

Luke 22 Pt 4

No Greater Love

John 15:13 Greater love has no one than this... to **lay down one's life for his friends.**

John 10:15 I lay down My life for the sheep...

Isaiah 53:5 ...He was **wounded** for our transgressions, He was **bruised** for our iniquities; The **chastisement** for our peace was upon Him, And **by His stripes we are healed.**

- Wounded for our Transgressions Trans-aggression Presumption/Rebellion
- Bruised for our Iniquities Our Bent/DepravityNat. Condition of Guilt

Willingly wounded to bring us Peace
Willingly Torn to offer us Healing

- Arrested/Abandoned/Alone
- Surrounded only by enemies...

63 Now the men who held Jesus **mocked Him** and **beat Him**. 64 And having **blindfolded Him**, they **struck Him** on the face and asked Him, saying "**Prophecy!** Who is the one who struck You?" 65 And many other things they **blasphemously** spoke against Him.

This is your Hour...Power of Darkness
Darkness/Gloom's Rejection of Light/Hope

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... 19** And this is the condemnation, that **the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.**

Who struck You?

Of course, Jesus not only could tell the one who struck Him, but he could also tell everything about the man-the physical description, his life story, the number of hairs on his head, and every sin he had ever committed-but Jesus did not. [Guzik]

Blasphemed Him

66 As soon as it was day, the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, came together and led Him into their council, saying, 67 "**If You are the Christ, tell us.**" But He said to them, "**If I tell you, you will by no means believe.** 68 And if I also ask you, you will by no means answer Me or let Me go.

Proverbs 26:4 [Lose/lose] **Do not answer a fool** according to his folly, Lest you also be like him. 5 **Answer a fool** according to his folly, Lest he be wise in his own eyes.

Am I the Christ? How 'bout This...

69 Hereafter the **Son of Man will sit on the right hand of the power of God.**"

After willingly allowing you to torture/Murder Me
I will once again take My Rightful Place in Glory

John 17:5 ... Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the **glory which I had with You before the world was.**

70 Then they all said, "**Are You then the Son of God?**" So He said to them, "**You rightly say that I am.**" 71 And they said, "What further testimony do we need? For we have heard it ourselves from His own mouth."

Blasphemy to claim to be God...unless you are God
Religious Leaders who should have known...

Isaiah 43:10 [To Israel] "You are My witnesses," says the Lord... know and believe Me, And understand that **I am He.** Before Me there was no God formed, Nor shall there be after Me.

John 8:24 ...I said to you that **you will die in your sins**; for if you do not believe that **I am He, you will die in your sins.**" 25 Then they said to Him, "Who are You?" And Jesus said to them, "**Just what I have been saying** to you from the beginning. 26 [Son of God/Son of Man] I have many things to say and to judge concerning you..."

Matthew 26:64 ...you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and **coming on the clouds of heaven.**"

Yet now this is your hour....
Man given over to the Power of Darkness

Luke 23

Truth

I. The Lamb

Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world
Lamb led to the Slaughter...

1 Then the whole multitude of them arose and **led Him to Pilate.** 2 And they began to accuse Him, saying, "We found this fellow perverting the nation, and **forbidding to pay taxes** to Caesar, saying that He Himself is Christ, **a King.**"

- **Perverting Nation:** Different direction than Rome

1. **Taxes** Did not forbid: Give God God's/Caesar what is Ceasars
2. **Messiah** First proclaimed in John 4:26 to Samaritan woman
3. **King...**

3 Then Pilate asked Him, saying, "Are You the King of the Jews?" He answered him and said, "It is as you say."

I AM the King of the Jews next in the Line of David
My Kingdom is not of this World

4 [Pilare sees no threat to Rome] So Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowd, "I find no fault in this Man." 5 But they were the more fierce, saying, "He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee to this place."

Pilate was surprised at how fiercely the mob wanted Jesus dead
He stirs up the people against Rome

Mark 15:4b ... See how many things they testify against You!" 5 But Jesus still answered nothing, so that Pilate marveled.

Accusation: He stirs up the people against Caesar
Verdict: Innocent

6 When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked if the Man were a Galilean. 7 And as soon as he knew that He belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent Him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time. 8 Now when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceedingly glad; for he had desired for a long time to see Him, because he had heard many things about Him, and he hoped to see some miracle done by Him.

▪ Herod

1. **Puppet King** of Jews/Authority over Galilee
2. **Edomite:** Type of **flesh**/Glad to exert power over Jesus [**Spirit**]?

Hoping Jesus would do a trick for him...

9 Then [Herod] questioned [Jesus] with many words, but [Jesus] answered him nothing. 10 And the chief priests and scribes stood and vehemently accused Him.

Jesus teaches us how deal w/demands of flesh
Ignore them. Do not reply to them.

11 Then Herod, with his men of war, treated Him with contempt and mocked Him, arrayed Him in a gorgeous robe, and sent Him back to Pilate.

Flesh Offended...Responds as Expected
Contempt/Mockery/Humiliation

12 That very day Pilate and Herod became friends with each other, for previously they had been at enmity with each other.

- Jesus back to Roman Pilate

13 Then Pilate, when he had called together the chief priests, the rulers, and the people, 14 said to them, "You have brought this Man to me, as one who misleads the people. And indeed, having examined Him in your presence, I have **found no fault** [2x] in this Man concerning those things of which you accuse Him; 15 no, **neither did Herod**, for I sent you back to him; and indeed nothing deserving of death has been done by Him. 16 I **will therefore chastise Him and release Him**" 17 (for it was necessary for him to release one to them at the feast).

Roman Custom: Release one Jewish prisoner at Passover
I will chastise Him for you/Let Him go

- **Moved by Fear of Man** over Fear of God

Acts 20:24 [Chains/Tribulation await me] But **none of these things move me**; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy...

- **Illness:** Fear of man/People pleasing/Conflict avoidance
- **Remedy:** Abandon Integrity. Appease the mob. Temporary/Never enough...

18 And **they all cried out at once**, saying, "Away with this Man, and release to us **Barabbas**"— 19 who had been thrown into prison for a certain rebellion made in the city, **and for murder**.

Mark 15:11 ...the chief priests stirred up the crowd, so that he should rather release Barabbas to them.

- **They will intimidate Pilate to...**

1. Release rebellious murderer
2. **Crucify the innocent...**

Acts 3:14 [New improved Peter to Jews] ...you denied the Holy One and the Just, and **asked for a murderer** to be granted to you, 15 **and killed the Prince of life**

20 Pilate, therefore, wishing to release Jesus, again called out to them. 21 But they shouted, saying, "**Crucify Him, crucify Him!**"

Matthew 27:19b [Mrs. Pilate] "Have nothing to do with that just Man, for I have suffered many things today in a dream because of Him."

22 Then [Pilate] said to them the third time, "Why, what evil has He done? I have found no reason for death in Him. I will therefore chastise Him and let Him go." 23 But they were **insistent, demanding** with loud voices that He be crucified. And the voices of these men and of the chief priests **prevailed**.

Mark 15:15 So Pilate, wanting to gratify the crowd, released Barabbas to them; and he delivered Jesus, after he had scourged Him, to be crucified.

- **Bloodthirsty:** Man is not good. We are very bad
- **Chastise/Scourged**

As the Roman soldiers repeatedly struck the victim's back with full force, the iron beads would cause deep contusions, and the leather thongs and sheep bones would cut into the skin and internal tissues. Then, as the flogging continued, the lacerations would tear into the underlying skeletal muscles and produce quivering ribbons of bleeding flesh. Pain and blood loss generally set the stage for circulatory shock. The extent of blood loss may well have determined how long the victim would survive the cross. [Edwards]

I Peter 2:21 [Suffering for Jesus sake] For to this you were called, because **Christ also suffered for us**, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: 22 "Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth"; 23 who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously; 24 who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed. 25 For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

24 So Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they requested. 25 And he released to them the one they requested, who for rebellion and murder had been thrown into prison; but **he delivered Jesus to their will.**

Voices of demonically influenced men and priests prevailed
Pilate delivers Jesus to their will

- **Jesus takes place of Barrabus**
 1. **Lit. Son of the Father:** Personification of all of us
 2. **Son of God** prepares to take his place on cross

Jesus is not a victim. Willingly submits

- **After Scouring:** Soldiers led Jesus away to the Praetorium
 1. Clothed Him Purple Robe/Spit on Him
 2. Crown of Thorns pressed it into His skull
 3. Salute Him: Hail King of the Jews
 4. Struck Him on the head with reed; thorns go deeper

Thorns were part of the curse due to sin in the garden
Jesus takes the curse of sin upon Himself...Hammered into His head. Silence.

Isaiah 52:14b... His visage was marred more than any man, And **His form more than the sons of men...**

Pilate: Behold the man....

...faith is the gaze of a soul upon a saving God. [Tozer]

II. The Cross

26 Now as they **led Him** away, they laid hold of a certain man, Simon a Cyrenian, who was coming from the country, and on him they laid the cross that he might bear it after Jesus. 27 And a great multitude of the people followed Him, and women who also mourned and lamented Him. 28 But Jesus, turning to them, said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. 29 For indeed the days are coming in which they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, wombs that never bore, and breasts which never nursed!' 30 Then they will begin 'to say to the mountains, "Fall on us!" and to the hills, "Cover us!"' 31 For if they do these things in the green wood, what will be done in the dry?"

If this evil is done while I'm with you... What will happen when I'm gone?

32 There were also two others, criminals, led with Him to be put to death. 33 And when they had come to the place called **Calvary, there they crucified Him**, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left.

- **Calvary:** Lit. The Place of the Skull

There is no rest for the sole of your foot till first you come to Calvary, and see your Savior die. [Spurgeon]

The ground is level ground at the foot of the cross. Here at Calvary

- **Crucified naked between two thieves:** Taking our sin/shame

34 Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they **do not know what they do.**" 34 And they divided His garments and cast lots.

... They don't know the extent of what they are doing
Yet they are not pardoned from judgment unless they repent

- **Post- resurrection** left w/no excuse

Acts 3:17...know that you **did it in ignorance**, as did also your rulers. 18 But those things which God foretold by the mouth of all His prophets, that the Christ would suffer, **He has thus fulfilled.** 19 **Repent therefore and be converted**, that your sins may be blotted out, so that **times of refreshing may come** from the presence of the Lord...

1 Corinthians 6:9 Do you not know that **the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God?** Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, 10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And **such were some of you. But** you were **washed**, but you were **sanctified**, but you were **justified** in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

Change is available/Hope is not lost and yet...

35... the people stood looking on. But **even the rulers with them sneered**, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is the Christ, the chosen of God."

Matthew 27:25 "His blood be on us and on our children."

Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only Light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only Love can do that. [MLK Jr.]

- **Jesus loved us from the cross**

Hebrews 12:2 ... [look to] Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who **for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross**, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

36 The soldiers also mocked Him, coming and offering Him sour wine, **37** and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself." **38** And an inscription also was written over Him in letters of **Greek, Latin, and Hebrew**: **THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.**

Greek/Latin/Hebrew: One God over all the Earth

39 Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, "If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us."

Poor man; even though he is dying a felon's death, he must be in the swim with the multitude, he must keep in with the fashion, so strong, so powerful, is the popular current with all mankind. [Spurgeon]

Psalms 22:12 [1000BC] Many bulls have surrounded Me; Strong bulls of Bashan have encircled Me. **13** They gape at Me with their mouths, Like a raging and roaring lion. **14** I am poured out like water, And all My bones are out of joint; My heart is like wax; It has melted within Me. **15** My strength is dried up like [broken pottery], And My tongue clings to My jaws; You have brought Me to the dust of death. **16** For dogs have surrounded Me; The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me. They pierced My hands and My feet; **17** I can count all My bones. They look and stare at Me. **18** They divide My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots.

- **Excruciating**: lit. Out of the cross.

Those below and on both sides savagely mocking

Matthew 27:44 ...robbers who were crucified with Him reviled Him with the same thing.

40 But the other [criminal], answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? **41** And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong." **42** Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom."

Great Exchange: Jesus sinless life for our sinful life

- **Faith from the Cross**

1. **Lord** IOWs You are Lord
2. **Remember** You will live again
3. Remember **me** I personally need a Savior/ My Lord
4. Remember Me **when** You the King receive Your Kingdom
5. By **implication...** Your **Kingdom** is not of this world

43 And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, **today you will be with Me** in Paradise."

Two Thieves Part Ways: One to Heaven and One to Hell

44 Now it was about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. 45 Then the **sun was darkened...**

- **Darkness 12 to 3 PM:** Naturally impossible during full moon of Passover

45b...and the veil of the temple was torn in two.

- **Holy of Holies:** High priest met with God once a year on behalf of people
Veil ripped. Sacrifice accepted. Sin forgiven. Access given

46 And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, "Father, 'into Your hands I commit My spirit.'" Having said this, **He breathed His last.**

2 Corinthians 5:21 [God the Father]... made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Tetelestai. It is Finished. Paid in full

47 So when the centurion saw what had happened, he glorified God, saying, "**Certainly this was a righteous Man!**" 48 And the whole crowd who came together to that sight, seeing what had been done, **beat their breasts** and returned. 49 But all His acquaintances, and the women who followed Him from Galilee, **stood at a distance**, watching these things.

2 Corinthians 2:18 [Bridge Gapped] God... has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, 19 that is, that **God was in Christ** reconciling the world to Himself

IV. The Grave

50 Now behold, there was a man named **Joseph**, a council member, a good and just man. 51 He had not consented to their decision and deed. He was from Arimathea, a city of the Jews, who himself was also **waiting for the kingdom of God**. 52 This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

Isaiah 53:9 [... Jesus would be buried] **with the rich at His death...**

John 19:39 [Joseph and another Pharisee...] Nicodemus, who at first came to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds.

53 Then [Joseph] took **it** [body] down, wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a tomb that was hewn out of the rock, where no one had ever lain before. 54 That day was the Preparation, and the Sabbath drew near. 55 And the women who had come with Him from Galilee followed after, and they observed the tomb and how His body was laid. 56 Then they returned and prepared **spices and fragrant oils**. And they rested on the Sabbath according to the commandment.

Prepared Spices/Fragrant Oils: Essence of Jesus/Love
Greater love has no man than to freely lay down His life for his friends