

# JESUS, YOU WERE (ARE) ON HIS MIND

Luke 22:1-23:56

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**Jesus had His detractors, deniers and demeanors. Even so, you were always on His mind.**

**Jesus is demonstrated:** The Lord's Supper-the bread and the wine

**Jesus is betrayed.**

**Jesus is defended.** Simon injures Malchus. Vss 49-50 *When Jesus' followers saw what was going to happen, they said, "Lord, should we strike with our swords?"* <sup>50</sup> *And one of them struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear.*

**Jesus heals the soldier.** Vs 51 *But Jesus answered, "No more of this!" And he touched the man's ear and healed him.*

**Jesus is disowned by Simon.** Vss 54-62 *Then seizing him, they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest. Peter followed at a distance.* <sup>55</sup> *And when some there had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter sat down with them.* <sup>56</sup> *A servant girl saw him seated there in the firelight. She looked closely at him and said, "This man was with him."* <sup>57</sup> *But he denied it. "Woman, I don't know him," he said.* <sup>58</sup> *A little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them." "Man, I am not!" Peter replied.* <sup>59</sup> *About an hour later another asserted, "Certainly this fellow was with him, for he is a Galilean."* <sup>60</sup> *Peter replied, "Man, I don't know what you're talking about!" Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed.* <sup>61</sup> *The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: "Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times."* <sup>62</sup> *And he went outside and wept bitterly.*

**Jesus is denied a fair trial.** Vss 52-53 *Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple guard, and the elders, who had come for him, "Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come with swords and clubs?"* <sup>53</sup> *Every day I was with you in the temple courts, and you did not lay a hand on me. But this is your hour - when darkness reigns."*, 66-71 *At daybreak the council of the elders of the people, both the chief priests and the teachers of the law, met together, and Jesus was led before them.* <sup>67</sup> *"If you are the Messiah," they said, "tell us."*

*Jesus answered, "If I tell you, you will not believe me,* <sup>68</sup> *and if I asked you, you would not answer.* <sup>69</sup> *But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the mighty God."*

<sup>70</sup> *They all asked, "Are you then the Son of God?"*

*He replied, "You say that I am."*

<sup>71</sup> *Then they said, "Why do we need any more testimony? We have heard it from his own lips."*

**Jesus is demeaned.** Vss 63-65 *The men who were guarding Jesus began mocking and beating him.* <sup>64</sup> *They blindfolded him and demanded, "Prophecy! Who hit you?"* <sup>65</sup> *And they said many other insulting things to him. None of this "snuck up on" Jesus. He knew this was "the hour" He must pass to and through. Jesus knew this was "the cup" He must drink for you and me.*

Here is one of many articles available teaching the Old Testament prophecies of the Crucifixion of Jesus:

### **Old Testament Prophecy About Jesus' Death Fulfilled**

Crucifixion by death was for murderers and thieves; but for a Jewish man named Jesus, who claimed to be the Messiah, it was the ultimate sacrifice.

Jesus' death was prophesied in the Old Testament hundreds of years before He was crucified. When the Roman soldiers took Jesus before Pilate, the disciples already had abandoned Jesus. Zechariah 13:7 is the scripture Jesus quoted: "God will strike the shepherd and his sheep will scatter." Isaiah 53:7b says, "He was led like a lamb to the slaughter and as a sheep is silent before shearers, He never said a word." Psalm 22:16 states, "My enemies surround me like a pack of dogs; an evil gang closes in on me. They have pierced my hands and feet."

This scripture was written by King David in approximately 900 B.C.; crucifixion had not yet even been invented. Jesus was beaten with a lead-tipped whip that ripped His flesh from his back.

Isaiah 50:6 says, "I offered my back to those who beat me and my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard. I did not hide my face from mockery and spitting." Psalm 22:14a, 15: "My life is poured out of me like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My strength has dried up like sunbaked clay, My tongue sticks to the roof of My mouth. Psalm 69:21b: "They offer me sour wine for my thirst."

The soldier offered Jesus wine mixed with gall, rather than water for His thirst. Psalm 22:7-8a: "Everyone who sees me mocks me, they sneer and shake their heads saying, Is this the One who relies on God? Then let the Lord save Him!"

Jesus could have come down off the cross at any time and had myriads of angels at His disposal; but instead, He said, "Father forgive them for they know not what they do." Psalm 109:4 states, "I love them but they try to destroy me with accusations even as I am praying for them!" Psalm 22:18, "They divide my garments among themselves and throw dice for my clothing."

It was thought that the soldiers were playing a dice game for Jesus' clothes called "king for a day." Jesus was crucified between two thieves. Isaiah 53:12b, "He was counted among rebels. He bore the sins of many and interceded for rebels." Darkness covered the area when Jesus died. Amos 8:9, "In that day, says the Sovereign Lord, 'I will make the sun go down at noon and darken the earth while it is still day.'"

The darkness that covered the area reached to Greece and lasted from noon until 3 p.m. Psalm 22:1, "My God, My God, why have you abandoned me?"

David cried out this verse 900 years earlier and Jesus quoted the same scripture while hanging on the cross carrying our burden of sin. Psalm 31:5a, "I entrust my Spirit into Your Hand." The Roman soldiers usually broke the legs of the person being crucified; but when they came to do so to Jesus, He was already dead. Psalm 34:20, "For the Lord protects the bones of the righteous; not one of them is broken!"

After Jesus was taken from the cross, Joseph of Arimathea came to claim His body. Joseph was a secret follower of Jesus and gave him his tomb. Isaiah 53: 9c, "He was put in a rich man's grave." Psalm 16:10, "For you will not leave my soul among the dead or allow your Holy One to rot in the grave." Isaiah 26:19, "But those who die in the Lord will live; their bodies will rise again!! HE IS RISEN!! PRAISE HIM!!"

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**Even at the lowest moment in His life, Jesus Saves!** *Chapter 23:39-43 One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"*

<sup>40</sup> *But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? <sup>41</sup> We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."*

<sup>42</sup> Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

<sup>43</sup> Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

**In your lowest moments, God will save you.**

**Even in your lowest moments, God will work through you to reach others with the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ!**