

(1) The Gospel According to Luke (Part 7)

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Recap of Luke 1-22a

(Luke 22b-23)

After the meal Jesus is arrested and examined before the Jewish leaders and then put on trial as one claiming to be king. Luke emphasizes Jesus' innocence. Pilate, the Roman Governor, claims that Jesus is innocent three times (23:4, 14 & 15) before finally giving in to the raucous crowd of people screaming, "Crucify! Crucify him!" Even Herod Antipas, the ruler of Jesus' home region of Galilee who happened to be visiting Jerusalem at the time, finds nothing to accuse Jesus of. But the Jewish leaders finally compel Pilate to have him crucified and so...He is. And even in His painful death, Jesus embodies the love and the mercy of God He taught so much about. He offers God's forgiveness to the soldiers as they crucify him (23:34). Then, when one of the criminals being executed alongside Jesus realizes who He actually is he says, "Remember me when you come in your kingdom." Some of Jesus' final words are to a broken and humiliated criminal when He says, "Today, you will be with me in paradise" (23:43). And so, with this last act of generosity and kindness, Jesus dies.

(2) Luke 22:31-34 (ESV)

Jesus Foretells Peter's Denial

³¹ "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you,^[d] that he might sift you like wheat,
³² but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers." ³³ Peter^[e] said to him, "Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death." ³⁴ Jesus^[f] said, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day, until you deny three times that you know me."

(3) Matthew 26:41 (ESV) Parallel to Luke 22:40-46

Jesus Prays in Gethsemane

⁴¹ "Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. *The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.*"

(4) "All are tempted, but we should be much afraid of entering into temptation. To be secured from this, we should watch and pray, and continually look unto the Lord to hold us up that we

may be safe.” –Matthew Henry (Concise Commentary on the Book of Matthew)

(5) Luke 22:54-62 (ESV)

Peter Denies Jesus

⁵⁴ Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house, and Peter was following at a distance. ⁵⁵ And when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat down among them. ⁵⁶ Then a servant girl, seeing him as he sat in the light and looking closely at him, said, “This man also was with him.” ⁵⁷ But he denied it, saying, “Woman, I do not know him.” ⁵⁸ And a little later someone else saw him and said, “You also are one of them.” But Peter said, “Man, I am not.” ⁵⁹ And after an interval of about an hour still another insisted, saying, “Certainly this man also was with him, for he too is a Galilean.” ⁶⁰ But Peter said, “Man, I do not know what you are talking about.” And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. ⁶¹ *And the Lord turned and looked at Peter.* And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how he had said to him, “Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times.” ⁶² *And he went out and wept bitterly.*

(6) Luke 23:32-43 (ESV)

The Crucifixion

³² Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³ And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ *And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”* ³⁵ And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁶ And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” ³⁷ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, ³⁹ “This is the King of the Jews.”

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, ⁴⁰ saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” ⁴¹ *But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?”* ⁴² *And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”* ⁴³ *And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”*