

THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Luke 22 – 23

III: Trial and Crucifixion

I Cor 13:4-8: what Love looks like

Love is most amazing when it is under stress.

It is deeply affecting to meditate upon the love of Christ under His deepest stress: His Passion: 12 examples:

- His last Passover (4 examples)
- His arrest (3 examples)
- His trial and crucifixion (5 examples)

Observe how He illustrates I Cor 13 under the most trying of circumstances.

See how He loves you and me

See how He reacts to your sins and failings

See a model for your living out I Cor 13 by His power

- I. His earnest desire for their fellowship: Lk 22:15
- II. His patient response to their thoughtless selfishness: Lk 22:24-30.
Gentle – Patient – Encouraging!
- III. His gentle warning to Peter's overconfidence: Lk 22:31-34
- IV. His warning to pray in Gethsemane and gentleness when they fail:
Lk 22:40, 46
- V. His gentle question to His betrayer's kiss: Lk 22:47-48
- VI. His protection of His disciples Jn 18:7-9 before Lk 22:49
- VII. His healing of His enemy's ear Lk 22:49-51
Fearless – Majestic – Boundless in compassion

See in His **Trial & Crucifixion** His tender patience and love for His disciples and His enemies:

VIII. His look at Peter without _____ Lk 22:61-62

IX. His convicting _____ before Herod & Pilate Lk 23:9;
Jn 19:7-11

X. His _____ to the women mourners Lk 23:27-31

XI. His prayer for His _____ Lk 23:34

XII. His _____ of the thief dying with Him Lk 23:39-43;
Mt 27:44

So What

1. Jesus' promise to the thief: you will be **with Me**.
Who else would you rather be with to care for you thru all eternity??
Who has ever loved you like Jesus?
2. Think of His love in these situations when you are tempted to distance yourself from Him. Come running back to the One Who is infinitely patient with you.
3. When you read I Cor 13:4-8, think how Jesus modeled that for you in the worst of situations. Ask His grace to follow Him in loving the difficult in your life.