

## “The Betrayal of the Son of Man” Luke 22:31-62

Please Stand and Open Your Bibles to Psalm 41:7-13

Today we pick up where we left off last week where Jesus had just eaten His last supper with His disciples and Judas, having taken the bread out of His hand went out to betray Him. This was fulfilling the scripture we just read...

Psalm 41:9

Even my own familiar friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted up his heel against me.

Today we are going to see the story of two betrayals. One that leads to restoration and another that will lead to destruction. One will recognize his failures, and one will be sorry he got caught. One finds reconciliation and the other recompense. The last things we talked about was the fact they were arguing who would be the greatest. Most likely while Jesus was washing their feet. Peter being the last one at the table remember this is what happened...

John 13:6-11

Then He came to Simon Peter. And Peter said to Him, “Lord, are You washing my feet?” Jesus answered and said to him,

“What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this.” Peter said to Him, “You shall never wash my feet!” Jesus answered him, “If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me.” Simon Peter said to Him, “Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head!” Jesus said to him, “He who is bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you.” For He knew who would betray Him; therefore He said, “You are not all clean.”

I believe it is in this context that we pick up this next conversation with Peter in our study today...

### Peter's Predicted Denial

Luke 22:31-34

In the height of Peter's pride in thinking that he is the greatest Jesus gets his attention by using the double use of his name. This is not the sound of an arresting officer but one of a concerned and loving father. The idea here in the original language is that Satan has asked for you and has obtained you. We need to remember that Peter is not born again yet and can only do things in his own strength. We know from scripture that he is the assumed leader of the 12. He will be the apostle to the Jewish people. But before all that Satan is coming after him and will cause him to fail. We talked about it last week as we

showed you that Satan is the accuser of the brethren and like in Job, he slanders us in front of the Father. It is good we live in time after the cross when this is the truth...

Romans 8:33-34

Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

Now some will use Jesus's prayer for Peter and this verse to say that Jesus is praying for us. But that weakens the true meaning of this as Jesus is sitting at the right hand of the Father in authority and His very presence there is our intercession. When the devil comes to accuse you, because you are in Christ, the Father just looks at the Son he will tell the Father this one is mine. But what happened to Peter can still happen to us when we are not trusting in the Lord and trust in our own works. I have no doubt Peter was sincere, but he was sincerely wrong thinking that he won't fail. Matthew tells us after this that Peter said...

Matthew 25:35

Peter said to Him, "Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You!" and so said all the disciples.

Oh, how often we have let ourselves down with our promises that we can never keep! Now Jesus will speak to all of them and tell them to prepare for troublous times.

Be Prepared

Luke 22:35-38

Jesus is telling them what lies ahead and wants them to be prepared. Earlier he had told them as emissaries not to take supplies and to let the people's hospitality take care of their needs. But now, things will be different. They will need to learn to take care of themselves. Now before we move on, we need to discuss this section that is only in Luke about the swords. When Jesus told them buy a sword, they thought it was to be used to help Jesus conquer the enemy and in reality, it was for personal protection. Many people are confused about the second amendment and if it is biblical. It is when taken in the proper context of what Jesus is referring to. We are to protect ourselves and our families and not just roll over to evil. If you are allowed to, I think it is a good idea for every American home to be armed and ready to protect ourselves and our American way of life. Not on the offence but on the defense. Jesus responded them that two was enough because He knew they

had a different motive in their minds as we will see in a minute. But first...

## Prayer in the Garden

Luke 22:39-46

Before we see the betrayal of Judas here in the garden we need to see Peter's progression to his denial of Jesus. I can tell you from years of ministry that backsliding does not happen overnight. Judas never had faith at all so his downfall is predicted and immediate. But Peter's is a progression that started with his pride and now we see the fact that he doesn't pray. Before Jesus even starts His own prayer, he tells them to pray. And just so they would know what He meant He shows them what prayer is. This moment before He heads to the cross Luke points out a moment of where His humanity and His deity cross. We know from other gospels that He did this three times, but Luke only points out this one that matters most and that is in His humanity. His desire was not to suffer the cross but because He is God, as only God can resist this type of temptation, He prays for God's will to be done. The temptation was so strong that his agony produced sweat like great drops of blood. A condition that can only happen when someone is in a distress that is humanly overwhelming. But

what happens when he rises up in prayer? He finds them sleeping!

Hebrew 12:3-4

For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls. You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin.

When a person abandons his prayer life it is a sure sign that he is headed towards backsliding. Jesus said it and we will see it happen! But now we see the betrayal of Judas...

Betrayal in the Garden

Luke 22:47-52

The plan that Judas had already made with the religious leaders is now being fulfilled. We learn more about this from John's gospel

John 18:2-3

And Judas, who betrayed Him, also knew the place; for Jesus often met there with His disciples. Then Judas, having received a detachment of troops, and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, came there with lanterns, torches, and weapons.

We also know from Matthew...

Matthew 26:48-49

Now His betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “Whomever I kiss, He is the One; seize Him.” Immediately he went up to Jesus and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed Him.

Now this kiss in the original language is a “passionate kiss”. You can now understand Jesus’s response with the question. This is the ultimate act of betrayal! Pretending to be His buddy only to be used by the enemy! There were lots of other ways he could have pointed Him out, but he chose the depths of deception and evil to betray Him.

But moving back to Peter, we see them asking the question “Should we strike?” Is this the time we start fighting to bring in the kingdom? We know this is Peter from John’s gospel

John 18:10-11

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. So Jesus said to Peter, “Put your sword into the sheath. Shall I not drink the cup which My Father has given Me?”

We read in Matthew...

Mathew 26:56

Then all the disciples forsook Him and fled.

Peter having desired to be the greatest, having given up on prayer is now acting in in only way he knows how. His anger is not controlled and is completely closed off to God's will and he acted prematurely. Notice he didn't wait for an answer he just acted. As a Christian begins his road to backsliding, he will always act prematurely and make decision on his own. And it shouldn't surprise us he is on the road to denial...

Peter Denies Jesus

Luke 22:54-62

We now see the progression that led to His denial. Because Peter had been operating in his flesh. No need to pray. Moving on in pure human determination the first thing we see is that he is following Jesus at a distance. No longer right next to Him as they traveled the road to Jerusalem. No longer in close proximity to His master but now at a distance. I have seen it over and over again. People who at one time where on fire for the Lord. At every service, not just sitting but finding ways to

help. Growing in fellowship and the word. But something in life happens to them that gets in the way, and they start to slowly fade away. Coming just on Sundays and then just once in a while. I can almost tell you what is coming next. What do we see? Peter is sitting by the fire in the camp of the enemy. Once this happens denial is just around the corner. Notice the people know he doesn't belong there. This is where he is asked three times and all three times he denies it. We need to listen and apply the warning...

#### James 1:13-15

Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

Beware of temptation. Stay close to Jesus and pray continually. Our flesh will deceive us.

#### Psalm 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

See the progression of the one who is blessed. He is watching out for the mistakes of Peter.

1 John 2:15-17

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. For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

The same things we are warned about by John are the things that Peter failed in. But before we leave let's look at the restoration of Peter.

Peter is Restored

John 21:1-19

But what happened to Judas?

Matthew 27:3-5

Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, "I have sinned by betraying

innocent blood.” And they said, “What is that to us? You see to it!” Then he threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed, and went and hanged himself.

There is a worldly sorrow that leads to perdition and a Godly sorrow that leads to restoration...

2 Corinthians 7:9-10

Now I rejoice, not that you were made sorry, but that your sorrow led to repentance. For you were made sorry in a godly manner, that you might suffer loss from us in nothing. For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death.

Before we leave, please know that God knows our weaknesses and loves us and provided a place of reconciliation at all times. Don't let Satan lie to you that there is no returning. You can restore your relationship with Him right at this moment and you can leave in a right place with Him.

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.