

Role Reversal
Luke 22:66-71
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Romans 1:18-22

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools...

Luke 22:66-71

When 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, "If you are the Christ, tell us." But he said to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe, and if I ask you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man shall be seated at the right hand of the power of God." So they all said, "Are you the Son of God, then?" And he said to them, "You say that I am." Then they said, "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips."

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I. Jesus is prosecuted because the Jewish leaders want Him executed (vv. 66-68)

Luke 22:2

And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to put him to death, for they feared the people.

Luke 22:67a

"If you are the Christ, tell us."

Luke 23:2

And they began to accuse him, saying, “We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king.

“Their problem is not lack of evidence for his Messiahship but lack of openness to the possibility of belief.” – Alexandru Neagoe

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II. Despite their disingenuous questions, Jesus makes some bold declarations (vv. 69-70)

Luke 22:70

So they all said, “Are you the Son of God, then?” And he said to them, “You say that I am.”

Daniel 7:13-14

I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

Isaiah 42:8

I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other...

“The description of the Son of Man in v. 69 far exceeds the attributes ascribed to Messiah. The Sanhedrin perceives the difference and immediately asks, “Are you then the Son of God?” The question could be translated more directly and consequentially, “You are then the Son of God?” It was no sin to claim to be Messiah. It was blasphemous, however — and blasphemy was one of two sins (along with idolatry) for which Jews reserved capital punishment — to claim divine sonship.” – James Edwards

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Psalm 110:1

The Lord says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool."

Luke 21:34-36

"But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

III. Getting what they need to accuse, they fail to realize who rules (v. 71)

Luke 22:22

For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined.

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Ephesians 1:20-22

that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Colossians 3:1-4

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Hebrews 2:8-9

"...putting everything in subjection under his feet." Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because

of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

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