

The Internal Reality of Truth - Loving Leads to Death and Resurrection

Ch.26: Expect the worse when you are bound to the Father's will

The Plot to Kill Jesus

- 📖 Note Jesus' prediction occurring before the plot.
- 📖 Note also that the murderers did not intend to do it during the feast, contrary to what would actually happened. It would happen according to the will of the Lord.

The Anointing at Bethany

- 📖 (v.8) Recall Jesus' desire for "mercy, not sacrifice."
- 📖 Still the disciples were ever seeing, never perceiving...
- 📖 The Woman is credited with knowing and understanding the reality of the situation. Was she the only one who had been listening?

Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus

- 📖 In total contrast to the Woman at Bethany, Judas who loved money, sold out Jesus for 30 pieces of silver. Forever in history, Judas' name is associated with betrayal.
 - 30 pieces of silver ~ 3 months wages

Jesus Celebrates Passover with His Disciples

Jesus identifies the betrayer:

- 📖 Someone at the table would betray Him. See Psalm 41.
- 📖 At this most sacred feast and festival, this most intimate setting, there is betrayal in their midst.
- 📖 According to Middle-eastern custom, eating with someone was tantamount to peace, trust, respect, guard being down; in light of the setting, how much more despicable is this act of betrayal.
- 📖 Recall, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." Judas was the one who wanted to sell the woman's perfume (a year's wages) to give to the poor yet, secretly he had been stealing from the treasury.


In the midst of hatred and betrayal, Jesus Institutes the Lord's Supper

- 📖 This is My body and blood for the remission of sins.
- 📖 (v.29) Jesus pronounced the beginning of something (the Age of the Church) that would only be culminated only at the Great Consummation of the Ages when the Bride of Christ would come down from heaven (Revelation 21).

Leaving the upper room, Jesus and His disciples head to the Mount of Olives...

Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial


- 📖 According to the fulfillment of Scripture, all the disciples would stumble and Peter would even deny His Lord.

 We fulfill the Word which discloses all things. It's not that we are fatalistically determined by the Word; but rather out of God's omniscience, He knows what is truly there, betrayal and cowardice from hardened hearts; it will be manifested when God exercises His wrath and judgment. Except for the Grace of God, go I...


Broken enough to go to the Cross


Prayer in the


Garden


 Praying in and according to the Spirit is the only way to overcome the weakness of the flesh.


 **“My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me.”**

 Earnestly praying, being watchful with Him even one hour, diligently and repeatedly asking His will to be done rather than our own.

 We've got to get real, crying out to Him multiple times, even excruciatingly persistent for the Father's will to be accomplished over our own wills.


 This is being broken. Going to the throne of grace, the Master's throne and asking confidently for the strength to remain faithful in the midst of persecution, trials, and tribulation.


 Only in and through Christ can we overcome this struggle to do the Father's will.


 “...if it is possible, may this cup be taken from Me...” is indicative of the impossibility of human effort to reconcile with God. How high and deep is the love of Christ to become sin in order that we could be free.

- Can you put into words what and why Jesus was going through in the Garden of Gethsemane?


Betrayal and Arrest in the Garden

 “Friend, do what you came for.” God is a cheerful Giver.


 Jesus showed Judas kindness to the very end.


 Denunciation of worldly power for the sake of fulfillment of the Word: what we live by is what we will die by. We must live and die by the fulfillment of the Word. Which sword are you living by?

 Recall “70X7!” How many offenses were mounting against Him through His Passion?

 “But this has all taken place that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled.”

Jesus Faces the Sanhedrin

 see Peter slithering – in ourselves, we are weak and will stumble; yet in Acts 2, filled with the Spirit, see him in boldness!

 The high priest, teachers of the law, and the elders – who and what are they? The King was exposing their shame. The Christ condemned them by their own words.


- They were leaders who received their power from the world system (Roman government at that time). They sought acceptance from the people.

- They lived for luxury and worldly power


- They were validated by the people.

- But we really know who they were by their reaction to the King, the Truth of God. Their violent, deceptive, and murderous hearts reflect who their god was – the Destroyer, the Devil. “You shall know them by their fruits.” A good tree produces good fruit; bad trees produce bad fruit.

Peter Denies Jesus, and Weeps Bitterly

 “You also were with Jesus of Galilee,” “This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth.” “Surely you are one of them, for your accent gives you away.”

- Are people saying this of us?


 “I don't know what you're talking about.” “I don't know the Man!” “I don't know the Man!”


- When there is the potential for loss and persecution, are we still with Him; do we know Him at this point of sacrifice?

- At this point in time, did God know Peter's name? This was the sifting of Peter.
- Only in the name of Jesus Christ...with man, it is impossible; with God all things are possible. It is impossible to live good without Christ. Only God is good.
- In the midst of conflict, vehemence, contention, resentment, hatred, offense, loss, pain, only Jesus is good; only God is good. We in ourselves are like Peter, full of denial of the One going to the cross, humiliated and trampled by men.

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Judas Hangs Himself


 The destiny of betrayal was fulfilled. Every jot and tittle of the Law must be fulfilled. The focus on self leads to destruction, the Field of Blood.

 We will be filled with remorse and condemn ourselves to the point of death. Yet if we would look to the One who is good, we can repent and receive His goodness, His grace which saves through faith, the placing of confidence not in self but in Christ.

Jesus Handed Over to Pontius Pilate



Jesus Faces Pilate

 Jesus made no reply...in order to not disrupt the process of going to the cross. He, by the authority given by the Father, willingly laid down His life.

The Soldiers Mock Jesus

The King on a Cross

Jesus Dies on the Cross

✠ “Eloi, Eloi, lama Sabachtani” Jesus became sin and experienced the reality of being separated from God. Stop to meditate and contemplate what it meant for the King to become the actual essence of wickedness, ie. murder, malice, bitterness, covetousness, lying, etc. He knew what it was to be a wretched sinner worthy of contempt, condemnation, **CRUCIFIXION!**

Jesus Buried in Joseph's Tomb

Pilate Sets a Guard

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He is Risen

The Women Worship the Risen Lord

The Soldiers are Bribe

The Great Commission