

The Last Supper

Luke 22:1-23

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Intro

The last chapter ended with a summary of how Jesus spent the first part of that last week, teaching in the temple through out the day and spending the night on the Mount of Olives.

But now the Feast of the Passover is approaching and the situation turns dangerous. The Pharisees have committed to themselves that Jesus must be killed.

The plot thickens when Judas Iscariot becomes a traitor.

These events have great application to our lives right now.

This is Jesus, given for you.

I. The treachery of Judas; or, why we need a Savior.

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A. There is falseness in the heart.

- The same is true with the Pharisees.
- Appearing to be good, but having a heart that is bad.

B. The motives are always selfish.

- Covetousness was clearly one reason.

Illus- Judas complained when expensive perfume was “wasted” on Jesus.

Illus – He was also the treasurer and was stealing from the moneybag.

- He possibly was hoping for a position in the earthly reign of the Messiah.
- Finally, he decided he would at least get something for walking with Jesus those three years.

Note – Guilt and conviction caused him to commit suicide after the crucifixion.

C. We’re all inconsistent, but the difference is that we want to change.

II. The answer to what man needs is Jesus.

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A. The body of Jesus is given for us.

- He fulfills all the Passover symbols as well.
- Jesus is given for us.

Illus- condemnation “passes over” us, but we also have the righteousness of Christ.

B. The blood of Jesus has given us a death.

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- But also life.

C. There is now a new covenant between God and man.

- The law is written on our hearts.

- The joy of the Lord is our strength.

Conclusion

The question now is not only what you believe, but also, has it been applied?

Even the demons believe, but to them it is not applied.