

## The Great Physician

### Luke 22:1-27

- Jesus has just given the people a glimpse into what is going to happen to them in the near future and to others in the far future, now He focuses in on the current events and what is happening in the present. In **Lk 9:51** it says that “**Jesus has steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem**” despite knowing full well what would happen to Him there, and now those events are occurring. What we read now are appointments not accidents, they had been determined by the Father and written centuries ago in the Old Testament scriptures and now there coming to pass.

### V1-27

- **V1-6** as we read this you cannot help but admire and love Jesus more as He courageously and willingly enters into this time of suffering and eventual death, knowing that all this is being done for us. We see three things in these verses > **1.** The Jewish leaders want to kill Jesus but to do so without fingers being pointed their way they need an insider, **2.** Judas has volunteered to be that insider to help give Jesus over to His enemies, **3.** It was the sin of greed and Covetousness which Jesus had warned the disciples to stay away from in **Lk 12:15** that motivated Judas to betray Him.
- Before we move on I want to highlight a couple of things just to make sure we get a clear picture of what is happening, when you read this you could wrongly think that Satan first entered Judas and caused his thinking to become cloudy and that was what made him betray Jesus. In **Mk 14:10-11** it says Judas went to the religious leaders and struck a deal to betray Jesus for money, **Jn 13:23-29**- says it was after Judas dipped his hand into the meal that Satan entered him.
- He had opened himself up for Satan to come in and began to completely control him, now just so you know Judas had never surrendered himself to the Lordship of Jesus, even though he was called one of the twelve. How do you know? **Mk 14:1-5** Mary bought some expensive perfume to give to Jesus and was sharply rebuked for the purchase, as the disciples thought the money spent would have been better served if she gave it to them for the feeding of the poor.
- Sounds noble right! **Jn 12:3-8** tells the same story but gives a different narrative, it was Judas who riled everyone up against Mary, but not because he cared for the poor, it was that he was stealing money out of the money box and using it for himself. **Math 26:15-16** says Judas sold himself to the highest bidder in order to betray Jesus, even though he went out and cast out demons, healed the sick, but still somehow he became disenchanted and disappointed with Jesus and so he is back to his old ways of seeking how he may prosper himself.
- People do this today, they think if they become a Christian, their business will grow, but it went bankrupt, or their marriage would get better, or their health problems would go away, and when it doesn't turn out the way they thought, they turn again to their own devices just like Judas.

- You follow Jesus not for things to get better, but so you can become His child first, if things get worse, or stay the same, you continue to follow Jesus because He promised to save us from this world, and not to make this world better for us. Also for people wondering how Judas being an unbeliever could cast out Demons and heal the sick > **Math 7:21-23**- notice Jesus never said they did not do those things they mentioned, He simply says “**I never knew you**” meaning the things that they did in Jesus name was not for Jesus glory, but for their own pleasure.
- V7-13 the Lord took precautions in arranging the for the Passover Feast, as only Peter and John knew the location, had Judas known he might have tried to inform the authorities and it wasn't Jesus time just yet. So just as Jesus did when He entered Jerusalem telling the disciples to go here and go there and whatever is needed would be provided we see the same thing here as their told just tell the master of the house that the teacher is in need, I love this!
- A couple of things to remember, because Jesus came in on a donkey and the people were yelling “**Hosanna**” meaning save now, the Romans would be on high alert during this time of Passover. For the **14<sup>th</sup>** of Nissan represented the Lord delivering Israel from Egypt's bondage, and many of the people thought Jesus was a political deliverer, so they believed He had come not to save them from their sins but from Roman bondage, so the whole city was on red alert for trouble.
- Two things about Passover > **1.** It represented deliverance salvation from Egypt which is a type of the world, **2.** Feast of Unleavened Bread- no yeast, a type of sin, and sanctification. So in this feast there is salvation- deliverance, and sanctification- sin being taken away. Of course we have that not in a feast or holiday but in a Savior, The Lord Jesus Who saves us and sanctifies us by taking away our sin, so now we can go before God the Father and fellowship with Him.
- **V14-18** this is a passionate moment for Jesus, as He tells them “with fervent desire” he has desired to eat Passover with them before he goes to the cross. This is a man having His last meal, with the people who have been there for Him the most. Remember after this Jesus has gone on a two thousand year fast waiting again for us the church, before He has a meal again.
- After the meal and before the questions Jesus does something incredible > **Jn 13:2-15**- Jesus washes their feet, this was the duty of the lowest ranking servant in the house, and Jesus takes this task on. Peter rightly thinks it is they who should be washing His feet, but the Lord is showing us ow we should all no matter what title we may possess take the position of servant in our hearts, and that will motivate us to always put others before ourselves.
- **V19-20** Jesus institutes the New Covenant by using the Passover to introduce Communion, He takes, He thanks, He breaks, and He gives, this is what the Lord does in our lives for us to be saved. He takes our sin, He thanks His Father, He broke His body in order for our will to become His, and He gives us His grace and mercy, and afterward we are made brand new. When people try and make Jesus into just a prophet show them this verse where it says “**this cup is the new Covenant**” no mere man could ever institute a new covenant between God and man, only Jesus.

- **V21-22 Jn 6:66-71** Jesus had already hinted that not everyone in their number was truly with him, but now He openly speaks of a traitor in their midst. Judas was so good at camouflage that the other disciples began to ask is it them, no one suspected Judas, even after that stunt he pulled with Mary they still didn't recognize that it was him. **Jn 13:24-26** Peter asked who Jesus was taking about and Jesus answers and still they didn't get that it was Judas he was speaking of.
- **V23-24** here is the heart of man, as after some self-examination and hearing that one of them would betray the Lord they begin to argue amongst themselves, who among them is the greatest wow! They jump off that subject that any one of them could betray Jesus, into which one of them is the most worthy to serve Jesus, folks this is what the Lord is working with. This is how the enemy gets us, all eyes should have been on Judas but now its on each other, accusing one another, as they lift each other up in their own eyes, Satan knows what he is doing folks.
- **V25-27** Jesus could have settled the issue by saying "**He was the greatest**" The Kings of the earth exercise authority and power by having others serve them, for the world thinks the one who is served is greater, but by washing your feet, and serving your needs, Jesus has showed us that true greatness is in serving, more than in being served. Living as a servant truly is the best way to live, for in doing so your no longer concerned for our own honor or getting credit, you don't walk around with hurt feelings or disappointed expectations, because all you want to do is to serve.