

Betrayed (Slide 1)

"The hour has come!"

Reading: John 18:1-11

We truly see the depth of which Judas betrayed Jesus in John 18.

John 18:2 (Slide 2)

And Judas, who betrayed Him, also knew the place; for Jesus often met there with His disciples. 3 Then Judas, having received a detachment of troops, and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, came there with lanterns, torches, and weapons.

I have the picture of this event in my mind in this way: This band of men are walking at a pace of what appears urgent and determined, as to capture a very dangerous individual, with Judas leading the way! You can hear them coming because of their frantic pace!!

In a twist of incredible irony, they come after the Son of God with the same intent as they likely went after the murderer and insurrectionist, Barabas!!

Matthew 26:55a (Slide 3)

“Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest Me as you would against a robber?”

Judas knew the place and had been there previously with Jesus. No doubt receiving many eternal lessons. Yet, it meant nothing to him.....nothing is Spiritually sacred to Judas. His heart is calloused by greed.

Though not mentioned Here in John’s record, Judas betrays Jesus in an intimate way:

Matthew 26:47-49 (Slide 4)

47 While He was still speaking, behold, Judas, one of the twelve, came up accompanied by a large crowd with swords and clubs, who came from the chief priests and elders of the people. (Slide 5) 48 Now he who was betraying Him gave them a sign, saying, “Whomever I kiss, He is the one; seize Him.” 49 Immediately Judas went to Jesus and said, “Hail, Rabbi!” and kissed Him.

Judas didn’t necessarily need to “kiss” Jesus as a way of identifying Him since Jesus willingly allowed them to take Him. But Judas was living up to his greedy contract.

Can people really be that cold as to “sell out” someone who’s whole mission on earth is based on love and salvation? Absolutely!!

1 Timothy 4:1-2 (Slide 6)

But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons, 2 by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron

Titus 1:15-16 (Slide 7)

15 To the pure, all things are pure; but to those who are defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure, but both their mind and their conscience are defiled. 16 They profess to know God, but by their deeds they deny Him, being detestable and disobedient and worthless for any good deed.

Romans 1: *Paul* states that God gave men over to a ***“debased mind.”*** Debased means that they know their practices are condemned by the Word of God, yet, they do it anyway. Their conscience is seared/ branded.

Jesus talks about the people of His day, namely the Jews, that their ***“hearts have become dull.”***

This is not something that is new to mankind. The conscience is as scarred in many today in the 21st century as in the days of Noah.

The modern religious world begs to appear *pious* when in reality their religion is hypocritical and in error because they often open up their religion to modern day culture and norms that are in opposition to God's law. Even opposing what is truly natural and allowing debauchery to enter into their worship and to be led by those who are clearly living in sin!

Done so as to appease, to retain followers and because it is lucrative!! So much greater is the damage done when it is done so in the name of religion.

We learn later that Judas didn't know that Jesus would be murdered, but that is not an excuse!!

In the Garden

Hear and See:

The Loyalty of Peter: (Slide 8)

Simon Peter then, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear; and the slave's name was Malchus.

I can only imagine the pain that that type of injury would cause. Excruciating!!

Hear and See:

The Mercy of Jesus: (Slide 9)

Luke 22:51

And He touched his ear and healed him.

Jesus allowed Himself to be betrayed and arrested. Judas' plot was never hidden or secret. The confirmation of Jesus Voluntary Surrender is found in:

Luke 22:52-53 (Slide 10)

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? (Slide 11) 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."

John 18:11

“Put the sword into the sheath; the cup which the Father has given Me, shall I not drink it?”

Looking back at times when His hour had not come and much work was yet to be done, we find the precision of which God’s plan for His Son unfolds:

John 7 records an instance in which Jesus was teaching and many were persuaded, yet, others wished to seize Him. John states in:

John 7:30 (Slide 12)

So they were seeking to seize Him; and no man laid his hand on Him, because His hour had not yet come.

Similarly in:

John 8:20b

He taught in the temple; and no one seized Him, because His hour had not yet come.

At the end of this chapter, John states that they picked up stones to throw at Him but he hid Himself and they couldn’t find Him. All because He told them truths and they could not accept it.

Their biggest problem is that they thought they were in charge and they never were!!

John 17:1 (Slide 13)

Jesus said, "Father the hour has come; glorify Your Son."

"The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified"

Peter says in:

Acts 2:23 (Slide 14)

this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death.

this Man being Jesus, Identified Himself. He didn't try to run or to hide. He heard them coming which for most would be an alert: *"I gotta get out of here!!"*

A Roman cohort was 600 soldiers. In addition were officers from the chief priests and Pharisees. Carrying weapons, lanterns and torches.

This indicates that according to their assessment, perhaps the one whom they sought would fight or try and run away through the night. When, in fact, He was identifying Himself and no intention of doing either.

After Peter cut off the ear of Malchus, Jesus told him:

Matthew 26:52-54 (Slide 15)

52 Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place; for all those who take up the sword shall perish by the sword. 53 Or do you think that I cannot appeal to My Father, (Slide 16) and He will at once put at My disposal more than twelve legions of angels? 54 How then will the Scriptures be fulfilled, which say that it must happen this way?"

1 legion equals 6,000.....12 legions equals 72,000 angels and they would have wiped this small band of men off the face of the earth!! Proof positive Jesus is in charge!!

It wasn't that Jesus was upset Peter was trying to defend Him, He reprimanded Him for interfering with God's eternal plan. Obviously, Peter nor any of the apostles understood that!

This is the predetermined plan of God and Jesus voluntarily submitted to the will of His Father.

Paul says in:

Romans 5:6 (Slide 17)

For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

What we are studying is the right time; "The Hour has come!!"

Paul writes in:

Philippians 2:5-11 (Slide 18)

5 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. (Slide 19) 8 Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, (Slide 20) 10 so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Where Paul says He emptied Himself; one center reference says that *"He laid aside His privileges."* Thus not calling 12 legions of Angels!!

... You are beautiful beyond description

Too marvelous for words

Too wonderful for comprehension

Like nothing ever seen or heard

Who can grasp Your infinite wisdom?

Who can fathom the depth of Your love?

You are beautiful beyond description

Majesty, enthroned above

... And I stand, I stand in awe of You

I stand, I stand in awe of You

Holy God, to whom all praise is due

I stand in awe of You

... You are beautiful beyond description

Yet God crushed You for my sin

In agony and deep affliction

Cut off that I might enter in

Who can grasp such tender compassion?

Who can fathom this mercy so free?

You are beautiful beyond description

Lamb of God who died for me

... And I stand, I stand in awe of You

I stand, I stand in awe of You

Holy God, to whom all praise is due

I stand in awe of You, O God

... I stand and I will

... I stand, I stand in awe of You

I stand, I stand in awe of You (holy God)

Holy God, to whom all praise is due

I stand in awe of You

... Holy God, to whom all praise is due (holy God)

I stand in awe of You (awe of You)

Invitation

When those who came to take Jesus finally realized who He was and He was voluntarily giving Himself up, John records:

“I am He,” they drew back and fell to the ground. They seemingly could not stand. I don’t understand exactly what just happened. I’ve read that they were so astonished that He would just surrender that they were overcome with emotion and fell backwards. They were so ramped up to capture Him and now He’s surrendering.

Still others say this happened because it was a Biblical response to “Holy fear.” Some call it a “theophany” where God manifests Himself in some way to Humans.

I am uncertain if that is the case. But what I do know is that if we believe Jesus to be the Son of God who gave Himself for us on a cross.....we should be in “Awe” of His entire Biblical story. We should also be in “Awe” that He simply surrendered!!

He’s asking you if you have not done so to surrender. To Surrender your will to His will.

Are you in awe and have yet submitted yourself to Him in Baptism? Why wait! Do it today!!

Everyday should be awe inspiring living for Christ Jesus. But sometimes this life hinders us in some way. Do you

need the prayers of your brethren? We will gladly do that as well.

Please let us know how we can assist you today.....

Reading:

John 18:1-11

1 When Jesus had spoken these words, He went forth with His disciples over the ravine of the Kidron, where there was a garden, in which He entered with His disciples. 2 Now Judas also, who was betraying Him, knew the place, for Jesus had often met there with His disciples. 3 Judas then, having received the Roman cohort and officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. 4 So Jesus, knowing all the things that were coming upon Him, went forth and *said to them, "Whom do you seek?" 5 They answered Him, "Jesus the Nazarene." He said to them, "I am He." And Judas also, who was betraying Him, was standing with them. 6 So when He said to them, "I am He," they drew back and fell to the ground. 7 Therefore He again asked them, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus the Nazarene." 8 Jesus answered, "I told you that I am He; so if you seek Me, let these go their way," 9 to fulfill the word which He spoke, "Of those whom You have given Me I lost not one." 10 Simon Peter then, having a sword, drew it and struck the

high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear; and the slave's name was Malchus. 11 So Jesus said to Peter, "Put the sword into the sheath; the cup which the Father has given Me, shall I not drink it?"