

THE ULTIMATE WEEK



LUKE: PART III

MARCH 3 - APRIL 7

THE ULTIMATE BETRAYAL

LUKE 22:39-62



Loyalty



“TO LOVE AT ALL IS TO BE VULNERABLE. LOVE ANYTHING
AND YOUR HEART WILL BE WRUNG AND POSSIBLY BROKEN.
IF YOU WANT TO MAKE SURE OF KEEPING IT INTACT YOU
MUST GIVE IT TO NO ONE, NOT EVEN AN ANIMAL. WRAP IT
CAREFULLY ROUND WITH HOBBIES AND LITTLE LUXURIES;
AVOID ALL ENTANGLEMENTS. LOCK IT UP SAFE IN THE
CASKET OR COFFIN OF YOUR SELFISHNESS.

BUT IN THAT CASKET, SAFE, DARK, MOTIONLESS, AIRLESS,
IT WILL CHANGE. IT WILL NOT BE BROKEN; IT WILL BECOME
UNBREAKABLE, IMPENETRABLE, IRREDEEMABLE. TO LOVE IS
TO BE VULNERABLE.”

C.S. LEWIS

JESUS PRAYS ON THE MOUNT OF OLIVES

39 AND HE CAME OUT AND WENT, AS WAS HIS CUSTOM,
TO THE MOUNT OF OLIVES, AND THE DISCIPLES
FOLLOWED HIM. 40 AND WHEN HE CAME TO 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 KNELT DOWN AND PRAYED, 42 SAYING,
“FATHER, IF YOU ARE WILLING, REMOVE THIS CUP FROM
ME. NEVERTHELESS, NOT MY WILL, BUT YOURS, BE
DONE.”

JESUS PRAYS ON THE MOUNT OF OLIVES

43 AND THERE APPEARED TO HIM AN ANGEL FROM HEAVEN, STRENGTHENING HIM. 44 AND BEING IN AGONY HE PRAYED MORE EARNESTLY; AND HIS SWEAT BECAME LIKE GREAT DROPS OF BLOOD FALLING DOWN TO THE GROUND.

45 AND WHEN HE ROSE FROM PRAYER, HE CAME TO THE DISCIPLES AND FOUND THEM SLEEPING FOR SORROW, 46 AND HE SAID TO THEM, “WHY ARE YOU SLEEPING? RISE AND PRAY THAT YOU MAY NOT ENTER INTO TEMPTATION.”

BETRAYAL AND ARREST OF JESUS

47 WHILE HE WAS STILL SPEAKING, THERE CAME A CROWD, AND THE MAN CALLED JUDAS, ONE OF THE TWELVE, WAS LEADING THEM. HE DREW NEAR TO JESUS TO KISS HIM, 48 BUT JESUS SAID TO HIM, “JUDAS, WOULD YOU BETRAY THE SON OF MAN WITH A KISS?” 49 AND WHEN THOSE WHO WERE AROUND HIM SAW WHAT WOULD FOLLOW, THEY SAID, “LORD, SHALL WE STRIKE WITH THE SWORD?”

50 AND ONE OF THEM STRUCK THE SERVANT OF THE HIGH PRIEST AND CUT OFF HIS RIGHT EAR. 51 BUT JESUS SAID, “NO MORE OF THIS!” AND HE TOUCHED HIS EAR AND HEALED HIM

BETRAYAL AND ARREST OF JESUS

52 THEN JESUS SAID TO THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND OFFICERS OF THE TEMPLE AND ELDERS, WHO HAD COME OUT AGAINST HIM, “HAVE YOU COME OUT AS AGAINST A ROBBER, WITH SWORDS AND CLUBS?

53 WHEN I WAS WITH YOU DAY AFTER DAY IN THE TEMPLE, YOU DID NOT LAY HANDS ON ME. BUT THIS IS YOUR HOUR, AND THE POWER OF DARKNESS.”

PETER DENIES JESUS

54 THEN THEY SEIZED HIM AND LED HIM AWAY, BRINGING HIM INTO THE HIGH PRIEST'S HOUSE, AND PETER WAS FOLLOWING AT A DISTANCE. 55 AND WHEN THEY HAD KINDLED A FIRE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE COURTYARD AND SAT DOWN TOGETHER, PETER SAT DOWN AMONG THEM.

56 THEN A SERVANT GIRL, SEEING HIM AS HE SAT IN THE LIGHT AND LOOKING CLOSELY AT HIM, SAID, "THIS MAN ALSO WAS WITH HIM." 57 BUT HE DENIED IT, SAYING, "WOMAN, I DO NOT KNOW HIM." 58 AND A LITTLE LATER SOMEONE ELSE SAW HIM AND SAID, "YOU ALSO ARE ONE OF THEM." BUT PETER SAID, "MAN, I AM NOT."

PETER DENIES JESUS

59 AND AFTER AN INTERVAL OF ABOUT AN HOUR STILL ANOTHER INSISTED, SAYING, "CERTAINLY THIS MAN ALSO WAS WITH HIM, FOR HE TOO IS A GALILEAN." 60 BUT PETER SAID, "MAN, I DO NOT KNOW WHAT YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT." AND IMMEDIATELY, WHILE HE WAS STILL SPEAKING, THE ROOSTER CROWED.

61 AND THE LORD TURNED AND LOOKED AT PETER. AND PETER REMEMBERED THE SAYING OF THE LORD, HOW HE HAD SAID TO HIM, "BEFORE THE ROOSTER CROWS TODAY, YOU WILL DENY ME THREE TIMES." 62 AND HE WENT OUT AND WEPT BITTERLY.

THE BATTLE

A BATTLE AGAINST TEMPTATION IS RAGING –
PRAYER AND DEPENDENCE ON JESUS IS OUR
BEST DEFENSE.

THE BATTLE

“WHY ARE YOU SLEEPING? HE ASKED THEM. GET UP AND PRAY SO THAT YOU WILL NOT FALL INTO TEMPTATION.”

LUKE 22:46

THE BATTLE

“⁴² FATHER, IF YOU ARE WILLING, REMOVE THIS CUP FROM ME. NEVERTHELESS, NOT MY WILL, BUT YOURS, BE DONE.” ⁴³ AND THERE APPEARED TO HIM AN ANGEL FROM HEAVEN, STRENGTHENING HIM. ⁴⁴ AND BEING IN AGONY HE PRAYED MORE EARNESTLY; AND HIS SWEAT BECAME LIKE GREAT DROPS OF BLOOD FALLING DOWN TO THE GROUND.

LUKE 22:42-44

THE KISS OF DEATH

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“EVEN MY CLOSE FRIEND IN WHOM I TRUSTED,
WHO ATE MY BREAD, HAS LIFTED HIS HEEL
AGAINST ME.”

PSALM 41:9

THE KISS OF DEATH

SUFFERING IS PART OF THE PLAN...BUT JESUS IS
STILL IN CONTROL!

“IF WE AGAIN ASK THE QUESTION: ‘WHY DOES GOD ALLOW EVIL AND SUFFERING TO CONTINUE?’ AND WE LOOK AT THE CROSS OF JESUS, WE STILL DO NOT KNOW WHAT THE ANSWER IS. HOWEVER, WE NOW KNOW WHAT THE ANSWER ISN’T. IT CAN’T BE THAT HE DOESN’T LOVE US. IT CAN’T BE THAT HE IS INDIFFERENT OR DETACHED FROM OUR CONDITION.

GOD TAKES OUR MISERY AND SUFFERING SO SERIOUSLY THAT HE WAS WILLING TO TAKE IT ON HIMSELF. SO, IF WE EMBRACE THE CHRISTIAN TEACHING THAT JESUS IS GOD AND THAT HE WENT TO THE CROSS, THEN WE HAVE DEEP CONSOLATION AND STRENGTH TO FACE THE BRUTAL REALITIES OF LIFE ON EARTH. WE CAN KNOW THAT GOD IS TRULY IMMANUEL — GOD WITH US — EVEN IN OUR WORST SUFFERINGS.”

-TIM KELLER

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AND HE WENT OUT AND WEPT BITTERLY.

LUKE 22:61-62

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OUR BETRAYAL OF JESUS DOESN'T HAVE TO
DEFINE US, REPENT AND COME BACK TO HIM!

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