

Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

Introduction

- Have you ever felt like someone betrayed you?
- Think how it would hurt to be betrayed by a friend

- It has been said that those who hurt you the most are those closest to you
- Whatever we have experienced doesn't even compare to the betrayal and arrest of Jesus!

I. His betrayal & arrest shows God's knowledge & wisdom

- 1. It was a matter of prophecy
- Ps. 41:9
- “Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me.”

Zech. 11:12-13

- And I said unto them, If ye think good, give me my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver. And the LORD said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prised at of them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the LORD.

- 2. Jesus knew he would be betrayed and by whom
- Jn. 6:64
- “But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him.”

Jn. 6:70-71

- Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil? He spake of Judas Iscariot the son of Simon: for he it was that should betray him, being one of the twelve.

Mt. 26:25

- Then Judas, which betrayed him, answered and said, Master, is it I? He said unto him, Thou hast said.

- This was all within God's foreknowledge as He planned for our redemption from sin
- NOTE – Judas sinned and was personally responsible – God did not force him to do what he did!

Lk. 22:3

- Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve.

Js. 4:7

- Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

II. Jesus betrayal & arrest demonstrates the sinfulness of man

- 1. Betrayal took place at NIGHT
- Lk. 22:53
- “When I was daily with you in the temple, ye stretched forth no hands against me: but this is your hour, and the power of darkness”

1 Th. 5:7

- For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.

- Shameful activity tends to take place at night
- WHY?
- People are trying to hide their activities

- Judas the betrayer was a disciple and friend?
- Ps. 41:9
- “Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me.”

- Jesus confronted him
- Mt. 26:50
- “And Jesus said unto him, Friend, wherefore art thou come? Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus, and took him.”

- Judas betrayed Jesus with a kiss
- The “kiss” was a common greeting of friendship and brotherly love

Lk. 7:44-45

- And he turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, Seest thou this woman? I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no water for my feet: but she hath washed my feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head. Thou gavest me no kiss: but this woman since the time I came in hath not ceased to kiss my feet.

- Jesus was betrayed for 30 pieces of silver – the price of a slave!

Ex. 21:32

- If the ox shall push a manservant or a maidservant; he shall give unto their master thirty shekels of silver, and the ox shall be stoned.

Zech. 11:13

- And the LORD said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prised at of them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the LORD.

- Those who came to arrest Jesus treated him like a vile and dangerous criminal

Jn. 18:3

- Judas then, having received a band of men and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, cometh thither with lanterns and torches and weapons.

III. The Betrayal & arrest of Jesus demonstrates his sacrificial love

- He allowed this to happen to himself---- he did not strike back or defend himself
- He refused to allow Peter to defend him by force

- Jesus could have called 12
Legions of angels to deliver him
but he did not

Mt. 26:53

- Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?

Jn. 18:8

- Jesus answered, I have told you that I am he: if therefore ye seek me, let these go their way:

Conclusion

- In his betrayal and arrest we see:
- The knowledge & wisdom of God
- The utter sinfulness of man
- The sacrificial love of Jesus

- God knew all the time what would happen
- Jesus in his great love permitted himself to be betrayed and arrested – even though he had the power to escape it

- He could not save himself and save us at the same time
- HE CHOSE TO SAVE US!

References

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