

Greetings Welcome to Mercy and Truth Church today is April 1st 2023, Here in Chandler Arizona its starting to get warm, we have all been suffering the crushing effects of excess pollen, please pray for us and our 78-85 degree weather.....we have a lot of sunshine to shovel this week....

Let us pick up where we left off last week in our continuing study of the crucifixion week this will be our 3<sup>rd</sup> episode we are still in the events of the evening of the preparation day of the High Sabbath the First day of Unleavened Bread leading up to the Crucifixion Day.

When Last we left our Intrepid gang they were all huddled up for an evening meal where Jesus offered them the wine symbolizing his blood and the bread symbolizing his body. Shed for the sinner, and event soon to come, they did not yet understand the meaning of these events and turn with me to Luke 22, we can see even now their Human nature is getting the better of them. Remember, these men do not yet possess the Holy Spirit inside of them, this is important to understand, so turn to Luke and lets pick up the story.

### **Part 3**

#### **Luke 22:24-30**

<sup>24</sup> And there was also a **strife among them**, which of them should be accounted the greatest.

- What wait strife between the apostles at the Last Supper...bet you don't remember any preacher preaching about that.....
- That's what it says....look what they are arguing about..... **which of them should be accounted the greatest.....**yeah that's a holy bunch huh.....
- Not to worry Jesus intervenes and makes them feel foolish.....

<sup>25</sup> And he said unto them, The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and they that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors. <sup>26</sup> But ye shall not be so: but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve. <sup>27</sup> For whether is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? is not he that sitteth at meat? but I am among you as he that serveth.

- Jesus who is the Word created in the Flesh...the Creator of all things...points out he is there to serve, and basically so should they be....It is by Jesus's example of the Servant that gives us the modern day picture of what it means to be in the Service of the Lord.
- When you are in a Church and you are picked for a position, whatever that position is, a Deacon, an Assistant Pastor, an Audio Visual Technician or a Singer in the Choir....you are to serve as Jesus Served expecting nothing back...learn to Love your Service.
- The world of Non-Believers Exercise Lordship over the masses, Jesus Clearly, Clearly points out that this is what an unbeliever does...Remember something when you are saved, you all have the same Spirit...none of the believers is better than any other no matter what position in the CHURCH You Hold....Many Believers forget this....the least of us is the most important.

<sup>28</sup> Ye are they which have continued with me in my temptations. <sup>29</sup> And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me; <sup>30</sup> that ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

- The Ultimate Reward for the Disciples it to sit in Judgment of the Twelve Tribes of Israel
- But you can't judge someone unless you humble yourself and live the life of a servant.

Let us continue on in verse 31-34 se what else Jesus has to say.

**Luke 22:31-34**

<sup>31</sup> And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: <sup>32</sup> **but I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted,** strengthen thy brethren. <sup>33</sup> And he said unto him, Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into prison, and to death. <sup>34</sup> And he said, I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before that thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me.

- Well Ain't that a Funny thing to Say..... **but I have prayed for thee**,....Ok that's not funny but encouraging right..... **that thy faith fail not**:.....Now wait a minute this is Peter the Guy to whom the Holy Spirit revealed Jesus was the Christ.....and when thou art converted.....Wait what when thou are converted.....is that to be taken at face value...Peter is not yet converted...how about them apples folks.
- In Jesus's own words he states that Peter isn't yet converted...he is Praying that Peters Faith Doesn't fail.....well ain't that something.....turn to the Gospel of Mark

**Mark 14:26-31**

<sup>26</sup> And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives. <sup>27</sup> And Jesus saith unto them, **All ye shall be offended because of me this night:** for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered.

- So the First thing we hear is that Jesus Says **All of them...All Ye**, that's All Y'all in Texan, the plural, everyone of you will be offended because of Christ.....WOW, Not a clean one in the Bunch
- Notice ...for it is written.....really God had a Prophet and he prophesied about this time in advance Yup almost 600 years before...? Let's look at Zechariah 13...

**Zechariah 13:7**

<sup>7</sup> Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man that is my fellow, saith the Lord of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones.

- So God Knew....In advance and Had Zechariah write it down.....Why? So you would believe!

**Mark 14:28-31**

<sup>28</sup> But after that I am risen, I will go before you into Galilee. <sup>29</sup> But Peter said unto him, **Although all shall be offended, yet will not I.** <sup>30</sup> And Jesus saith unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this day, even in this night, before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice. <sup>31</sup> But he spake the more vehemently, If I should die with thee, I will not deny thee in any wise. Likewise also said they all.

- All for one and one for all we won't desert you.....notice Peter "talked back to the Lord"...but he insisted Not me man I'm with you till the death.....oh really

**Matthew 26:30-35**

<sup>30</sup> And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives. <sup>31</sup> Then saith Jesus unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad. <sup>32</sup> But after I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee. <sup>33</sup> Peter answered and said unto him, Though all men shall be offended because of thee, yet will I never be offended. <sup>34</sup> Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this night, before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. <sup>35</sup> Peter said unto him, Though I should die with thee, yet will I not deny thee. Likewise also said all the disciples.

**Matthew 26:36-40**

<sup>36</sup> Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder. <sup>37</sup> And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy. <sup>38</sup> Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me. <sup>39</sup> And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt. <sup>40</sup> And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour?

- So once in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus separated Peter James and John and went a bit from the group and asked them to pray with him.....ZZZZZZ they fell asleep how often do we do that?

**Mark 14:32-40**

<sup>32</sup> And they came to a place which was named Gethsemane: and he saith to his disciples, Sit ye here, while I shall pray. <sup>33</sup> And he taketh with him Peter and James and John, and began to be sore amazed, and to be very heavy; <sup>34</sup> and saith unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death: tarry ye here, and watch. <sup>35</sup> And he went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. <sup>36</sup> And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; **take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt.**

- Jesus is pleading with his father in Heaven, he is looking for another way of accomplishing the same thing, he didn't lose faith, he knows what is coming next and it is going to be gruesome, he in his flesh is looking for another way, other than having to be scourged, beaten and crucified, but submits himself to the Father's will because there really is no other way.

<sup>37</sup> And he cometh, and findeth them sleeping, and saith unto Peter, Simon, sleepest thou? couldest not thou watch one hour? <sup>38</sup> **Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation.** The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak. <sup>39</sup> And again he went away, and prayed, and spake the same words. <sup>40</sup> And when he returned, he found them asleep again, (for their eyes were heavy,) neither wist they what to answer him.

- Jesus repeats this prayer twice and twice comes back and finds his disciples snoozing.....there flesh like ours is weak, they had a nice meal they took a short hike its past midnight there flesh is tired....
- Notice he tells them, Watch and Pray....WHY lest ye enter into temptation.....
- Ahh hmmm you have to wonder, if Peter was more diligent would he have denied Christ?

**Luke 22:35-40**

<sup>35</sup> And he said unto them, When I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye any thing? And they said, Nothing. <sup>36</sup> Then said he unto them, But now, he that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise his scrip: **and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one.** <sup>37</sup> For I say unto you, that this that is written must yet be accomplished in me, **And he was reckoned among the transgressors:** for the things concerning me have an end. <sup>38</sup> **And they said, Lord, behold, here are two swords. And he said unto them, It is enough.** <sup>39</sup> And he came out, and went, as he was wont, to the mount of Olives; and his disciples also followed him. <sup>40</sup> And when he was at the place, he said unto them, **Pray that ye enter not into temptation.**

- Buy a sword...Jesus wants them to possess swords, I thought it was illegal for anyone but someone in the Roman Military to possess a sword in these time...exactly..... **that this that is written must yet be accomplished in me, And he was reckoned among the transgressors:**
- Jesus was reckoned, that is he was associated by the government with criminals...**as it was written.**
- Notice in addition to that Jesus said that two swords was enough, note that he didn't say after I'm arrested ditch those swords....they served the purpose to fulfill scripture, but he made no mention of their illegality...why two swords for 12 men was sufficient to provide for self-defense, that is not the subject of this sermon but something to keep in mind.
- Again we note, **Pray that ye enter not into temptation.....**This was advice given to the Disciples, and its Advice that carries through every Dispensation. Imagine if everytime you were tempted by your weakness...food, alcohol, cigarettes, dope, porn, anger, backbiting, gossiping...if you first stopped and prayed I wonder if God would give you the strength to overcome your Urge...I tell you what Next Time Try it...!

#### Matthew 26:41-46

<sup>41</sup> Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: **the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.**

<sup>42</sup> He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done. <sup>43</sup> And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy. <sup>44</sup> And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words. <sup>45</sup> Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, **Sleep on now, and take your rest:**

**behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.** <sup>46</sup> Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth betray me.

- So Jesus recognizes, maybe a bit disgustedly that his friends are sleeping when he needs them most, they have given in to their flesh... don't let this dissertation be lost on you. The Apostles gave into their flesh, as you or I will if we don't Pray...and Pray at the time of the Temptation, but most importantly pray before so you don't fall into temptation.
- **the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.....**Jesus makes no bones about those that took him were sinners.

#### Luke 22:41-46

<sup>41</sup> **And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast,** and kneeled down, and prayed, <sup>42</sup> saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done. <sup>43</sup> **And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him.** <sup>44</sup> **And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.**

<sup>45</sup> And when he rose up from prayer, and was come to his disciples, he found them sleeping for sorrow,

<sup>46</sup> and said unto them, Why sleep ye? rise and pray, lest ye enter into temptation.

- Well isn't that something, if the disciples had stayed awake they could have seen an Angel!
- He was in such agony, why? Because of the possibility of being crucified, well yes, but think about it he is now going to take upon his flesh ALL the Sins of Mankind, they will cling to his flesh and Spirit and he will take them down to Hell and imprison them there. Now think about that, for the first time in Eternity a part of the Godhead will separate itself voluntarily for 3 days and 3 nights....Never before in eternity has the Word been separated from the Father...he is Sweating Blood that is extreme anguish!

**Mark 14:41-46**

<sup>41</sup> And he cometh the third time, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: it is enough, the hour is come; behold, **the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.** <sup>42</sup> Rise up, let us go; lo, he that betrayeth me is at hand.

<sup>43</sup> And immediately, while he yet spake, cometh Judas, **one of the twelve**, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, **from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders.** <sup>44</sup> And he that betrayed him had given them a token, saying, Whomsoever **I shall kiss, that same is he**; take him, and lead him away safely. <sup>45</sup> And as soon as he was come, he goeth straightway to him, and saith, Master, master; **and kissed him.**

<sup>46</sup> And they laid their hands on him, and took him.

- Sinners one and all!....Betrayed by a Kiss, think about that, the ultimate in betrayal, now you know where the Mafia gets it from, the penultimate in showing you complete disdain for the word of God, Remember God is Love, how do you show your Love to a Loved one...with a kiss, This is a Completely Satanic act....Let's see what Mathew says about these events

**Matthew 26:47-56**

<sup>47</sup> And while he yet spake, lo, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people. <sup>48</sup> Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, **Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he: hold him fast.** <sup>49</sup> And forthwith he came to Jesus, and said, **Hail, master; and kissed him.** <sup>50</sup> And Jesus said unto him, **Friend, wherefore art thou come?** Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus, and took him.

- Notice the Confusion in Jesus...when you kiss someone you are expressing an Act of Love, there is a Moment of Confusion...no wonder Jesus is the Author of Confusion....Jesus had to Ask him what are you here for....He can't quite believe it.

<sup>51</sup> And, behold, one of them which were with Jesus stretched out his hand, and drew his sword, and struck a servant of the high priest's, and smote off his ear. <sup>52</sup> Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword. <sup>53</sup> Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels? <sup>54</sup> But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?

- Now here Peter wanting to show his allegiance, Whips out his sword and lopes off the ear a servant....the guy obviously moved as fast as he could to avoid the Blow.....but lost his ear...
- Now Notice Jesus's response is quite remarkable....what is more remarkable is the response of the entire group of soldiers they seem to be very Docile...Why is that we see this in the Next account of Luke also let's read if, we won't understand till we get to Johns account the full picture.

<sup>55</sup> In that same hour said Jesus to the multitudes, Are ye come out as against a thief with swords and staves for to take me? **I sat daily with you teaching in the temple, and ye laid no hold on me.** <sup>56</sup> But all this was done, **that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.** Then all the disciples forsook him, and fled.

- So that Scripture Must be Fulfilled, and Look Just like Zachariah Said all the Disciples fled...

**Luke 22:47-52**

<sup>47</sup> And while he yet spake, behold a multitude, and he that was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them, and drew near unto Jesus to kiss him. <sup>48</sup> But Jesus said unto him, Judas, betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss? <sup>49</sup> When they which were about him saw what would follow, they said unto him, Lord, shall we smite with the sword? <sup>50</sup> And one of them smote the servant of the high priest, and cut off his right ear. <sup>51</sup> And Jesus answered and said, Suffer ye thus far. And he touched his ear, and healed him. <sup>52</sup> Then Jesus said unto the chief priests, and captains of the temple, and the elders, which were come to him, Be ye come out, as against a thief, with swords and staves?

- Peter is Swinging a Sword and the guards are basically just looking around like a bunch of Owls.....and listening to Jesus WHY?

**Mark 14:47-52**

<sup>47</sup> And one of them that stood by drew a sword, and smote a servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear. <sup>48</sup> And Jesus answered and said unto them, Are ye come out, as against a thief, with swords and with staves to take me? <sup>49</sup> I was daily with you in the temple teaching, and ye took me not: **but the scriptures must be fulfilled.** <sup>50</sup> **And they all forsook him, and fled.** <sup>51</sup> And there followed him a certain young man, having a linen cloth cast about his naked body; and the young men laid hold on him: <sup>52</sup> and he left the linen cloth, and fled from them naked.

- Do you remember a few pages Back they were all professing their Bravery, I will never leave you Jesus...will be with you to the Death Jesus.....Yeah right.....
- Johns account fills in the missing piece of the puzzle

**John 18:1-11**

<sup>1</sup> When Jesus had spoken these words, he went forth with his disciples over the brook Cedron, where was a garden, into the which he entered, and his disciples. <sup>2</sup> And Judas also, which betrayed him, knew the place: for Jesus oftentimes resorted thither with his disciples. <sup>3</sup> Judas then, having received a band of men and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, cometh thither with lanterns and torches and weapons. <sup>4</sup> Jesus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon him, went forth, and said unto them, Whom seek ye? <sup>5</sup> They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus saith unto them, I am he. And Judas also, which betrayed him, stood with them. <sup>6</sup> **As soon then as he had said unto them, I am he, they went backward, and fell to the ground.** <sup>7</sup> Then asked he them again, Whom seek ye? And they said, Jesus of Nazareth.

- There it is, Pay attention Words Matter, So Jesus Kisses him, they ask him if he is Jesus and he says I AM He.....I AM...he, see it Now? Jesus is so prayed up with power those words...the word of God knock the soldiers priests and all those present on their fannies.....Pure Unadulterated Raw Power.
- The Soldiers are Scared this guy just spoke and they all fell to the Ground, **they went backward and fell to the Ground....so Jesus almost mocking says...**

<sup>8</sup> Jesus answered, I have told you that I am he: **if therefore ye seek me, let these go their way:** <sup>9</sup> that the saying might be fulfilled, which he spake, Of them which thou gavest me have I lost none.

- So the Guy who just Knock you on your Arse by just saying I AM He, asks you if you could let the others go.....think they were of the mind to comply?.....sure were....Peter see's his chance to be a Hero.....Mr. Tough Guy

<sup>10</sup> Then Simon Peter having a sword drew it, and smote the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus. <sup>11</sup> Then said Jesus unto Peter, Put up thy sword into the sheath: the cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?

- And now we know the Rest of the Story.....so while the guards are sitting on their fannies after being knocked to the Ground by the Literal Power emanating for the Mouth of God, Peter jumps up and tries to cut of Malchus head only getting his Ear.....Jesus issues correction and Miraculously heals Malchus in the presence of them all.....kind shows you a different side of Mel Gibson's Hollywodized version of events doesn't it?
- The guards that went to get Jesus are Sacred.....literally scared to death it takes a while for them to gain there composure.

I am sorry this Study is taking so long but many of these events are so grossly over looked that you need to understand all the accounts to draw the full picture!