

Mark 14

Love

I. Jerusalem

1 After two days it was the Passover and *the Feast of Unleavened Bread*. And the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take Him by trickery and put *Him* to death.² But they said, "Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar of the people."

- **Approaching Passover:** Religious leaders come together to make a plan

Proverbs 6: 18 [God hates] A heart that devises wicked plans...

- Take him by trickery and put Him to death: **But not on Passover**
 1. Passover and Unleavened Bread merged: **7 Day Feast of Passover**
- **Passover:**
 1. God freed His people from harsh bondage of Pharaoh in Egypt
 2. Blood on door a sign for the Death Angel to Passover that house
 3. No blood: Firstborn would die
 4. Pharaoh son dies: Compelled him to let the people go
 5. Celebrated each year in remembrance of God's provision... **The Blood**
- It is now Jesus time. **He would** die on Passover: **Fulfill the Passover**
- **Eternal Plan:** Jesus would be the Passover Lamb:

Revelation 13:8 "...Lamb slain from the foundation of the world"

Isaiah 53:10 ...it pleased the Lord to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief...make His soul an offering for sin...

- In spite of the Religious leaders plan Jesus would die on the Passover

Proverbs 16:9 A man's heart plans his way, But the Lord directs his steps.

- Jesus came to die both...
 1. At the **hands of sinful man**
 2. **For sinful man**
- He would die precisely in God's time not man's. It was His purpose for coming:

Matthew 2:11 ...when [the wise men from the East] had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: **gold, frankincense, and myrrh.**

1. **Gold:** The gift given to a King
 2. **Frankincense:** Incense used by a Priest
 3. **Myrrh:** Used to embalm. Jesus the prophet foretelling His own death
- **Jerusalem:** The place of hatred of Jesus

II. Bethany

- **Bethany:** Place of where Jesus is loved
- Village at the Mount of Olives, about two miles from Jerusalem
- **House of Dates** or **House of Misery**
 1. **Siblings:** Martha, Mary and Lazarus
 2. Martha served; Mary sat
 3. Lazarus dies; Jesus raises
 4. A place of rest for Jesus; laugh and let down

3 And being in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, as He sat at the table, a woman came having an alabaster flask of very costly oil of spikenard.

- Casual get together before the unspeakable torment Jesus would face in days:
 1. **Simon the Leper's** house: Healed; man formerly known as Simon the Leper
 2. **Mary**
 3. **Martha:** Serving
 4. **Lazarus:** Man formerly known as dead Lazarus
 5. **Judas:** Still in good standing
 6. **Other Apostles**
- **Jesus sits at table:** Woman walks over w/ Alabaster Flask Scented Oil; **Spikenard**
 1. **Nard:** Amber-colored essential oil derived from flowering plants
 2. **Pound:** One years wages

3b Then she broke the flask and poured it on His head.

- Poured it on Jesus head: **Appropriate anointing for the King**
- **Who is this woman?**

John 12:3 ...**Mary** took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair.

- Mary, Martha's sister pours oil on Jesus head and also anoints His feet
- Mary always at Jesus feet:

Luke 10:39 [Read] Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. 40 But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." 41 And Jesus

answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. 42 But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."

- Mary was used to being at Jesus feet: When her brother died:

John 11:32 ... when Mary came where Jesus was, and saw Him, she **fell down at His feet**, saying to Him, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died."

- Known as "**that Mary**" who anointed the Lord with fragrant oil and wiped His feet with her hair [John 11:2]
- When we really worship Jesus with:
 1. No distractions
 2. No restraint...the atmosphere changes:

John 12:3b House was filled with the fragrance of the oil [Jesus!]

- Beautiful aroma of life, love, Light. Everything changes when Jesus is worshiped!

III. Mary Commended/Critics Condemned

4 But there were some who were indignant among themselves, and said, "Why was this fragrant oil wasted? **5** For it might have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor." And they criticized her sharply.

- Always a critic of God's work:
- Nehemiah: Hands in pockets criticizing work being done
 1. Why are you wasting that oil on Jesus
 2. We could have sold it and given it to the poor [We know what is best]

5b...And they criticized her sharply. [To snort...]

- Mary always at the Lords feet being criticized: Stop that. Don't be a fanatic!
 1. **Martha:** Tell her to come in and help with the dishes
 2. **Unknown guests** at the party? Not really...

John 12:4 But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said, **5** "Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" **6** This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it. [Why was this oil put to **waste**? Judas know as "son of **perdition**"; i.e. "son of **waste**"] John 17:12]

- **Pretending to care for the poor:**
 1. 2 Infamous "Reverends" who pretend to care for the poor
 2. Exploit the poor; show up at every so called tragedy

3. Never miss opportunity to gain notoriety/money from tragedy
4. Have nothing to do with Jesus...nothing
5. Use religion for selfish gain
6. As Judas make-believers w/ False motives

1 Timothy 6:3 If anyone advocates a different doctrine and does not agree with sound words, those of our Lord Jesus Christ, and with the doctrine conforming to godliness, 4 he is conceited and understands nothing; but he has a morbid interest in controversial questions and disputes about words, out of which arise envy, strife, abusive language, evil suspicions, 5 and constant friction between men of depraved mind and deprived of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain.

- **Jesus rescues Mary again from her critics:**

6 But Jesus said, "Let her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a good work for Me.⁷ For you have the poor with you always, and whenever you wish you may do them good; but Me you do not have always.

- **Safety at Jesus feet:**

Psalm 91 He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.² I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust."³ Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler And from the perilous pestilence.⁴ He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge;

- Leave her alone she is right
- Calls them out: Motive are wrong
- Poor are all around...no one is stopping you from helping them
- I will not be here much longer...

8 She has done what she could. She has come beforehand to anoint My body for burial.

- Jesus knew exactly what would happen in just days:

1. Betrayed by one who was His friend [ate, laughed, cried with]
2. Come for him with torches, spears, clubs
3. Illegal Mock trials of Jews
4. Beatings by Romans
5. Pulling out beard
6. Made sport of punched w/ sack over head
7. Back torn apart w/ whip of glass and stone
8. Nails in Hands and Feet
9. Crucified...by those He came to save. **By those he chose to save!**

- **Don't you dare stop her...She has done everything she could do:**

1. Anointing me for My burial
2. Comforting me while I can still be comforted

9 Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her."

- Jesus was sure the Gospel would reach the world through the Apostles teaching
- He was sure she would be in the pages of Scripture

What did she do? She was a worshipper!

2 Samuel 7:18 Then King David went in and sat before the Lord...

10 Then Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Him to them. 11 And when they heard it, they were glad, and promised to give him money. So he sought how he might conveniently betray Him.

- **Judas motivation to see Jesus dead was Love for Money: He hated Jesus**

Matthew 6:24 "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

John 12:9 [Narrative continued] The large crowd of the Jews then learned that He was [in Bethany]; and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He raised from the dead. 10 But the chief priests planned to **put Lazarus to death** also; 11 because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and were believing in Jesus.

- Darkness wants to snuff out the Light will go to great lengths to do it
- Get rid of the good to feel good about doing bad!

John 3:19 ...this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. 21 But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."

1 Timothy 1:15 This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.

- Everyone born in sin:

Romans 3:10 "There is none righteous, no, not one..."

- We must be born again of the Spirit:

John 3:3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

- Born once die twice...born twice never see death:

John 8:51 Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he shall **never see death.**"

John 11:25 "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.

- Jesus paid the price for our sin on the cross because of God's love

John 3:16 ...God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

- Jesus time is at hand. Jesus came to die. Religious leaders thought it was their plan
- Will allow Himself to be sacrificed for us. Jesus chose to die for us.
- He would die on Passover exactly on time
- For those who believe, His blood covers us ...death Passes-over us forever
- Eternal Life

Jesus is the fulfillment the Passover. Free from the bondage of Devil and Sin

Behold the Lamb who takes away the sin of the whole world!

IV. Betrayal Begins

10 Then Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Him to them.**11** And when they heard *it*, they were glad, and promised to give him money. So he sought how he might conveniently betray Him.

- Then Judas went:
 1. Anointing at Bethany
 2. Hypocrisy exposed by Jesus; Could have been sold to the poor?

Matthew 6:24 "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

- **Went to Chief Priest to betray**
 1. Glad
 2. Promised to give him money
- **Conveniently betray Him**; i.e. watched for an opportunity to hand him over.

12 Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they killed the Passover lamb, His disciples said to Him, "Where do You want us to go and prepare, that You may eat the Passover?"

- Devout Jew celebrating Passover:

John 1:36... [John] looked at Jesus as He walked, and said, "**Behold, the Lamb of God!**"

- Imagine Jesus thoughts as He watched the lamb be devoured!

13 And He sent out two of His disciples and said to them, "Go into the city, and a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him. 14 Wherever he goes in, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, "Where is the guest room in which I may eat the Passover with My disciples?"'" 15 Then he will show you a large upper room, furnished and prepared; there make ready for us."

- 2 Disciples sent to man in city carrying pitcher of water
- Follow the man home and ask master of house where is the room?
 1. Furnished
 2. Prepared
- Get it ready for the Passover!

16 So His disciples went out, and came into the city, and found it just as He had said to them; and they prepared the Passover.

- Preparations for Passover

V. Evening

17 In the evening He came with the twelve.

- **It was Evening:**

John 9:4 I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

John 2:4 "...My hour has not yet come."

Luke 22:53 "... this is your hour, and the power of darkness."

John 17:1 "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You,"

- Evening came as He sat with the 12 who had been with him for 3 years...

18 Now as they sat and ate, Jesus said, "Assuredly, I say to you, one of you who eats with Me will betray Me."

- **Assuredly:** Truly, Truly one of you 12 will betray Me

19 And they began to be sorrowful, and to say to Him one by one, "Is it I?" And another said, "Is it I?"

- Joy turned to sorrow

- One by one to Jesus "Is it i?"

20 He answered and said to them, "It is one of the twelve, who dips with Me in the dish. 21 The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had never been born."

John 13:18 "I do not speak concerning all of you. I know whom I have chosen; but that the Scripture may be fulfilled, 'He who eats bread with Me has lifted up his heel against Me.' [Quoted from Psalm 41 in 1000BC]

- One will betray Me as prophesied/predestined
- One will betray Me and it will be his choice: **Same guy**

"Woe to that man...good for that man if he was never born" [Eternal Hell]

Luke 17:1 "It is impossible that no offenses should come, but woe to him through whom they do come!

- Devil is tempting Judas and will possess Judas shortly

VI. Body and Blood

22 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them and said, "**Take, eat; this is My body.**"

- My Body

23 Then He took the cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, and they all drank from it. 24 And He said to them, "**This is My blood of the new covenant**, which is shed for many. 25 Assuredly, I say to you, I will no longer drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

- Bread and Wine first mention:

Genesis 14:18 ...Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine [To Abram]; [Melchizedek] was the priest of God Most High.

- **Hebrews 7:3b** "...having neither beginning of days nor end of life"
- **Melchizedek:** King of Salem [Shalom] Peace; i.e. Prince of Peace

John Chapter 6 [Read]

John 6:28 [Near the place where Jesus broke bread and fed 5000 plus] Then they said to Him, "**What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?**"

- What pleases God?

29 Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent."

- What is the work of God? What pleases God? **Believe in Him whom He sent!**

30 Therefore they said to Him, "What sign will You perform then, that we may see it and believe You? What work will You do? 31 Our fathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"

- **Moses provided our Fathers with manna in the desert.**
- **Bread from heaven!** What sign will You do? **Just fed 5000 people!**

32 Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

- God provided bread from heaven for physical sustenance in the desert
- My Father will give you true bread from heaven; i.e. Spiritual sustenance
- True Bread of God is a Person
 1. Comes from Heaven [Spiritual dimension]
 2. Give life to the world [Physical dimension]

34 Then they said to Him, "**Lord, give us this bread always.**"

- Lord? Give us this bread always? Still don't get it!

35 And Jesus said to them, "**I am the bread of life.** He who **comes to Me** shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst."

- **I am the bread of life:** Ultimate Satisfaction
 1. He who comes to me will never hunger
 2. He who believes in Me will never thirst
- **Come to Me:** Not church, Pastor, religion, philosophy, set of standards...

John 5:39 You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. 40 But you are not willing to **come to Me** that you may have life.

Matthew 11:28 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. [Wisdom calls]

36 But I said to you that you have seen Me and yet do not believe. 37 All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I

will by no means cast out. 38 For **I have come down from heaven**, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. 39 This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. 40 And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day.”

- Everyone who sees the Son will have eternal life
- Everyone who believes in the Son will have eternal life

I WILL RAISE HIM UP ON THE LAST DAY!

▪ **The Great I Am**

Exodus 3:14 [Moses asks God His Name] God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And He said, “Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

1. I Am the Bread of Life
2. I Am the Light of the World
3. I Am the Door
4. I Am the Good Shepherd
5. I Am the Resurrection and the Life
6. I Am the Way, the Truth and the Life
7. I Am the Vine

John 8:58 “Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.” ...**24** if you do not believe that I am, you will die in your sins.”

- I will raise the dead on the Last Day: I Am the resurrection and the life!

41 The Jews then complained about Him, because He said, “I am the bread which came down from heaven.” 42 And they said, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How is it then that He says, ‘I have come down from heaven?’”

- Prophet not respected in His hometown
 1. Son of Joseph
 2. We know His parents
 3. How can He say He came down from Heaven?
- Miracles: Feeding 5000, healing, power over demons; etc.

“What sign will you give us?” ...Does not matter...

Luke 16:27 “Then [the rich man in hades] said, ‘I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father’s house, 28 for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.’ 29 Abraham said to him, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.’ 30 And he said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if one goes to

them from the dead, they will repent.' 31 But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'"

- If you don't want to believe nothing will convince you. Cf. Pharaoh

43 Jesus therefore answered and said to them, "Do not murmur among yourselves. 44 No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day. 45 It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me. 46 Not that anyone has seen the Father, except He who is from God; He has seen the Father.

- Don't murmur...
 1. OT: They shall be taught by God [Isaiah 54:13]
 2. No one has seen God the Father but ME
 3. When I teach you are being taught by God

47 Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life.

- HE who believes in Me has [present tense] **eternal life**
- What does it mean to believe?

48 **I am the bread of life.** 49 Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. 50 This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die. 51 **I am the living bread** which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever;

- I am the bread of life
- Your fathers ate manna which fell from heaven and sustained physical life...but died
- I am the Living Bread...if anyone eats of this living bread he will live forever!
 1. I am the bread from heaven.
 2. I am the living bread from heaven
 3. If anyone eats of this bread he will live forever

51b ...and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world."

- Work of God is to believe in the Son of God
- The Son of God is the Bread of Life
- The Bread of Life is Jesus flesh...

... I shall give for the life of the world."

- Give my body for the Life of the world
- A world dead in sin and doomed to eternal judgment:

Ephesians 2:1 And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, 2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, 3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

52 The Jews therefore quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this Man give us His flesh to eat?"

- How can He give His body? Cannibalism?

53 Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you."

- Truly...unless you eat the flesh/drink the blood of Son of Man...whatever this means:

...you have no life in you.

- No life. Walking Zombie. Walking dead. No life.

54 Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. **55** For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. **56** He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him.

- Abiding in Jesus and Jesus abiding in us means:
 1. Eating Jesus flesh which is **true food**
 2. Drinking Jesus blood which is **true drink**
 3. Those who do this [whatever it means] I will raise up on the Last Day!

57 As the **living Father** sent Me, and **I live because of the Father**, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me. **58** This is the bread which came down from heaven—not as your fathers ate the manna, and are dead. He who eats this bread will live forever."

- **Living Father sent Me:** God's not dead!
 1. **I live because of the Father**
 2. He who feeds on Me will live forever because of Me
 3. Get away from following a man [Moses] Manna was a picture of Me!

59 These things He said in the synagogue as He taught in Capernaum.

- **Capernaum:** Jesus base of operation with his Apostles and Disciples

60 Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard this, said, "This is a

hard saying; who can understand it?"

- **Disciples:**

1. Hard saying
2. I don't know what it means

61 When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples complained about this, He said to them, "Does this offend you?"

- Did this offend you?

62 What then if you should see the Son of Man ascend where He was before?

- What will you think when you see Me rise from Mount of Olives to My Father?
- Think Spiritually! Have ears to hear! Grab onto the Light given...

John 1:4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men...**9** That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.

63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life. 64 But there are some of you who do not believe."

- Spirit is Life; Flesh profits nothing
- Blinded to things of Spirit:

2 Corinthians 4:3 [Gospel] ...is veiled to those who are perishing, 4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who would betray Him. 65 And He said, "Therefore I have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father.

- Jesus foreknew who would believe
- Jesus foreknew who would betray Him

"66 From that time many of His disciples went back and **walked with Him no more.**

- **John 6:66:** Walked with Him NO MORE
- After this sermon many stopped following

67 Then Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you also want to go away?"68 But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. 69 Also we have come to believe and know that You are the

Christ, the Son of the living God."

- **Peter Shines:**
 1. To WHOM shall we go
 2. You have the Words of Eternal Life
 3. We have come to believe
 4. We know that You are the Messiah
 5. You are the Son of the Living God

70 Jesus answered them, "**Did I not choose you, the twelve, and one of you is a devil?**" 71 He spoke of Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon, for it was he who would betray Him, being one of the twelve.

Mark 14:22 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them and said, "**Take, eat; this is My body.**"²³ Then He took the cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, and they all drank from it. 24 And He said to them, "**This is My blood of the new covenant,** which is shed for many.

- **Practical meaning:**
 1. Eating the Bread [flesh]
 2. Drinking the Wine [Blood]
- **Becoming One:** One with Jesus and One with each other [Communion]
- **Melchizedek:** King of Salem [Shalom] Peace; i.e. Prince of Peace
 1. Jesus alone is worthy of Heaven
 2. If we are One with Him we will be there

Ephesians 5:30 ...we are members of [Jesus] body, of His flesh and of His bones. 31 "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." 32 This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. [Body of Christ]

John 14:19 "A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also. 20 At that day you will know that **I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.**

John 17:20 "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; 21 that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. 22 And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one:

- **One with Jesus is to receive** His Body and Blood as payment for our sin.
- Allow this truth to be ingested, assimilated, absorbed, consumed in our whole being:
- **New Covenant:** Not keeping of Law [What must we do to please God?]

This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased

- Accepting Grace of God who sent His Son to save us from sin, death and hell and live with Him **forever in kingdom of God:**

25 Assuredly, I say to you, I will no longer drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

Matthew 26:29 I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it **new with you** in my Father's kingdom."

VII. Table Talk: Begin Luke 22

- Still at the Table... **"One of you will betray me"**
- 12 Apostles... **"Is it I?"**

Luke 22:23 Then they began to question among themselves, which of them it was who would do this thing. Now there was also a dispute among them, as to which of them should be considered the greatest

- **Escalation/Heightened Sensitivity:**
 1. First question self
 2. Next question among themselves who it might be
 3. Finally a dispute as to who would be the greatest?

[Skip to] **25b** ...he who is greatest among you, let him be as the younger, and he who governs as he who serves. 27 For who is greater, he who sits at the table, or he who serves? Is it not he who sits at the table? Yet I am among you as the One who serves.

- If you are really great show it by serving
- The Son of God is serving you

What does it look like to truly be like Jesus?

28 "But you are those who have continued with Me in My trials. 29 And I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed one upon Me, 30 that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

- Commendation and Blessing?
 1. You have continued with Me in My trials [When others walked away]
 - a) Enduring in the faith does not save us but proves that we are saved
 - b) Peter and boys stayed after many left [John 6:66]

Pliable from John Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress": Pliable leaves Christian at the Slough of Despondent because he is frustrated by the difficulty of the journey.

2. I give you a Kingdom within My Kingdom [Sit on Thrones judging 12 Tribes]

- **Commendation/Blessing in midst of Argument:** Know who you are/act like it...
- Act like those who have an Eternal hope...

1 Corinthians 6:1 [Read] Does any one of you, when he has a case against his neighbor, dare to go to law before the unrighteous and not before the saints? 2 Or do you not know that the **saints will judge the world**? If the world is judged by you, are you not competent to constitute the smallest law courts? 3 Do you not know that **we will judge angels**? How much more matters of this life? 4 So if you have law courts dealing with matters of this [earthly] life, do you appoint [earthly] judges who are of no account in the church? 5 I say this to your shame. Is it so, that there is **not among you one wise man** who will be able to decide between his brethren, 6 but brother goes to law with brother, and that before unbelievers? 7 Actually, then, it is already a defeat for you, that you have lawsuits with one another. Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be defrauded?

- Commendation/Blessing/Rebuke combination

31 And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. 32 But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren. "

- **Warning to Peter:** Satan asked for you!...to "sift you as wheat" [See Job]
 1. **Wheat and Chaff separated**
 2. **See what you're made of...Check your mettle**

Mettle: "stuff of which a person is made" courage and fortitude Disposition or temperament: "A man/woman of mettle"; i.e. who you really are:

- Good/bad
 - Faithful/unfaithful
 - Belief/unbelief
 - Strength/weakness
 - Reaction to trial/crisis
- **I have prayed for you:** Jesus our Advocate
 1. Faith should not fail completely
 2. After flesh fails you will:
 - a) Return to Me
 - b) Strengthen your brothers [Angel: Go tell Peter]
 - Sometimes what we think our Mettle is, **is different than reality**
 - **Churches in Revelation:**

Romans 12:3 [Do] not to think of [yourself] more highly than [you] ought to think, but... think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.

33 But he said to Him, "Lord, I am ready to go with You, both to prison and to death."34 Then He said, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster shall not crow this day before you will deny

three times that you know Me. "

- **I am ready?**
 1. Prison
 2. Death
 3. It would not be just prison and death
- Within hours, before morning that statement will be proven false
- Continues table talk with boys:

35 And He said to them, "When I sent you without money bag, knapsack, and sandals, did you lack anything? "So they said, "Nothing."36 Then He said to them, "But now, he who has a money bag, let him take it, and likewise a knapsack; and he who has no sword, let him sell his garment and buy one.

- Last time when I sent you to preach the gospel:
 1. Didn't bring anything, didn't lack anything
- This time you will I am not sending you but you will take off:
 1. Bring your stuff...you are on your own
 2. Bring a sword

Where God guides, God Provides

37 For I say to you that this which is written must still be accomplished in Me: 'And He was numbered with the transgressors.' For the things concerning Me have an end."

Isaiah 53:12 ... I will divide Him a portion with the great, And He shall divide the spoil with the strong, Because 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.

1. Baptism
2. Cross

38 So they said, "Lord, look, here are two swords. "And He said to them, "It is enough."

- Missing the point again: Fight the Romans?

VIII. Trial in the Garden

Mark 14:26 And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

- Sung a hymn?

Zephaniah 3:17 The Lord your God in your midst, The Mighty One, will save; He will

rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, **He will rejoice over you with singing.**"

- On their way the Garden

27 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 will be scattered.'

Zechariah 13:7 "Strike the Shepherd, And the sheep will be scattered"

- Strike the Shepherd and the followers will be scattered...
 1. Pastors
 2. Fathers
- Satan knows this and focuses on the Shepherd

28 "But after I have been raised, I will go before you to Galilee."

- **Hope:** Resurrection
- Peter wants to revisit "sheep scattered" statement...

29 Peter said to Him, "Even if all are made to stumble, yet I will not be."
30 Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you that today, even this night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times." 31 But he spoke more vehemently, "If I have to die with You, I will not deny You!" And they all said likewise.

- Even if all... not me
- Spoke more vehemently, fervently, passionately: **I will die before denying You!**
- All agreed: Even if all fall away I will not:
- **JVM:** Not ready yet to be burned at the stake:

"God will provide grace needed for the circumstance"

32 Then they came to a place which was named Gethsemane; and He said to His disciples, "Sit here while I pray."

- Garden of Gethsemane:

Garden of the Oil Press

- Instructions: 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."

- Takes the 3 Amigos for a walk
- Exceedingly sorrowful even to death
- Instructions: Stay and watch

35 He went a little farther, and fell on the ground, and prayed that if it were possible, the hour might pass from Him. 36 And He said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for You. Take this cup away from Me; nevertheless, not what I will, but what You will."

- Left larger group way in the back, walks on from second group of three
 1. Falls on ground
 2. Prays for a different means of Salvation for men

"Daddy, You can do anything. Is there another way to save humans? Please do it. If there is no other way...you are my Father and I will submit to Your will"

37 Then He came and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "Simon, are you sleeping? Could you not watch one hour? 38 Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation..."

- Instructions: Watch
- All 3 Sleeping

Luke 22:44 And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. 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."

- Great drops of blood
- Sleeping from sorrow
- **Additional instructions:** Watch and Pray or you will fall into temptation?

38b The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." 39 Again He went away and prayed, and spoke the same words.

Luke 22:43 Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him.

40 And when He returned, He found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy; and they did not know what to answer Him.

- Eyes heavy from tears **"What is going on?"**

41 Then He came the third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? It is enough! The hour has come; behold, the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. 42 Rise, let us be going. See, My betrayer is at hand."

Hour has come. Decision is made. Face Like Flint

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.

Meddle Tested: Success

- **Sanctified:** Made holy through the sacrifice of Jesus body
- Decision made beforehand; His mettle tested

IX. Mettle: What will you do in the Oil Press?

- Victory in **Garden of Gethsemane** required because the failure in **Garden of Eden**
- Victory in **Garden of Oil Press** required because of failure in **Garden on Pleasure**

Genesis 3: God's Will or My Will in times of Temptation?

1. Walked with God in the cool of the day.
2. Do anything but do not eat from the tree of the knowledge of Good/Evil
3. If you do you will die! They knew what this meant: **Separation**

God's will in Eden:	Do anything except this: Do not eat the Tree Good/Evil
God's will in Gethsemane:	Do nothing except this: Offer your life Sacrifice for man
Same Temptation:	My will or God's will
Same Tempter:	Satan:
At thing at stake:	Eternal Life vs Eternal Damnation for Mankind

4. **Satan:** "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of garden?'"
5. **Eve:** "You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die."
6. **Satan:** "You will not surely die. God knows:
 - a. Eyes will be opened
 - b. Be like God
 - c. Knowing good and evil
7. Eve saw the tree was:
 - a. Good for food
 - b. Pleasant to eyes

- c. Desirable to make wise
8. Eve took and ate...offered to Spiritual Head, Adam
 9. Test: My will or God's will? Adam ate and gave us the world we see today

Meddle Tested: Failure

- Eve was tempted, tricked, deceived
- Adam disobeyed God with his eyes wide open!

10. Everything changed as Satan promised:
 - a. Knew that they were naked
 - b. Sewed fig leaves together [Shame/ Beauty became perverse]]
11. Sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day
12. Hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God..."Where are you?"
13. "I heard Your voice...and I was afraid because I was naked"
14. I hid myself because I'm naked...exposed
15. "Who told you that you were naked?"
16. Have you eaten from the tree I told you not to eat from?"

"The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate."

17. **To Satan:** "Because you have done this, You are cursed..."
 - a. Eat dust All the days of your life
 - b. I will put hatred Between you [Satan] and the woman[Eve]
 - c. I will put hatred between your seed [Sons of Satan]and her Seed [Jesus and God's people]
 - d. You will wound Jesus for a time
 - e. Jesus will destroy you
18. **To Eve:** "I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception
 - a. Pain you shall bring forth children
 - b. Your desire shall be to rule your husband
 - c. He shall rule over you."
19. **To Adam:** "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree..."
 - a. "Cursed is the ground for your sake w/Thorns and thistles
 - b. Sweat of your face you shall eat bread
20. God killed an animal and made tunics of skin, and clothed them.

21. "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil.
22. Lord God sent them out of the garden of Eden
23. Placed cherubim at entrance garden of Eden
 - a. Flaming sword to guard the way to the tree of life

- First Adam's act of disobedience and lack of Mettle: Result
 1. Sin entered the perfect world God created
 2. Sin entered the God's masterpiece...human beings
 3. Man began to die physically
 4. Adam and Eve died immediately [Separated from God as Adam was told]
 5. All subsequent descendants were born dead in sin [Ephesians 2:1

1 Corinthians 15:22 ...in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive.

- Second Adams act of obedience and tested Mettle:
 1. Sin was conquered
 2. Death was conquered
 3. Devil was conquered
 4. We were justified
 5. Given Life
 6. We are made righteous!

Romans 5:18 ... through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men... through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men. 19 For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous.

APPLICATION: You will be tried and tried hard:

1 Peter 4:12 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you; 13 but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation.

1 Corinthians 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

- We can do nothing apart from Jesus working in us:

John 15:5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for **without Me you can do nothing.**

- With Jesus we can do all things:

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

PERSONAL APPLICATION: What will you do in the **Oil Press**? Your will or God's will? Eph. 6 Cut and run or do God's will? Stuff you know is right/God's will but really hard?

- **Husbands:** Will you choose to love your wives when things get tough?
 1. As Christ loved the Church: Determined beforehand to love to the full
- **Wives:** Will you choose to respect your husbands when they least deserve it?

1 Peter 3:1 ... wives, be submissive to your own husbands so that even if any of them are disobedient to the word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives, 2 as they observe your chaste and respectful behavior.

- **Children:** Will you obey your parents; honor them? Lord's will
- **Fathers:** Raise children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord

Deuteronomy 6:7 You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up.

- **Employees:** Work for your employer "with fear and trembling, in the sincerity of your heart, as to Christ; not by way of eye-service, as men-pleasers, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart with good will render service, as to the Lord, and not to men"

What is your Oil Press? What will your Mettle be when tested?

Determine to Jump on the way there! Set His face like flint to do the Father's will

We must Determine Beforehand to do God's will no matter what the cost!

Passover: Thousands flood into Jerusalem. Jesus in Garden of Gethsemane; Oil Press

Preparing for the unspeakable:

Mark 14:41 ...He came the third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? It is enough! The hour has come; behold, the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. 42 **Rise, let us be going.** See, My betrayer is at hand."

Rise...let us be going!

- Resolute, Unwavering, Determined to do His Father's will no matter what the cost
- Cost will be everything: **Burnt Offering**
 1. The Betrayal
 2. The Denial

3. The Arrest

- **Betrayer is "at hand"**

X. The Betrayal

43 And immediately, while He was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, with a great multitude with swords and clubs, came from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders.

- Immediately[Mark]: While Jesus was still speaking:
 1. Judas [One of the twelve]
 2. Great Multitude swords and clubs
 3. Sent by Chief Priests, Scribes and Elders

44 Now His betrayer had given them a signal, saying, "Whomever I kiss, He is the One; seize Him and lead Him away safely."

- **His Betrayer:** Loved, Trusted, Spent Time with, Laughed, Cried
- **Why do people betray one another:** Sinful nature
- **Motive 2 Fold:** To cause hurt to another while gaining something for self
 1. Pleasure
 2. Revenge
 3. Money
 4. Status
- Malicious, Wicked, prearranged : Seize **the One I kiss**
- Note: Jesus was just a regular looking man

45 As soon as he had come, immediately he went up to Him and said to Him, "Rabbi, Rabbi!" and kissed Him.

- Teacher, Teacher: In front of the eleven
- **Judas Kiss:** Insult to Injury/ Salt on Wound
- **Luke 22:** Satan entered Judas. Cruelty of Satan ins immeasurable:

Kiss is ...**a cruel pretense to affection** [Guzic]

Matthew 26:50 [After kiss] "Friend, why have you come?" [Last chance?]

[2 words for kiss, one a peck, the other]...a passionate kiss of lovers. And it's rather sickening that that is the Greek word that is used here as Judas kissed Jesus, with a passionate kiss in betraying Him.[Chuck Smith]

1. No words to describe feeling of betrayal: Hurt, humiliation,

Psalm 42:6 O my God, my soul is cast down within me; Therefore I will remember You from the land of the Jordan, And from the heights of Hermon, From the Hill Mizar.⁷ Deep calls unto deep at the noise of Your waterfalls; All Your waves and billows have gone over me.⁸ The Lord will command His lovingkindness in the daytime, And in the night His song shall be with me—A prayer to the God of my life.

2. Jesus understands: If they hated me they will hate your also
3. Jesus entrusted Himself to the Father...no matter what. No matter what.

SUMMARY: Betrayal

XI. The Arrest

46 Then they laid their hands on Him and took Him.

Luke 22:49 When those around Him saw what was going to happen, they said to Him, "Lord, shall we strike with the sword?"

47 And one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear.

- Seized Jesus and took Him
- Cut off the ear of the "servant of the High Priest"

John 18:10 Then Simon Peter having a sword drew it, and smote the high priest's servant, [Malchus] and cut off his right ear.

...wielding the power of this world in his hands, could only cut off ears; but wielding the Word of God, could pierce hearts for God's glory (Acts 2:37).[Guzic]

- Peter went for the neck but cut off the ear! Still sleepy?

Peter was a pretty good fisherman but a sorry swordsman [JVM]

Luke 22:51 And [Jesus] touched his ear and healed him.

It isn't the last time Jesus has had to leave behind a mess left by one of His followers. "Had Jesus not healed Malchus, Peter would have been arrested as well; and there might have been four crosses at Calvary." [Barclay]

John 18:11 So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into the sheath. Shall I not drink the cup which My Father has given Me?"

Matthew 26:52 ...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?"

- **I doing this:** Mettle tested in Garden an hour ago

48 Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs to take Me? 49 I was daily with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize Me. But the Scriptures must be fulfilled."

- **Jesus:** Does this seem strange to you?
 1. Am I a robber?
 2. Do you need swords and clubs
 3. You listened to me teach everyday...I was not hiding
- Scriptures MUST be fulfilled
- Written Word of God will come to pass
 1. Plan of God
 2. In His predetermined time...

Luke 22:53b ...but this is your hour, and the power of darkness."

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

John 19:10b Do You not know that I have power to crucify You, and power to release You?" 11 Jesus answered, "You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above."

50 Then they all forsook Him and fled.

- Jesus prophesied falling away...Too hard

Mark 14:27 "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 will be scattered.'...31 [Peter] "If I have to die with You, I will not deny You!"...

...And they all said likewise.

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.

- Mob grabs a "Certain young nameless man"
- Clothed only in a linen cloth, pulled off ran away naked [Mark]
 1. Mark the writer of this Gospel [I was there]
 2. Marks mentor was Peter...Mark had to tell what happened...

"The modest spirit of Mark seemed to say, 'Friend Peter, while the Holy Ghost moves me to, tell [your] fault... he also constrains me to write my own as a sort of preface to it, for I, too, in my mad, hare-brained folly, ran, unclothed as I was, upon the guard to rescue my Lord and Master; yet at the first sight of the rough [mob] and at the first gleam of their swords, away I fled, timid, faint-hearted, and afraid that I should be too roughly handled.'" [Spurgeon] **What would we do?**

- They **all** forsook Him. Not one person left but those who came to arrest Him!

53 And they led Jesus away to the high priest; and with him were assembled all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes.

- High Priest, Chief Priests, Elders, Scribes. Religious "Big wigs" Nobody

Galatians 6:3 ... if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. [Because you say you see you are blind]

54 But Peter **followed Him at a distance**, right into the courtyard of the high priest. And he sat with the servants and warmed himself at the fire.

Peter Followed at a Distance

- **Peter followed at a distance:**
 1. "Right into" the courtyard of the High Priest [w/ Johns help cf. John 18]
 2. Sat with the servants [w/2 ears]
 3. Warmed himself by the fire of the enemy
- **Are we Following Jesus at a distance:**
 1. Watching the game from the sidelines while we...
 2. Sit/party with the enemies of Jesus
 3. Gain temporary warmth/comfort from strange fire

1 John 2:15 ... Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

Isaiah 50:11 Look, all you who kindle a fire, Who encircle yourselves with sparks: Walk in the light of your fire and in the sparks you have kindled— This you shall have from My hand: **You shall lie down in torment.**

- **Time to get off the fence:** Not fit for Heaven or Hell...misery
 1. Get off the sideline and into the game: Witnessing, serving, forgiving
 2. Stop sitting with God's enemies: Fellowship with fellow believers
 3. Stop gaining comfort from things that kill you: Find comfort in the Lord

- **3 Reasons for following Jesus from a distance:**
 1. Not a believer at all
 2. In sin
 3. Fear of Man

- Peter followed from a distance: Learn later **Fear of Man**

55 Now the chief priests and all the council sought testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, but found none. 56 For many bore false witness against Him, but their testimonies did not agree. 57 Then some rose up and bore false witness against Him, saying, 58 "We heard Him say, 'I will destroy this temple made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands.'"

- Religious leaders scour area for evidence to "put Him to death"
- Many come forward and make up lies for cash, stories don't agree
- Special group "rises up"
 1. I will destroy the Temple
 2. I will build another Temple

John 2:21 ...But He was speaking of the temple of His body. [Resurrection]

59 But not even then did their testimony agree.

- Still no collaboration of stories
- High Priest frustrated turns to Jesus to incriminate Himself...

60 And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, saying, "Do You answer nothing? What is it these men testify against You?"

- What are these guys talking about?

61 But He kept silent and answered nothing.

Isaiah 53:7 He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth.

Again the high priest asked Him, saying to Him, "Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?"

- Are you the prophesied Messiah, Savior, Christ...the Son of the Living God!!!!

62 Jesus said, "**I am.** And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven."

- **I AM.**
- You will see Me at the Right hand of Power [God] riding on the Clouds of Heaven

Paraphrase: "You now stand in judgment of Me, but I will be the ultimate judge." [Guzic]

63 Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "What further need do we have of witnesses? 64 You have heard the blasphemy! What do you think?" And they all condemned Him to be deserving of death.

- High Priest **stood up:**

"Suggest[s] that the high priest arose from his seat and advanced into the semi-circle of the council towards Jesus - the action of an irritated, baffled man." (Bruce)

- Tore Clothes: Sign of Great Distress
- He has incriminated Himself [IF it is not true]
- **Blasphemy:** Made Himself equal to the Father

John 10:32 [Read] "Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?" 33 The Jews answered Him, saying, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because **You, being a Man, make Yourself God.**" [Jews commentary on Jesus deity]

John 5:16 For this reason the Jews persecuted Jesus, and sought to kill Him, because He had done these things on the Sabbath. 17 But Jesus answered them, "My Father has been working until now, and I have been working." 18 Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, **making Himself equal with God.** [Not mans commentary but the Word itself]

- 2 Previous trials Mark doesn't record

- **3rd Trial:** ALL condemned Him: Deserving of death!

65 Then some began to spit on Him, and to blindfold Him, and to beat Him, and to say to Him, "Prophecy!" And the officers struck Him with the palms of their hands.

- Coming on the Clouds of Heaven was the final straw
 1. Spit on Creator
 2. Blindfold the One who spoke the Universe into existence
 3. Beat and Mocked the One who predetermined/designed a baby's laugh
 4. They are Murdering the Son of God

"Be astonished, O heavens, and be horribly afraid. His face is the light of the universe, his person is the glory of heaven, and they 'began to spit on him.' Alas, my God, that man should be so base!" [Spurgeon]

XII. The Denial

- **Mark Flashes back to when Jesus was on Trial**

66 Now as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came. 67 And when she saw Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, "You also were with Jesus of Nazareth." 68 But he denied it, saying, "I neither know nor understand what you are saying." And he went out on the porch, and a rooster crowed.

- **Denial One:** You're his friend: I don't know/understand what your talking about
- Servant girl intimidates "even if all fall" Peter

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

69 And the servant girl saw him again, and began to say to those who stood by, "This is one of them." 70 But he denied it again.

- **Denial Two:** Same servant girl brings others "This is one of them"
- Twit. Denied it again

"A silly wench daunted and dispirited this stout champion." (Trapp)

70b ...And a little later those who stood by said to Peter again, "Surely you are one of them; for you are a Galilean, and your speech shows it."

- Same group [those who struck Jesus] listening to dialect: Your one of that crew for Galilee

71 Then he began to curse and swear, "I do not know this Man of whom you speak!"

- **Third Denial: I Do not know this man of whom you speak**
- Call down curses: "If I am lying may God strike me **dead**"

72 A second time the rooster crowed. Then Peter called to mind the word that Jesus had said to him, "Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times." **And when he thought about it, he wept.**

Luke 22:60 Immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. 61 And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. 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.

- "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water."
 - "Master, we have toiled all night and 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 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 wanted to be faithful to the Lord
 - Difference between Judas betrayal and Peter's Denial: **Motivation**
 1. **Judas:** Motivated by hatred to cause Jesus hurt and his gain
 2. **Peter:** Motivated by Fear of Man
 - a) Opened door of sin with the key of pride:
 - b) Self-sufficiency
 - c) Told to pray but did not...
 - d) Sifted like wheat and found wanting. Coward. When he thought about it he wept...

Choice: Fear of Man or Fear of God

Psalms 111:10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom

- If/because Fear of God is beginning of Wisdom
- Fear of Man is the epitome of foolishness

If pleasing God is what motivates our thoughts, actions, responses we will act wisely.
If pleasing man is our motivation for how we think, act and respond we will act foolishly

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

exalted.

- Peter would learn and grow, Judas would hang himself
- Peter: Not the man he thought he was but would become the man God would use:

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!" 29 But Peter and the other apostles answered and 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.