

Luke 22

I don't want to overwhelm you, but we are going to read through the entirety of chapter 22 this morning...and we will cover 23 next week, and 24 the following.

1. Most of us are very familiar with the story line. So, we will walk through it quickly and then point out a few applications at the end.
2. I know it is a lengthy chapter to read, but I want to remind you that what we read, is far more important than what I say. This is God's Word. We should stay engaged with it!

I have broken the text into 6 sections to help us process it as we read.

1. Betrayal

22:1 Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was approaching. 2 The chief priests and the scribes were seeking how they might put Him to death; for they were afraid of the people.

3 And Satan entered into Judas who was called Iscariot, belonging to the number of the twelve. 4 And he went away and discussed with the chief priests and officers how he might betray Him to them. 5 They were glad and agreed to give him money. 6 So he consented, and began seeking a good opportunity to betray Him to them apart from the crowd.

2. Passover

7 Then came the first day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. 8 And Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, so that we may eat it." 9 They said to Him, "Where do You want us to prepare it?" 10 And He said to them, "When you have entered the city, a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him into the house that he enters. 11 And you shall say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, "Where is the guest room in which I may eat the Passover with My disciples?"' 12 And he will show you a large, furnished upper room; prepare it there." 13 And they left and found everything just as He had told them; and they prepared the Passover.

14 When the hour had come, He reclined at the table, and the apostles with Him. 15 And He said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; 16 for I say to you, I shall never again eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." 17 And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He said, "Take this and share it among yourselves; 18 for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine from now on until the kingdom of God comes." 19 And when He had taken some bread and given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me." 20 And in the same way He took the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood. 21 But behold, the hand of the one betraying Me is with Mine on the table. 22 For indeed, the Son of Man is going as it has been determined; but woe to that man by whom He is betrayed!" 23 And they began to discuss among themselves which one of them it might be who was going to do this thing.

3. Service v24-27

24 And there arose also a dispute among them as to which one of them was regarded to be greatest. 25 And He said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who have authority over them are called 'Benefactors.' 26 But it is not this way with you, but the one who is the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like the servant. 27 For who is greater, the one who reclines at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at the table? But I am among you as the one who serves.

4. Protection v28-38

28 "You are those who have stood by Me in My trials; 29 and just as My Father has granted Me a kingdom, I grant you 30 that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

31 "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded permission to sift you like wheat; 32 but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers." 33 But he said to Him, "Lord, with You I am ready to go both to prison and to death!" 34 And He said, "I say to you, Peter; the rooster will not crow today until you have denied three times that you know Me." 35 And He said to them, "When I sent you out without money belt and bag and sandals, you did not lack anything, did you?" They said, "No, nothing." 36 And He said to them, "But now, whoever has a money belt is to take it along, likewise also a bag, and whoever has no sword is to sell his coat and buy one. 37 For I tell you that this which is written must be fulfilled in Me, 'AND HE WAS NUMBERED WITH TRANSGRESSORS'; for that which refers to Me has its fulfillment." 38 They said, "Lord, look, here are two swords." And He said to them, "It is enough."

5. Prayer v39-46

39 And He came out and proceeded as was His custom to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples also followed Him. 40 When He arrived at the place, He said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation." 41 And He withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and began to pray, 42 saying, "Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done." 43 Now an angel from heaven appeared to Him, strengthening Him. 44 And being in agony He was praying very fervently; and His sweat became like drops of blood, falling down upon the ground. 45 When He rose from prayer, He came to the disciples and found them sleeping from sorrow, 46 and said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not enter into temptation."

6. Fulfillment

There is a 3 fold fulfillment or culmination of what we have seen thus far.

A. The Betrayal v47-53

1. Jesus predicted it in v1-6
2. Now, it actually happens

47 While He was still speaking, behold, a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was preceding them; and he approached Jesus to kiss Him. 48 But Jesus said to him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?" 49 When those who were around Him saw what was going to happen, they said, "Lord, shall we strike with the sword?" 50 And one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. 51 But Jesus answered and said, "Stop! No more of this." And He touched his ear and healed him. 52 Then Jesus said to the chief priests and officers of the temple and elders who had come against Him, "Have you come out with swords and clubs as you would against a robber? 53 While I was with you daily in the temple, you did not lay hands on Me; but this hour and the power of darkness are yours."

B. Peter's Sifting v54-62

1. Again, Jesus predicted this in v28-34
2. Now it is actually happening.

54 Having arrested Him, they led Him away and brought Him to the house of the high priest; but Peter was following at a distance. 55 After they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter was sitting among them. 56 And a servant-girl, seeing him as he sat in the firelight

and looking intently at him, said, "This man was with Him too." 57 But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know Him." 58 A little later, another saw him and said, "You are one of them too!" But Peter said, "Man, I am not!" 59 After about an hour had passed, another man began to insist, saying, "Certainly this man also was with Him, for he is a Galilean too." 60 But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about." Immediately, while he was still speaking, a rooster crowed. 61 The Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had told him, "Before a rooster crows today, you will deny Me three times." 62 And he went out and wept bitterly.

C. Our Passover Sacrifice v63-71

1. Jesus predicted this in v7-23 as they celebrated the passover/Lord's supper
2. Now the final, perfect sacrifice begins to take shape.

63 Now the men who were holding Jesus in custody were mocking Him and beating Him, 64 and they blindfolded Him and were asking Him, saying, "Prophecy, who is the one who hit You?" 65 And they were saying many other things against Him, blaspheming. 66 When it was day, the Council of elders of the people assembled, both chief priests and scribes, and they led Him away to their council chamber, saying, 67 "If You are the Christ, tell us." But He said to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe; 68 and if I ask a question, you will not answer. 69 But from now on THE SON OF MAN WILL BE SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND of the power OF GOD." 70 And they all said, "Are You the Son of God, then?" And He said to them, "Yes, I am." 71 Then they said, "What further need do we have of testimony? For we have heard it ourselves from His own mouth."

That is quite a lot of action, for one chapter of the Bible, is it not? I want us to see 3 big things.

I. Satan Seeks to Devour all Men v31

1. Satan has asked for all of the disciples
2. The word "you" is plural. (This is obvious in Greek, not English.) Jesus is telling Simon Peter that Satan has demanded to have all the disciples.
3. Don't think he isn't asking for you too!
4. 1 Peter 5:8-9 *Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 9 But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world.*

Satan only has power where sinful passions hold sway.

1. James 1:14-15 *each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. 15 Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death.*

- a. Judas was a lover of money, and he covered it with a phony, external relationship with Jesus.
- b. John 12:4-6 *But Judas Iscariot, one of His disciples, who was intending to betray Him, said, 5 "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and given to poor people?" 6 Now he said this, not because he was concerned about the poor, but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box, he used to pilfer what was put into it.*
- c. Satan knew what Judas really loved, and he used those passions/lusts to possess him.
- d. For 30 pieces of silver he sold the Messiah...sinned and that sin led to death, both the Messiah's and his!

2. What about you?

- a. For a fleeting moment of lustful pleasure we sell the Messiah
- b. For a fatter bank account, or for that “thing” we want so bad we will sell him
- c. To look good in someone else’s eyes...for an hour or 2 of entertainment...for a religious tradition or preference we will sell him.
- d. What is He even worth to us?

Satan used Judas’ greed to get to him, the love of money, but we need to recognize that Satan isn’t particular. He will use anything to get to us.

1. Pride over our upstanding morality....shame over past failures...either is fine. He can use both.
2. Tongue that wags too often and too loosely....timid spirit that doesn’t say enough.
3. Riches and wealth...poverty and lack
4. A covetous, greedy heart....a pious minimalist.
5. Power....weakness...Satan will gladly use either.
6. Popularity and being well know...obscurity and quiet.
7. Sports...or church!

II. Saved Men Stumble v54-62

1. Peter goes from declaring his unfailing allegiance to denying Jesus not once, not twice, but three times!
2. Isn’t it unreal how quickly we can go from the mountain top, to the valley of dry bones?
3. He just blindly denies Jesus, once, twice, and three times...and his eyes aren’t opened until after he fell.
 - a. Wouldn’t it have been nice if he had seen the face of Jesus turned to him before he sinned?
 - b. But he didn’t...and we don’t...or we would never sin. Sadly, we don’t see his sorrowful face until after we fail...so we stumble.
4. There was something critical that occurred between Peter’s profession of faith and his denial of Jesus;; the latter part of verse 54.
 - a. If I have just been warned that Satan is personally asking for my room number, the last thing I am gonna do is lag behind Jesus, my only hope of protection!!
 - b. If we really believed point 1...then we would never follow Jesus at a distance right? Yeah right...we are just like Peter.
 - c. Regardless of how sincere your profession and how well intentioned your commitment...if you don’t follow Jesus very very closely, you are going to stumble!
5. Thank God that if you are HIS, you will never fall completely.
 - a. Jesus pledged to Peter that He would pray for Him...and He had in John 17.
 - b. John 17:11-12 *I am no longer in the world; and yet they themselves are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, the name which You have given Me, that they may be one even as We are. 12 While I was with them, I was keeping them in Your name which You have given Me; and I guarded them and not one of them perished but the son of perdition, so that the Scripture would be fulfilled.*
 - c. Like he prayed for the disciples that were His, He is praying for us even today.
 - d. Hebrews 7:25 *Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.*

III. Lost Men Fall v3

3 And Satan entered into Judas who was called Iscariot, belonging to the number of the twelve.

Why didn't Jesus pray for Judas? Protect him? Wasn't he one of the 12?

1. No...Judas was not a good, believing disciple that Satan snuck up on.
2. He was a charlatan...a fake...a hypocrite from the beginning!

But...but..but

1. Judas walked with Jesus for 3 years.
2. Judas worked miracles
3. Judas had a good reputation...none of the disciples suspected it would be him
4. There is no way he was not a believer.
5. Matthew 7:21-23 *“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. 22 Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?’ 23 And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.’*

Conclusion