

## Luke 22 Pt 3

Face Like Flint

Jesus last night before His death. Dinner is Over. Judas leaves early to betray  
Boys arguing who is the greatest. **Time to go...**

**Matthew 26:30** ...and when they had **sung a hymn**, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them, "All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written: 'I will **strike the Shepherd**, And the sheep of the flock will **be scattered**.'

### V. The Garden

39 Coming out, **He went to the Mount of Olives**, as He was accustomed, and His disciples also followed Him. 40 When He came to the place, He said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation."

- **Garden of Gethsemane:** Garden of the Oil Press

**Mark 14:32** ...they came to a place which was named Gethsemane; and He said to His disciples, "**Sit** here while I pray." 33 And He **took Peter, James, and John** with Him, and He began to be troubled and deeply distressed. 34 Then He said to them, "My soul is **exceedingly sorrowful**, even to death. **Stay here and watch.**"

My soul is exceedingly sorrowful even to death  
Physical/Emotional/Spiritual Torment

- Give Me time w/My Father

41 And [Jesus] was withdrawn from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and prayed, 42 saying, "Father, **if it is Your will**, take this cup away from Me; **nevertheless not My will, but Yours**, be done."

**Q.** Is there any way to save man apart from the Cross? **A.** No.  
Deal Sealed from Eternity past

**Hebrews 10:5** ...When [Jesus] came into the world, He said [to the Father]: "Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, But a **body** You have prepared for Me. 6 In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You had no pleasure. **7 Then I said**, 'Behold, I have come—In the volume of the book it is written of Me—**To do Your will, O God.**'"**...10 By that will** we have been sanctified through the offering of the **body** of Jesus Christ once for all.

It was the Father's will to crush His Son...for us

**Isaiah 53:10** ...it pleased the Lord to crush Him; He has put Him to grief... You make His soul an offering for sin **...12b** He poured out His soul unto death, And He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors.

- **Not My will but Yours** be done as per the eternal plan

43 Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, **strengthening Him.**

When we yield our will to the will of God strength will come [NJC]

44 And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

#### Garden of the Oil Press

- **Agony:** gr. agōnia. Struggle for victory. Prays earnestly. rt. stretched out to Father

1. **Satan pressing** Mentally/Emotionally/Spiritually/Physically
2. **Jesus sweating** Huge drops of blood into dust. And then...

**Victory:** Jesus the Man Completely Yielded to the Will of the Father

**Isaiah 50:7** "For the Lord God will help Me; Therefore I will not be disgraced; Therefore I have **set My face like a flint**, And I know that I will not be ashamed.

45 When He rose up from prayer, and had come to His disciples, He found them **sleeping from sorrow**. 46 Then He said to them, "Why do you sleep? **Rise and pray, lest you enter into temptation.**"

- **Temptation:** Abandon Me
- **Enter in:** Not fall in, but enter in.

**IOWs** Yielding or not yielding to temptation is determined by our choice of paths

- Choose path least resistance      Any Excuse      Weakness      Failure
- Choose path of God's will NMW      No Excuses      Strength      Victory

Be Ready. Armored up. Prayed up  
Valley of Decision may come sooner than we think. E.g. Covid

47 And while [Jesus] was still speaking, behold, a multitude; and he who was called **Judas**, one of the twelve, went before them and **drew near to Jesus to kiss Him**. 48 But Jesus said to him, "**Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?**"

Depravity of man vs Kindness of God in plain view  
Jesus gives Judas one more opportunity

**Matthew 26:48** [Judas] had given them a sign, saying, "**Whomever I kiss, He is the One; seize Him.**" 49 Immediately he went up to Jesus and said, "**Greetings, Rabbi!**" and kissed Him. 50 But Jesus said to him, "**Friend, why have you come?**"

- **Greetings:** li. Hail. Rejoice! Be Glad? What?

Judas: Self-Exalted Master of Ceremonies

- **15 minutes of fame?** Infamy

1. School/Church shooters/Bombers
2. Pro-Communist College Professors
3. Pro-Trans child mutilators. Parents/Doctors/Media. Woe to you
4. Pro-Terrorist useful idiots. Free Palestine!

Self-focus leads to Pride leading to Demonic manipulation leading to death/judgement

- **Judas 15 minutes** now over.

1. W/In hours he will hang himself from a tree on edge of a cliff
2. Rope will snap/His guts will burst into a field of broken pottery
3. Spend Eternity tormented in hell because due to his choice

Guilty of the most heinous crime in human history  
Murder of the Innocent One

49 When those around Him saw what was going to happen, they said to Him, "Lord, **shall we strike with the sword?**" 50 And **one of them** struck the servant of the high priest and **cut off his right ear.**

- **Disciples saw?** First realization it was Judas

Shall we Strike with them with the Sword?  
More info from other Gospels...

**John 18:3** Then Judas, having received a detachment of *troops*, and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, came there with lanterns, torches, and weapons. <sup>4</sup>Jesus therefore, knowing all things that would come upon Him, **went forward** and said to them, "Whom are you seeking?" <sup>5</sup>They answered Him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "**I am He.**" And Judas, who betrayed Him, also stood with them. <sup>6</sup>Now when He said to them, "I am *He*," they drew back and **fell to the ground.** <sup>7</sup>Then He asked them again, "Whom are you seeking?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." <sup>8</sup>Jesus answered, "I have told you that **I am He.** Therefore, if you seek Me, let these go their way," <sup>9</sup>that the saying might be fulfilled which He spoke, "Of those whom You gave Me I have lost none."<sup>10</sup> Then **Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear.** The servant's name was Malchus. <sup>11</sup>So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into the sheath. Shall I not drink the cup which My Father has given Me?"

Peter a Fisherman not a Swordsman goes for the throat/Cuts off an ear  
**When we fail to use the Sword correctly people end up maimed**

51 But Jesus answered [Peter]and said, "**Permit even this.**" And **He touched his ear and healed him.**

**Matthew 26:52** But Jesus said to [Peter], "Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. 53 Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than **twelve legions of angels?** 54 How then could the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must happen thus?"

**Peter stop making more work for Me...**

52 Then Jesus said to the chief priests, captains of the temple, and the elders who had come to Him, "Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs? 53 When I was with you daily in the temple, you did not try to seize Me. **But this is your hour, and the power of darkness.**"

**John 10:18 No one takes [My life] from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again.**

This is your hour/2000-year hour of man given over to the power of darkness  
... *but morning is coming*

## VI. Alone

...And they all said likewise. I will die with you.

**Mark 14:50** Then **they all** forsook Him and fled. 51 Now a **certain young man followed Him**, having a linen cloth thrown around his naked body. And the young men laid hold of him, 52 and he left the linen cloth and **fled from them naked.**

- **Jesus is alone...**

54 Having **arrested Him**, they led Him and brought Him into the high priest's house. But **Peter followed at a distance.**

- **Officially Arrested/Led away:** Religious authorities

Peter follows at a distance? Caves to the Fear of Man

55 Now when they [mob] had kindled a fire in the midst of the courtyard and sat down together, **Peter sat among them.**

**Psalms 1:1** Blessed is the man Who **walks not** in the counsel of the ungodly, **Nor stands** in the path of sinners, **Nor sits** in the seat of the scornful

- **Dangerous digression:** Frog in pot of lukewarm water
  1. **Walked** Moved in same direction w/ungodly
  2. **Stopped** Small talk with the ungodly
  3. **Sat** Became comfortable w/enemies of Jesus

Don't even begin to walk with the ungodly  
Peter said it won't happen to me? Famous last words!

**Proverbs 6:27** Can a man take fire to his bosom, And his clothes not be burned? 28 Can one walk on hot coals, And his feet not be seared?

Peter is being sifted like wheat finding lots of chaff  
Satan uses little effort to tempt Peter...

56 And a certain servant girl, seeing him as he sat by the fire, looked intently at him and said, "This man was also with Him." 57 But he **denied Him**, saying, "**Woman, I do not know Him.**"

- **First Denial:** Servant girl to Peter...
  1. You're His friend!
  2. I don't know/understand what you're talking about

**"Even if all fall..." Peter intimidated by a little Servant girl**

**1 Corinthians 10:12** Therefore let him who **thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.**

58 And after a little while another saw him and said, "You also are of them." But Peter said, "**Man, I am not!**"

- **Second Denial:** Same servant girl brings men [c.f. Mark] **who say...**
  1. This is one of them!
  2. Man...I am not!!!

59 Then after about an hour had passed, another confidently affirmed, saying, "Surely this fellow also was with Him, for he is a Galilean." 60 But Peter said, "**Man, I do not know what you are saying!**"...

- **Third Denial**

**Mark 14:71** [Peter] ...began to **curse and swear**, "I do not know this Man of whom you speak!"

I don't know Him...And God strike me dead if I'm lying!

**60b...**Immediately, while he was still speaking, the **rooster crowed**. 61 And the **Lord turned and looked at Peter.**

Lit. Looked at Peter with Interest, Love, and Concern

At the crowing of the rooster, Jesus looked through the crowd around Him, and **made eye contact with Peter**. Peter was immediately convicted of his sin; not only of his denial of Jesus, but also of the **pride that led him to think he could never deny Him**. [Guzik]

**61c...**Then **Peter remembered** the word of the Lord, how He had said to him, "**Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.**" 62 **So Peter went out and wept bitterly.**

**Mark 14:72b...**And **when he thought about it, he wept.**

- Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water
- Master, we toiled all night/caught nothing...
- Nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net

- Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You
- Even if all are made to stumble, yet I will not be
- See, we have left all and followed You
- Lord, why can't I not follow You now?
- I will lay down my life for Your sake
- You are the Christ, the Son of the living God

Peter remembered and wept bitterly  
Painful yet Profitable Sifting

**Q.** Difference between Judas Betrayal/Peter's Denial?

**A.** 1) **Intent** and 2) **Motivation**

▪ **Intent...**

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| 1. <b>Judas</b> | Planned/Schemed to betray Jesus. Calculated |
| 2. <b>Peter</b> | Truly desired to be faithful to his Lord    |

▪ **Motivation...**

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| 1. <b>Judas</b> | <b>Hate:</b> Apathetic to Jesus pain. All for his own gain |
| 2. <b>Peter</b> | <b>Fear of Man.</b> What will they say? What will they do? |

No Middle Ground: Fear Man or Fear of God

The remarkable thing about fearing God is that when you **fear God you fear nothing else**, whereas when you don't fear God **you fear everything else**. [Chambers]

**Psalm 111:10** The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom

- **If ...the fear of God** is beginning of Wisdom, then...
- **Then ...the fear of man** is the epitome of foolishness. **IOWs...**

If pleasing God motivates our thoughts, actions, and responses...**we will act wisely**  
If pleasing men motivates our thoughts, actions, and responses... **we will act foolishly**

- **People pleasing** is a tempting trap...Leads to Deception
- **Do what God says** and let the chips fall

**Proverbs 29:25** The fear of man brings a snare, But he who trusts in the LORD will be exalted.

- **Peter** would repent, learn, and grow vs **Judas** would hang himself

Peter was not the man he thought he was  
After being sifted like wheat he became the man God created Him to be...

**Psalm 119:67** Before I was afflicted I went astray, **But now I keep Your word.** 68  
You are good, and do good; Teach me Your statutes.

**Acts 5:28** "Did we not strictly command you not to teach in this name? And look, you have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this Man's blood on us!" [To the same

enemies Peter sat with he said...] **"We ought to obey God rather than men. 30 The God of our fathers raised up Jesus whom you murdered by hanging on a tree.**

We all make promises to Jesus that we do not keep. When that is the case, there is an appropriate time to weep bitterly. **But then there is a time to come back to Jesus, who will always receive you back.** [Guzik]

- **Application:** Not just Peter...but ***all forsook Jesus***? What would we have done?

**What will we do** when all we know to be true, right, and good is called false, wrong, and evil? When we see/feel the armed mob coming up over the hill with torches, swords, and clubs as if we are the bad guys? When standing for Jesus will actually cost us? One thing we know for sure...running away naked and apologizing is not the right answer. [NJC]

- What do we do when the hot topics come up? Fear Man or Fear God?
  1. Abortion **vs** Life
  2. Perversion **vs** Holiness
  3. Usurpers **vs** Israel
  4. Evolution **vs** Creation
  5. Relative **vs** Absolute Truth
  6. Atheism **vs** Existence of a God
  7. Child mutilation under guise gender affirming care **vs** Repentance/Healing

**Will we identify with Jesus or the mob?  
Decide Now.**

Be Ready. Armored up. Prayed up  
Valley of Decision may be here sooner than you think