Welcome / Prayer

We all saw the tragic events of last week including the element of conditioning people that murder is a form of expression.

A guy goes to the Charlie Kirk vigil and starts yelling 'F Charlie Kirk'.

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Extremely disrespectful.

The crowd let him know.

What say you?

What happened in the garden when the guards stepped up to haul Jesus off? -Peter What was Jesus' response?

Matt 26:52 Then Jesus *said to him, "Put your sword back into its place; for all those who take up the sword shall perish by the sword. ⁵³ "Or do you think that I cannot appeal to My Father, and He will at once put at My disposal more than twelve legions of angels?

What about when Jesus and the boys were headed to Jerusalem & Jesus sent some ahead to secure lodging & messengers were rejected.

Luke 9: 51 And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem, ⁵² And sent messengers before his face: and they went, and entered into a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him. ⁵³ And they did not receive him, because his face was as though he would go to Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ And when his disciples James and John saw *this*, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did?

What did Jesus answer them?

⁵⁵ But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of. ⁵⁶ For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save *them*. And they went to another village.

What does Peter tell us to do when someone shouts, "F Charlie Kirk" or, "See what hate speech gets you?"

1 Peter 3:9 (NASB) not returning evil for evil or insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead; for you were called for the very purpose that you might inherit a blessing.

Why?? Why do we have to lay down our lives for these sorry ingrates?

Air force pilots are subjected to what's known as a Barany Chair – Proves they don't "know" which way is up in flight all the time, must use instruments.

- In the chair the pilots are SURE they know which way is up
- If they flew the plane as they felt, they'd crash.

https://biblehub.com/nasb/2 timothy/2.htm

2 Tim 2: ²² Now flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love *and* peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart. ²³ But refuse foolish and ignorant speculations, knowing that they produce quarrels. ²⁴ The Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged, ²⁵ with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth, ²⁶ and they may come to their senses *and escape* from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will.

and again

2 Cor 3: . ¹⁵ But to this day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their heart; ¹⁶ but whenever a person turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, *there* is liberty.

¹⁸ But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

If someone has a veil over their eyes, for example, they can't see very well.

And again

John 12:37 But though He had performed so many signs before them, *yet* they were not believing in Him. ³⁸ *This was* to fulfill the word of Isaiah the prophet which he spoke: "LORD, WHO HAS BELIEVED OUR REPORT? AND TO WHOM HAS THE ARM OF THE LORD BEEN REVEALED?" ³⁹ For this reason they could not believe, for Isaiah said again, ⁴⁰ "HE HAS BLINDED THEIR EYES AND HE HARDENED THEIR HEART, SO THAT THEY WOULD NOT SEE WITH THEIR EYES AND PERCEIVE WITH THEIR HEART, AND BE CONVERTED AND I HEAL THEM." ⁴¹ These things Isaiah said because he saw His glory, and he spoke of Him.

Is this fair that God did that to them?