become as the youngest." In Jewish culture the oldest (the firstborn) received the inheritance so they of course were considered the greatest while the youngest was considered the least. Jesus is saying to be great in the Kingdom of God ego and pride must go.

Added to this, those who want to be considered great before God must serve others contrasted to the prideful and hypocritical religious leaders of Jesus generation who used their followers to fulfil their own selfish ambition and religious goals.

Great in God's Kingdom and great in the world: in the world the person that sits at the table and is served by others is greater than those that are serving them. Jesus is pointing out to the disciple that he is not the one sitting at the table, but the one who is doing the serving. His words, "The one who reclines at table is the greater, but he is among you as the one who serves" (v27). Refers to Jesus himself, he is the Christ the master the one to be exalted, praised and glorified yet his attitude is that of a servant. How incredible and majestic is this, the Son of God rather than see himself as a great leader views himself as a servant. Contrast this to the religious prideful and hypocritical religious leaders of his generation who saw themselves as superior to all and expected their followers to serve them.

LUKE 22:28-30

You may sit on Thrones Judging the Twelve Tribes of Israel.

- **Luke 22:28-30:** "You (apostles) (v14) are those who have stayed with me in my trials,²⁹ and I assign to you as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom,³⁰ that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Jesus tells the apostles he has assigned to them a Kingdom as God assigned to him a Kingdom. Jesus rewarded the apostles with a Kingdom because they stayed with him in his trials. The Kingdom Jesus assigned to them is all who belong to Christ and when he returns the entire world (i.e., all nations).

The twelve tribes of Israel: Jesus words, "You may sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel," not only refers to the apostles, but to all who belong to Christ this is because the promised seed of Abraham and of David is Christ, all the promises to Israel are now fulfilled in Christ therefore they are not limited to Israel only but extend and embrace all those who belong to Christ because God is now creating one new nation in Christ made up of both Jew and Gentiles. (Gentiles are everyone who is not a Hebrew or Jew). This new nation is also called a new creature, the body of Christ, the church and the Kingdom of God.

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF ISRAEL

Jews and Gentiles become One New Nation in Christ: the apostle Paul said:

- **Ephesians 2:11-22:** Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called "the uncircumcision" by what is called the circumcision (Jews), which is made in the flesh by hands—¹²remember that you (Gentiles) were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the *COMMONWEALTH OF ISRAEL* and *STRANGERS* to the *COVENANTS* of *PROMISE*, having no hope and without God in the world.¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you (Gentiles) who once were far off (from God) have been brought near by the blood of Christ.¹⁴ For he himself is our (Jews and Gentiles) peace, who has made us both *ONE* and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility¹⁵ by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that he (Jesus) might create in himself *ONE NEW MAN* (or Nation) in place of the two (Jews and Gentiles), so making peace,¹⁶ and might reconcile us (Jews and Gentiles) both to God in *ONE BODY* through the cross, thereby killing the hostility (between the Jews and Gentiles).¹⁷ And he (Jesus) came and preached peace to you (Gentiles) who were far off (from God) and peace to those who were near (Jews).¹⁸ For through him (Jesus) we both (Jews and Gentiles) have access in *ONE SPIRIT* to the Father.¹⁹ So then you (Gentiles) are *NO LONGER* strangers

and aliens, but you are *FELLOW CITIZENS* with the *SAINTS* (the Jews) and members of the *HOUSEHOLD* of God,²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone²¹ in whom the *WHOLE STRUCTURE* being joined together (Jews and Gentiles) grows into a holy temple in the Lord.²² In him you (Jews and Gentiles) also are being built together into a *DWELLING PLACE* for *GOD* by the Spirit.

Gentiles were separated from Christ, alienated from the, Commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus they have been brought to God by the blood of Christ. Jesus has made Jews and Gentiles both one by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances so that Jesus might create in himself one new man (Nation) in place of the two (Jews and Gentiles). In Jesus both Jews and Gentiles are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit. Christ is the head of this new nation and its Jewish and Gentile citizens are now equal in status before God because in Christ we are all brothers and sisters in the same eternal family that God is now establishing in the Lord Jesus Christ throughout all nations of the world.

The practical application of what this means to you: if you belong to Christ, all the future and eternal promises God made to Israel also apply to you. The book of Revelation states:

- When Christ returns in glory every eye will see him, even those who pierced him and all the tribes of the earth (Rev. 1:7).

And in Revelation chapter five we are told that:

- Christ was slain, and by his blood he ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation (i.e., Jews and Gentiles) and he has made them a kingdom and priests to God and they shall reign on the earth (Rev. 5:9-10).

(See the title: Jesus will eat again in the Kingdom of God) (following v7-16).

LUKE 22:31-34

Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have You.

- **Luke 22:31-34:** "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan (Satanas the accuser) demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat,³² but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers."³³ Peter said to him, "Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death."³⁴ Jesus said, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day, until you deny three times that you know me."

Wheat is sifted to separate the worthless grains from the good grains, so in this context the purpose of Satan is to transform Peter to a vessel fit for God to use.

NOTICE: Jesus does not pray that Satan will not sift Peter, but that Peter will endure the trial and be strength to his brothers. Showing that sometimes (not all) our tribulation is to lift us to another level in our service to God.

Trials: test a person's sincerity and the genuineness or depth of their faith, Jesus knows Peter is shortly going to deny him three times before the rooster crows. In a sense those that stood around the fire while Jesus was being mocked and who asked Peter if he was a disciple of Jesus were acting as Satan's to Peter, because he was being sifted, the fear generated in him by their questions caused him to deny that he knew the man he loved, but through their sifting and this experience Peter was transformed forever and became one of the greatest disciples of Jesus.

Peter tells Jesus he is ready to go prison and even die for him: Peter thought he was prepared to die with Jesus, this shows that though we may often think we know what we would do in a certain situation, we can never be fully sure until we have been in that situation or circumstance, this is one reason why we should not judge each other. Those who knew Peter could quite easily have condemned him for his lack of faith, but Jesus knew his heart and understood his circumstance and his fear.

For further information on Satan see:

- Satan in, Satan and his Family (ON WEBSITE MENU).

The disciples thought the Kingdom was going to come immediately: in the previous chapter (Luke 19) Jesus and the disciples are travelling to Jerusalem, those who were standing by Jesus had heard that Jesus had come to seek and save the lost they supposed that the Kingdom of God was to appear immediately, but when they were near the Holy City Jesus proceeded to tell the parable of the nobleman who went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and then return and immediately after telling this parable Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a colt (Luke 19:10-11). The people shouted and proclaimed Jesus to be the King who comes in the name of the Lord (Luke 19:38), they thought Jesus was going to be made king of Jerusalem when he arrived in the city (Luke 19:11). It appears Jesus told the parable of the nobleman to prepare the disciples for his death and departure from them and to comfort them when he had gone as the parable clearly proclaims that he will return.

Peter's intent: Peter and the others thought Jesus was going to Jerusalem to be made King they did not expect him to surrender to the authorities (his enemies) had Jesus pulled out a sword and begun to fight the soldiers Peter may well have fought and died with the Lord. Jesus in his foreknowledge and no-doubt understanding Peter's confusion tells him that the rooster will not crow until Peter has denied him three times. I have no-doubt Jesus understood that this act of denial would affect Peter's heart in such brokenness that when Christ after his resurrection invited him (without any condemnation) to eat breakfast with him Peter heart experiencing Christ's love would be changed forever to serve Christ even to death.

LUKE 22:35-36

Jesus tells the Apostles to take a Moneybag, a Knapsack and a Sword.

- **Luke 22:35-36:** And he said to them, "When I sent you out with no moneybag or knapsack or sandals, did you lack anything?" They said, "Nothing." ³⁶He said to them, "But now let the one who has a moneybag take it, and likewise a knapsack. And let the one who has no sword sell his cloak and buy one.
- All of this is happening early in the evening of Passover Day.

Prior to Gethsemane and after Gethsemane: prior to Gethsemane Jesus told the apostles not to take, a staff, a bag, bread, money or an extra tunic (Luke 9:3) and prior Gethsemane Jesus told the seventy not to take a moneybag, a knapsack, sandals and greet no one on the road (Luke 10:4), but now at the Garden of Gethsemane Jesus tells the apostles to take a moneybag (purse in KJV) and a knapsack, their script (in KJV) and a sword with them (Luke 22:35-36).

Jesus knows the chief priests, scribes and Pharisees are planning to put him to death and that after his death the chief priests, scribes and Pharisees will be seeking to kill the apostles. It appears Jesus tells them to buy a sword to protect themselves during the time following his trial and death, but it is more likely he was simply indicating that great opposition is about to rise up against them, which is exactly what

happened, immediately after Jesus death the chief priest and Pharisees aggressively sought to persecute all those who confessed to believe in the name of Christ (i.e. the church), yet we do not see anywhere in the Scriptures any of the apostles or Jesus disciple taking up a literal sword and going to war against their enemies.

LUKE 22:37

Scriptures Must be Fulfilled in Jesus.

- **Luke 22:37:** 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 fulfilment."

Jesus words, "This Scripture must be fulfilled in me," refer to the following words of Isaiah:

- I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors. (Isaiah 53:12) (The entire Psalm is about Christ on the cross).

LUKE 22:38

- **Luke 22:38:** And they (the apostles v14) said, "Look, Lord, here are two swords." And he said to them, "It is enough."

The apostles never carried weapons with them while they were with Christ, but in (v36) Jesus told them to buy a sword, they find two swords and point it out to the Lord wondering if they need any more, it appears they thought they were going to fight for him, but Jesus tells them they don't need anymore swords because he knew he was not going to fight his enemies, but give himself over to them as a lamb led to the slaughter (Isaiah 53:7) (this entire chapter of Isaiah is echoing Christ).

LUKE 22:39-46

Jesus goes to the Mount of Olives with the Apostles.

- **Luke 22:39-46:** And he came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. ⁴⁰And when he came to the place (the garden of Gethsemane) he said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation." ⁴¹And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, ⁴²saying, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done." ⁴³And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him. ⁴⁴And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. ⁴⁵And when he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation."

Mount of Olives: is the same as the Mount Olivet (also called the Mount of Corruption) it is opposite the temple in Jerusalem near Bethphage and Bethany east of Jerusalem, it is the place of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem and where he made his ascension from.

The garden of Gethsemane: was on the Mount of Olives (v39-40).

Jesus prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane: Jesus fully aware of the mocking, cruel torture and brutal death he is about to suffer prays:

- Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done (v42).

Jesus words show us that he had a will independent of God's, Jesus had his own will but he surrendered his will to the will of God his Father. Jesus in extreme agony is basically asking God if there is any other way to save mankind please remove this cup of suffering from him. Sadly God had no other way to save us, and to Christ's glory and for our salvation Jesus surrendered his body to the whip of the torturers and his hands and feet to the nails of the cross so that you and I could be saved by grace to be resurrected to eternal glory. How great is the love of God and of Christ his Son toward those who accept the Lamb without blemish who was led to the slaughter that all might be saved through faith in his name.

Pray that you may not enter into temptation: Jesus rises from praying and for a second time tells the disciples to, "Pray that they will not enter into temptation" (v40, 46) this is what Jesus means when he said in the Lord's Prayer, "Pray that God will lead us not into temptation," (Matt 6:13) (Matt 26:41) (Luke 11:4). Jesus is not implying that God leads people into temptation, but is saying pray that God will keep us from situations or circumstances that will tempt us. We know God will not lead us into temptation because James says:

- Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one (James 1:13).

Jesus knew the apostles were expecting him to be made King when he arrived in Jerusalem and knows they are going to be confused and devastated when they see their Lord surrender to his enemies the chief priest's, scribes and elders and watch him being mocked, cruelly tortured and then brutally nailed to a cross.

LUKE 22:47-54

Judas Betrays Jesus.

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- **Luke 22:47-54:** While he was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss him, ⁴⁸but Jesus said to him, "Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?" ⁴⁹And when those who were around him saw what would follow, they said, "Lord, shall we strike with the sword?" ⁵⁰And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear. ⁵¹But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him. ⁵²Then Jesus said to the chief priests and officers of the temple and elders, who had come out against him, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs? ⁵³When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness." ⁵⁴Then they (the chief priest's officers and elders of the temple v22) seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house and Peter was following at a distance.
- All of this is still happening early evening of Passover Day.

Judas walked, ate, ministered and prayed with Christ for three years, on the outside he looked like a faithful disciple of the Lord even at the Last Supper the disciples had no idea who it was that was going to betray Jesus, yet he was so full of greed and maybe jealously on the inside that for only thirty pieces of silver (about thirty days wages) he betrayed Jesus with a kiss. Is it any wonder today that anyone who commits an act of betrayal against a friend is called a Judas?

Jesus was led away into the high priest's house: the chief priests, officers and elders of the temple came out in the dark to take Jesus because they did not want to cause an uproar amongst the people. Jesus knows that it is the time for the Pharisees to have their victory. How amazing is the goodness of Christ, those with Jesus seeing the Pharisees soldiers armed with swords and clubs and knowing they are going to take Jesus captive ask him if they should fight and a disciple of Jesus cuts the ear off one of the high priests servants ear and Jesus fully aware of the

brutal and cruel torture these enemies are taking him to heal the servant's ear. Truly Jesus practised what he spoke in his famous Sermon on the Mount i.e., love your enemies, meaning do good to them etc. Jesus is firstly taken into the house of Caiaphas the high priests.

FIRST TIME PETER DENIES JESUS

LUKE 22:55-57

It is still the evening of Passover Day.

- **Luke 22:55-57:** And when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat down among them. ⁵⁶Then a servant girl, seeing him as he sat in the light and looking closely at him, said, "This man also was with him." ⁵⁷But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him."

Peter's first denial was when a servant girl asked him if he was a disciple of Jesus.

SECOND TIME PETER DENIES JESUS

LUKE 22:58

- **Luke 22:58:** And a little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not."

Peter's second denial was when someone else asks Peter if he was a disciple of Jesus.

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THIRD TIME PETER DENIES JESUS

LUKE 22:59-62

- **Luke 22:59-62:** And after an interval of about an hour still another insisted, saying, "Certainly this man also was with him, for he too is a Galilean." ⁶⁰But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about." And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. ⁶¹And 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." ⁶²And he went out and wept bitterly.

Peter's third denial was about one hour later when another person insisted that Peter was a disciple of Jesus which Peter vehemently denied. Take a moment to imagine Peter's heart and his troubled emotions when the man he loved, but had denied three times turned and looked at him. It is certain Peter was crushed when the eyes of the one he so desired to serve deliberately turned to catch Peter's eyes when the rooster crowed. Peter's faith was tested like gold tried in a fire, how easy it is to deceive ourselves, only a few moments ago Peter had told Jesus that he:

- Was ready to go with him both to prison and to death (v33).

Often, we don't know our own heart until like Peter our faith is tested by fire. This event also shows us that Jesus was able to foresee future events since this was the only way he could know that Peter was going to deny him three times before the rooster crowed, but this should not surprise us since God at Jesus' water baptism poured His Spirit out upon him.

LUKE 22:63-71

Jesus is taken to the Jewish Council.

- **Luke 22:63-71:** Now the men who were holding Jesus in custody were mocking him as they beat him. ⁶⁴They also blindfolded him and kept asking him, "Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?" ⁶⁵And they said many other things against him, blaspheming him. ⁶⁶When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people gathered together, both chief priests and scribes. And they led him away to their council and they said, ⁶⁷"If you are the Christ, tell us." But he said to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe, ⁶⁸and if I ask you, you will not answer. ⁶⁹But from now on the Son of Man shall be seated at the right hand of the power of God." ⁷⁰So they all said, "Are you the Son of God, then?" And he said to them, "You say that I am." ⁷¹Then they said, "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips."
- All of this is happening in the evening of Passover Day.

NOTICE: the verse says Jesus is taken to their council so it is a Jewish council, not a Roman council that Jesus is taken to. The council consisted of the high priest, the chief priests, scribes and elders who were the religious leaders of Jesus generation. They considered it blasphemy for Jesus to say he was the Son of God. Ponder for a moment these religious leaders had the most glorious temple, enormous power, influence and control over the people of Israel, yet they had absolutely no idea of what God's will was. This should warn us all that just because a religious organisation or institution has beautiful buildings, is very successful and has enormous power and influence over people world-wide does not guarantee that it is actually right before God.

The faith of Jesus: Jesus had his own will; we know this because in the garden of Gethsemane he finished his prayer with: -

- Not my will but yours be done.

He could have at any moment during his cruel and brutal torture chosen to deny God and go his own way, but even though he knew his body would be beaten to near death and nails would be hammered through his hands and feet his words to the council:

- From now on the Son of Man shall be seated at the right hand of the power of God (v69),

Shows that he trusted that God would raise him from the dead to eternal glory, the author of Hebrews encourages all those who belong to Christ to:

- Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted in your struggle against sin which we have not yet resisted to the point of shedding our blood (i.e. to death). Therefore let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely and us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God (Heb. 12:1-4).

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