

INTRODUCTION

* Four weeks ago we turned to the final day of Jesus the Messiah's earthly life and ministry with the consideration of Judas' decision to betray Jesus. Since then, we examined the Passover Seder that Jesus held with His disciples and Jesus' example of having a Servant's Heart (to lead by humbly serving).

* Today, we finish a two-week look at Luke's account of Jesus warning His disciples of trouble that is coming, with specific warning to Simon Peter, followed by Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane on the Mount of Olives, Judas' betrayal of Jesus, Jesus' arrest, and Peter's three denials of Jesus. These events are connected; Jesus' warning and example show us that prayer is the key to avoiding temptation, to successfully handling a troublesome situation, and that without it we are likely to succumb to temptation – Judas fails by going through with the betrayal, Peter fails by denying Christ.

* Meanwhile, Jesus succeeds! He does not enter into temptation. Rather, Jesus goes forward with carrying out the will of the Father. In the process, Jesus demonstrates great love for us: "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends." – John 15:12

INSTRUCTION#**I. The Richness of Scripture
– Background tidbits****II. Judas**

The Betrayal Luke 22:47-53

So many questions ...

III. Peter

The S_____ and the E_____ Luke 22:49-51

The Three D_____ Luke 22:54-62

IV. Proper Sorrow 2 Corinthians 7:6-11

Godly Sorrow

Worldly Sorrow

V. Jesus

Love Luke 6:27

1. R_____ to Judas' kiss v.48

2. Heals the servant's E_____ v.51

3. L_____ at P_____ v.61

4. Chose to give His life for us

God's Pre-determined Plan

Luke 22:22

Matthew 26:24

Acts 2:23

Titus 1:2

Some others: Lk 22:37; Acts 4:27-28; 10:40-43; 17:30-31

Jesus' Choice

Luke 22:42

Matthew 26:52-54

John 10:17-18

Mark 10:45

John 15:12-13

INTROSPECTION#

* Are you committed to love?

* This week, who can you love with Christ-like love?

* Are you committed to prayer?

* Are God's words a joy and the delight of your heart?

* IS THERE A NEED TO CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK ... AND, THEREFORE, THE WAY YOU ACT?

INTERACTION#

* In what ways can we help each other to love as Jesus loves?

* When we are sorrowful, how could we better encourage one another in godly sorrow instead of worldly sorrow?