

Cultivate Gospel of Luke Study
Lesson Thirty-Seven

Read and meditate on Luke Chapter 22 this week
and prayerfully answer the following questions before Tuesday's class.

Read Luke 22:1-6

Were the religious leaders working out how they might put Jesus in prison or kick Him out of town? No. They wanted Jesus dead.

1. Why did the leaders want Him dead?

As referenced in verses 3 -6:

While this meeting of the Jewish religious leaders is going on, it came time for Satan to do His work using Judas Iscariot. Can you imagine what that must have looked like? These religious leaders were in this big meeting, trying to figure out how to kill the Messiah, and like "magic", in walks one of the disciples with the exact answer they needed.

2. Was this coincidental? Did God know it was going to happen? Was it ultimately used for the purpose God had designed it for?

Luke 22:7-13

In God's perfect timing He sent His Son on the *exact day* that Jews celebrated being set free from the bondage of Egypt through a sacrificial lamb. Jesus set all peoples free from the bondage of the Law. Read John 1:29

Galatians 4:4-5 *“But when the fullness of the time came, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons and daughters.”*

3. Why was it important for Jesus to be in Jerusalem for Passover at this time?

Luke 22:14-23

Romans 8:2-4 *“For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.”*

4. What is the difference between Passover and the Lord’s Supper?

Luke 22:24-30

Read Luke 9:46-48

5. Do you find yourself competing with other Christians?

Do you find yourself comparing how you serve against how other’s serve?

David Guzik “Living as a servant really is the best way to live. We are no longer concerned for our own honor and credit; we don’t walk around with hurt feelings and disappointed expectations, because all we want to do is to serve. We can always do what we want to do, because we can always serve somehow.”

Luke 22:31-38

In verse 22:31 the word “sift” is described in the original language as “by inward agitation to try one's faith to the verge of overthrow”.

6. What if Satan asked the Lord the same, specifically for you? (Reflect on this)

Luke 22:39-46

Read Acts 4:12

Ephesians 2:8-9 *“For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not of yourselves, it is the gift of God not a result of works, so that no one may boast.”*

7. Why did Jesus ask the Father “to take this cup away”?

Luke 22:47-53

8. Why didn’t the crowd just kill Jesus in the garden and be done with it?

David Guzak: "The betrayal of Jesus was terrible sin, and Judas bears full responsibility for it. Yet God, in His providence, used it as the best way to deliver Jesus into the hands of His adversaries."

"· If they captured Jesus in a fight or if Jesus ran and hid until they found and caught Him, it would show that He was an unwilling victim.

· If Jesus surrendered Himself, it might excuse His murderers or be seen as suicide.

· If it happened accidentally, it would lessen the full effect of the bitter cup Jesus was about to drink.

· "No; he must be betrayed by his friend, that he may bear the utmost depths of suffering, and that in every separate circumstance there may be a well of grief." (Spurgeon)"

Luke 22:54-62

In verse 34 Jesus predicted that Peter would deny Him three times before the rooster crows. In verse 60 we see this prophecy fulfilled as Peter denies Christ.

9. What is the difference between Peter's actions and the actions of Judas?

Luke 22:63-65

Read Isaiah 53

10. What scriptural reference in Isaiah 53 describes the prophecy from the Old Testament that is being fulfilled by the behavior of the Jewish and Roman Guards?

Luke 22:66-71

11. What was the purpose of this trial before the Sanhedrin?

Was the accusation against Jesus claiming that He was the “Son of God” true?

Jesus then proves His point in verses 69-70. *“Hereafter the Son of Man will sit on the right hand of the power of God”*

If you ever have doubt that Jesus claimed to be the Son of God, here is the definitive statement. And if someone tells you that Jesus never claimed to be the Son of God, here is the verse to remember.

Luke 22:70 *“And they all said, “So You are the Son of God?” And He said to them, “You say correctly that I am.”*

John 3:16-18 - *““For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life. 17For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but so that the world might be saved through Him. 18The one who believes in Him is not judged; the one who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.”*

