

WEEK 7 HANDOUT – **The Son Betrayed**

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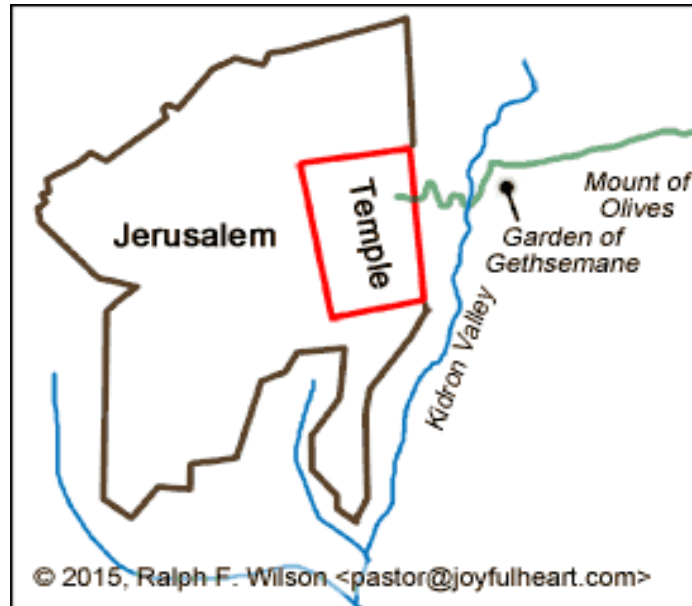
Key Verse: *“Shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?”* – John 18:11 ESV

- **Recap**
  - High Priestly Prayer
    - Prays to the Father, but intended for the disciples
    - Reaffirms all that has been said since chapter 13
    - Prayer points to the role of God in our salvation story
- **Things Made Worse?**
  - Jesus was arrested and betrayed
  - Largest proof of Jesus’ identity
    - All the humiliation and pain Jesus goes through at the end of his life confirms his identity
- **Hope and Understanding**
  - Through all of Christ’s suffering we have hope
  - Without the crucifixion there is no hope
  - All of this helps us see and understand the **incredibly high price** that Christ paid for us

*“You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver and gold, but with the precious **blood of Christ**, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.”* – 1 Peter 1:18-19 ESV

- **In the Garden**

*“When Jesus had spoke **these words**, he went out with his disciples across the brook Kidron where there was a garden...” – John 18:1 ESV*



- “These words” are the words spoken by Jesus in the High Priestly Prayer and the majority of what he said in Chapters 13-17
- Leaving the Upper Room
- Early Friday morning
  - John does not include the agony of Jesus

*“Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, **not my will, but yours, be done.**” And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him. 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 ESV*

- Greek word for “agony” means “to be engaged in combat”
- Even in incredible agony Jesus seeks to do the will of God

*Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus **often met there** with his disciples. – John 18:2 ESV*

- These verses give us insight into the willingness of Jesus to do the will of God
  - To be arrested and go to the cross
- Jesus went to a place that all of the disciples knew and a place that Judas would anticipate they would go

- Rather than avoid a possible confrontation, Jesus embraced it as a part of God's plan
- John shows the stark contrast between discouraged disciples and Judas with armed soldiers
  - Imagine being there
    - If you are a disciple all hope seems lost
    - Surprised and confused
    - Jesus was not surprised

*“Now **no one at the table knew** why he said this to him. Some thought that, because Judas had the moneybag, Jesus was telling him, “Buy what we need for the feast,” or that he should give something to the poor.” – John 12:28-29 ESV*

- We can't lose sight of the fact that the Chief Priests and the Sanhedrin are behind this
- Judas made a deal with them on Wednesday

*Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, **went to the chief priests** and said, “What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?” And they paid him **thirty pieces of silver**. And from that moment he sought an opportunity **to betray him**. – Matthew 26:14-16 ESV*

*“Then Jesus, **knowing all that would happen to him**, came forward and said to them, “Whom do you seek?”” – John 18:4*

- Jesus knew what the soldiers were there to do, and he knew that Judas was going to betray him
- John has shown in his gospel that Jesus' death was done in a self-sacrificial and voluntary way
  - Jesus had escaped from those seeking to arrest him before as his hour had not yet come

*“Again, they sought to arrest him, but **he escaped** from their hands.” – John 10:39 ESV*

*“So, from that day on they made plans to **put him to death**. Jesus therefore **no longer walked openly among the Jews** but went from there to the region near the wilderness, to a town called Ephraim, and there he stayed with the disciples.” – John 11:53-54*

- **Who are you looking for?**

- Jesus is forcing these people to reveal who they believe him to be
- Similar to the question that Jesus asks in Matthew 16

*“**You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.**” – Matthew 16:16*

- Now we counter that question with the response of Judas and the soldiers
  - They simply say “Jesus of Nazareth”
    - Their answer simply revealed that all they knew about Jesus was his name and where he was from
    - They did not believe him to be the Messiah

- **I Am**

- Jesus responds by saying “I am he.”
  - Greek reads “I am”
  - Same phrase Jesus uses in the 7 “I am” statements

*“I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.” – John 6:35 ESV*

*“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.” – John 8:12 ESV*

*“Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.” – John 10:7 ESV*

*“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” – John 10:11 ESV*

*“I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he dies, yet shall he live.” – John 11:25 ESV*

*“I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” – John 14:6 ESV*

*“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.” – John 15:1 ESV*

- Any time Jesus uses this statement he was declaring his identity as the Son of God
- Jesus was declaring Himself to be the great I Am – God Almighty
- We know this to be true because of what God says to Moses in Exodus

*“‘I AM WHO I AM.’ And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” – Exodus 3:14 ESV*

- **Fell to the Ground**

- Immediately upon hearing Jesus exclaim his identity the soldiers and Judas fell to the ground

*“...drew back and fell to the ground.” – John 18:6*

- This was an unwilling response
- It was an uncontrollable response to the power and presence of God
- Similar to Paul on the Damascus Road

*“And **falling to the ground**, he heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” – Acts 9:4 ESV*

- **Jesus Asks Again**

- He repeats himself in asking who they seek
- Who do we believe Jesus to be?
  - Do we believe him to be everything he says he is in John’s gospel?
  - Do we believe him to be more than just a man?

- **Moved, but Not Convinced**

- Their submission was short lived
- Jesus was arrested, disciples let free
  - Kept to his word in 17:12

*“While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and **not one of them has been lost** except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.” – John 17:12 ESV*

- Peter shows what all of the disciples were actually thinking
  - Freaking out internally
  - Reacting the opposite of how Jesus was

*“Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and **struck** the high priest’s servant and **cut off his right ear**. (The servant’s name was **Malchus**)” – John 18:10 ESV*

- Rather than attack one of the armed guards, Peter attacks a defenseless slave
  - There was a pride element here in Peter
  - We see that Peter still did not realize that Jesus’ death was necessary
  - Peter was “trying” to save God, but was actually standing in the way of God

- Jesus Responds

*“So Jesus said to Peter, ‘Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?’” – John 18:11 ESV*

- Jesus tells Peter to put down his sword
- John focuses the readers attentions on what Jesus said
- Completely foregoes the story of healing the ear of the servant

*“But Jesus said, ‘No more of this!’ And he touched his ear and healed him.” – Luke 22:51  
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- John focuses us on the willingness of Jesus to submit himself to his enemies
  - This was God-ordained
  - This was an essential step in His voluntary self-sacrifice for the sins of humankind

- **The Cup**

*“Shall I not **drink the cup** that the Father has **given me**?” – John 18:11 ESV*

- Jesus knew that his hour had come
  - The cup represented the sacrifice that he was about to go through
    - The cup was the portion which God had allotted
    - This cup included taking the wrath of God
  - This was the epitome of obedience
    - This obedience leads to the cross
    - Through Christ’s obedience on the cross, we have hope

*“Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself by becoming **obedient** to the point of death even **death on a cross**. Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name...” – Philippians 2:6-9*

- **For Further Discussion**

- The disciples were in despair as they saw Jesus being carried off, yet God was using this situation to sovereignly bring hope to the world. How can we learn to trust the work of God even through difficult situations? What might keep you from trusting the Lord in hard situations?
- As Peter saw what was happening in the garden, he immediately reacted rather than trusting that God was in control. Do you find your reactions are similar? Is your first step to act or to go to the Lord?
- Read Luke 22:42. John does not include this in his gospel, but it is from the same story. Jesus ultimately, drinks from the “cup.” If God isn’t willing to remove a cup from you, are you willing to drink it? What might hinder you from doing this?