

Perfidy

I. Slide1 **Announce:**

- A. Slide2 **Baby Dedication** (3rd): Molly Renee Denny. *Noah & Kassie*. Ezra/Evelyn principle/promise
 1. **Train**/discipline - *to develop a persons behavior by instruction & practice.*
- B. Slide3-6 **Shane**: Surviving the Holidays, GS & DC. **Thanksgiving Eve**. **Women's Xmas**.
- C. Slide7 Sun Night of Prayer.
- D. Slide8 **Chicken Video** - Rohingya. [TY for your investment in the lives of our Ro friends]

II. Slide9 **Intro: Perfidy** *deliberate breach of faith or trust; faithlessness; treachery.*

- A. I thought maybe a *new* way to get in *spiritual conversations*, we could start with *what do you find beautiful about who or whatever you worship*. (and then I'll share w/u mine)
 1. I guess in this chapter I just want to share with you what I find so **beautiful** about my **Jesus**.
- B. **Overview**: Our days have been going from high 80's here in our valley during the day to stepping outside in the morning to low 40's/high 30's.
 1. Moving from ch.17 to ch.18 we are met with that same icy chill. **From mountain top to valley low**. **From communion with God to the killing of God**.
 2. We now step into Jesus' *betrayals & denials & trials*.
- C. **Outline**: A Brook. A Garden. A Sword. A Cup. An Arrest.
- D. It's Thursday. It's nighttime. Darkness. Full moon (Passover). 600+ soldiers marching. Torch light flickering. A standoff in a garden. Judas & 600+ on one side vs. Jesus & 11 on the other. 1st time disciples see Judas after he left dinner.

III. SlideX **A BROOK (1a)**

- A. Jesus went forth out of Jerusalem, across the brook Kidron (Valley), to Gethsemane, **but** not for *concealment* **but** for *reveal-ment*, as vs.2 explains.
 1. It's **vulnerable**. It's a private spot away from city buildings that might **hide Him** & from the crowds that might **protect Him**.
 2. **About 28 generations earlier, Jesus' great grandfather** (to about the *28th great*) **King David**, crossed this same brook (2 Sam.15:23). **It's when he was exiled**

from his throne. Also because of *betrayal* of his own friends & family (Absalom)

IV. SlideX A GARDEN (1b-9)

- A. The gospel of John is *the new Genesis*. Remember that both books started with *in the beginning*. In **Genesis** we have the story of Adam in the garden. And **John** we have the story of the New Adam in a garden. The first Adam was hiding in the garden from God. The New Adam has nothing to hide. Jesus met the enemy in the garden & triumphed. While the first Adam met the enemy in the garden & failed. In the first garden it was **God seeking** the one who betrayed him, *in the daylight*. In this garden it's *sinful, violent men*, men with weapons, coming to the garden *in the dark*, looking for someone. That someone is the Father's only Son.
- B. **Judas, one of the twelve** – which made the crime more *heinous*.
1. The one who would commit *suicide*, 1st commits *homicide* & attempts *deicide* (an attempt on the life of **God**...if that were possible).
- C. **Judas'** sin had been growing for a long time. Jn.6:64 *Jesus knew from the beginning which ones didn't believe, and he knew who would betray him*.
1. What if Judas wasn't this *monster of evil*, but instead simply *selfish*. Which led to *insincerity* as a disciple. **Falseness** as an apostle. **Theft** as a man. *And finally perdition* as a traitor.
 2. *And look what didn't help him: Not* the wonderful 3 year privilege of walking with Jesus. *Not* 3 years of listening to divine truth from Him. *Nor* even being numbered among the 12.
 - a) Oh the awful possibilities of evil when our heart is separated from *divine grace*.
 - b) *Oh but for the grace of God, so go I*.
- D. (3) **Irony**: They came w/*lanterns* & *torches* looking for *The Light of the world*.
1. *And the light just stands there*. W/o pretense. W/o protection & shines openly through the darkness.
- E. The chief priests had their own military guard of Jewish males who acted as temple police. FSB
- F. This **band of soldiers**/detachment of troops (*speira/cohort*) was a 10th part of a legion (so **600 men**). [this doesn't happen very **easily** or even **quickly**, this has been **planned**]

1. This large # of soldiers **not only** insured the **success** of the arrest, **but also** would have been able to stave off any **riot** that might ensue.
- G. (4) Jesus, knowing all that would happen to Him, **came forward** - A willing voluntary **sacrifice**. (volitional, non-compulsory, elective)
- H. Note the thrice-repeated phrase **I AM** *he*. [*he* not in Greek] (5,6,8)
1. He reiterates **the divine name** from Ex.3:14 [Moses, **who should I say sent me?**]
 2. Jesus was crucified, **not because** He loved the children, **not because** He healed many, **but because** He claimed to be God. **I AM**.
- I. (in Mt.26:49) **Kissed Him** – (καταφιλέω) In the NT we have *phileo*, to kiss, to be friendly, **BUT HERE** *kataphileo*, to kiss thoroughly, to be very friendly.
1. The **kata** makes it **intensive**, indicating a prolonged kissing.
 2. **Same word** is used of the **woman** who kissed the feet of Christ;
Same word used of the **father's** greeting of the returning prodigal;
Same word used of the the **Ephesian Christians** farewell to Paul.
 3. The betraying Judas kiss, the **grimmest/most awful** thing in the entire gospel story.

V. SlideX **A SWORD** (10,11a)

- A. **See anything unusual?** A **sword** in the hands of a *fisherman*? *Samurai Simon*?
1. Peter was packin! **Open Carry in Jerusalem I guess**.
 2. I've fished most my life...I never brought a sword with me. **Ok, a 357 on my hip up in Alaska once but there were supposed to be a lot of bear**. [Admiralty Island]
- B. **We don't fight** for His kingdom. *We sacrifice. We suffer. We surrender for His kingdom*
- C. **Do you know what getting a right ear meant?** A swing & a miss.
- D. In the other accounts they let us know that Jesus **healed Malchus**. Lk.22:51 **But Jesus said, "No more of this!(Super Pete)" And he touched his ear and healed him**.
1. My bet is that he healed Malchus **before** saying vs.11. **Malchus you need to hear this. What?** [hear what He was about to say to Peter]
 - a) You & I **lop off ears** anytime we pull a *misguided attempt to serve the Lord*. **I.e.** a *sharp word*. **Or** when we try to **debate** someone into the kingdom **rather than love** them into it.

- b) Jesus didn't try to *cut people apart* **but** to *put people back together again*.
2. Jesus can take your *terrible act*, a seemingly *irreparable mistake* and *undo it* if He desires.
- E. Jesus warned His disciples to go away, lest they fall into trouble (8).
1. He had already told them *they would scatter* (16:32) **but** Peter preferred to remain & fight & got into danger because of it.
 2. I agree with Warren Wiersbe's assessment of this text, *Peter's sin was not that he followed from afar but that he followed at all*.
 3. **Christ never needs our protection**. The weapons we are to use to fight Satan are *spiritual ones*.
 - a) Peter used the wrong weapon, had the wrong motive, acted under the wrong orders, & accomplished the wrong result. [Yet, at Pentecost Peter learned his lesson & *wielded the sword of the spirit* and 3000 got saved, then 5000]
- F. How *gracious* of Jesus to heal *Malchus*, & thus...protect *Peter* from Harm.
1. *Malchus*, the *bad guy* you came to arrest *loves you*.
 2. **Jesus' last miracle**. The most beautiful & touching of all.
 - a) He kept the best wine, *the best miracle*, until the last.
 - b) Jesus 1st in *Mt.5:43-45*, **but now**, illustrates that text...
 - (1) **You have heard the law that says, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. **But** I say to you, **love** your enemies, **bless** those who curse you, **do good** to those who hate you, and **pray for** those who spitefully use you and persecute you. *He practiced what He preached*.**
 3. *Peter*, there was almost a **4th cross** on Calvary, **and** you would have been crucified before your time had come (& we'd of missed out on *Acts* ch's 1-5).

VI. SlideX **A CUP (11b)**

- A. **The cup** – a metaphor for His death. Staring into the cup He must drink, seeing/swirling all sins. His own Caster oil. *What was in this cup?*

1. **A cup of Sin** – a cup brimming full of *jealousy, hatred, & covetousness*...which He must drink.
 2. **A cup of Wrath** – as sin-bearer, He became the object of the Father's holy **wrath** against sin. *Salvation isn't addition or subtraction, its substitution.*
 3. **A cup of Curse** - Gal.3:13 *Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law.*
 - a) Jesus would drink the **entire** chalice of: Man's **sin & God's wrath & the Law's curse. *He drank it all.***
- B. **The cup which My Father has given Me** - **not** that *Judas* gave to Him, **or** that the *soldiers* gave to Him, **or** the *religious leaders* gave to Him.
1. Let us ever take **the cups of life's pain & sorrow** direct from the hand of God, **not** seeing the betrayer, **but the Father.**
 - a) **Joseph** told his brothers (back in Genesis) that it was **not they** who had sent him to Egypt, **but God.**
 - b) **David** would not have Shemei silenced, **because** he felt that **God** had allowed him to utter his anathema.
 - c) **Paul** saw his chains *from the Lord*, and **not Rome.**
- C. **What do you trust in?**
1. **Judas** trusted on the strength of *numbers*. **Peter** on the strength of his *mad Ninja skills*. **Annas & Caiaphas** on the strength their *position*. **Jesus** on the *strength of love and devotion to the Father.* Warren Wiersbe (adapted)
 - a) Jesus had a **cup** in his hand, **not** a sword. **And** that **cup** became His **scepter.**
 - b) Just as we talked about on Wed night. *Jacob took a rock, that became his pillow, that became his pillar, that became his altar.* [ladder from earth to heaven, *dream*]
- D. **Peter took up a sword, but Jesus took a cup.**
1. Never fear **the cup** that the Father has *prepared* for **you.**
 2. **Jesus** how did you do it? ~ He could **submit** to the abuse of men **because** He had **already submitted** to the will of God.
 - a) What is in your hand today...your sword, or His cup?

VII.SlideX **AN ARREST (12-14)**

- A. The **snare** is tripped. The **prey** is caught. **Mission Accomplished.**
- B. What **Meekness** & **Majesty** are here:
1. **Meekness** - that He should subject Himself to the *arresting, binding, & leading*
 2. **Majesty** - that He should be able to use the **unspeakable Name of God, I AM.**
 - a) His **closing hours** were in entirely consistent with His **beautiful life & ministry.**
- C. (13) Apparently a preliminary & private examination was held while the Sanhedrin was being hastily summoned.
- D. (14) John reminded his readers of Caiaphas' *unconscious prophecy.*
1. Caiaphas, trying to save his political skin, proposed a simple lethal solution in Jn.11:29-52 *Why should the whole nation be destroyed? Let this one man die for the people.* [He didn't realize how correct he was]
 2. **Admire the bee:** It sees its hive being threatened it will use its one defense, its **stinger.** It will die in defense of their hive. They have one thought only, **the safety of the others** in the hive, & gladly will **give their life for the good of the many.**
 3. **Admire Jesus:** He had one thought only, the safety of **the others** in His world, & **gladly gave** His life **for the good of the many.**
- E. **Communion:** In 1646, over 100 puritan divines drew up the *Confession of Faith* in Westminster (thus called the Westminster Confessions). It presents one of the finest concise statements of the Christian faith.
1. Regarding The Lord's Supper it says, *"Hence it is a badge of Christian profession - a mark of allegiance of a citizen of the kingdom of heaven."*
 2. John 1:14 *And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace & truth.*