

**PRE- ARREST****Lesson 2**

We are in a series of lessons that deal with the last 24 hours of the life of Jesus. Last week we considered briefly the previous days that lead up to the day before his arrest and crucifixion. Today we are going to look at that day as we consider the events just prior to his arrest. All four of the gospels accounts cover these events. This was the day of unleavened bread in the Passover feast. This was a busy day as Jesus had his disciples make arrangements for a place for them to gather for the Passover meal. Late in the afternoon, all devout Jews would eat the Passover meal. Arrangements were made for Jesus to eat the meal with his disciples together in a large upper room.

During this time, Jesus taught a lesson on humility and service by washing the disciples' feet. (John 13:1-17) It was customary for the servants of the house to wash the feet of guests who entered their house. While in the upper room, none of the disciples wanted to assume this role as it was seemly beneath them, but Jesus took water and washed their feet and then said, *John 13:14-17 If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. (15) **FOR I HAVE GIVEN YOU AN EXAMPLE**, that ye should do as I have done to you. (16) Verily, verily, I say unto you, the servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him. (17) If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.*

After washing their feet, Jesus explained that He had given them an example of how they should serve each other and their fellowman. He then startles the group by telling them that one of them would betray him. He had already mentioned this a few days earlier while in the house of Simon the leper. But here in the upper room he mentions it again. *John 13:21-22 When Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me. (22) Then the disciples looked one on another, doubting of whom he spake.* This happened during the institution of the Lord's Supper.

Then he institutes the Lord's Supper. *Luke 22:19-23 And he took bread, and gave*

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*thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. (20) Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you. (21) But, behold, the hand of him that betrayeth me is with me on the table. (22) And truly the Son of man goeth, as it was determined: but woe unto that man by whom he is betrayed! (23) And they began to enquire among themselves, which of them it was that should do this thing.*

Notice how Peter prods John to identify who the betrayer was. *John 13:21-30 When Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me. (22) Then the disciples looked one on another, doubting of whom he spake. (23) now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved. (24) Simon Peter therefore beckoned to him, that he should ask who it should be of whom he spake. (25) He then lying on Jesus' breast saith unto him, Lord, who is it? (26) Jesus answered, He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it. And when he had dipped the sop, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon. (27) And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him, what thou doest, do quickly. (28) Now no man at the table knew for what intent he spake this unto him. (29) For some of them thought, because Judas had the bag, that Jesus had said unto him, buy those things that we have need of against the feast; or, that he should give something to the poor. (30) He then having received the sop went immediately out: and it was night.*

Jesus then gives his disciples words of comfort in his farewell discourse. He begins in John 14 by saying, *“let not your hearts be troubled.”* He explains that after his death and departure that he would send a comforter to them who would guide and instruct them. This comforter is called the “Holy Spirit (Ghost-KJV).” So they are not to grieve too much at His death for they will have the Holy Spirit as their comforter, teacher, and helper.

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Then they heard the prayer that Jesus prayed in John 17. This is the real “*Lord’s prayer*.” It is here that we have Jesus praying for Himself, for His disciples (that includes us), and the entire world.

In the course of the evening, we find Peter’s defensive remarks. *Matt 26:30-35* “*And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives. (31) 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. (32) But after I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee. (33) Peter answered and said unto him, Though all men shall be offended because of thee, yet will I never be offended. (34) Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this night, before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. (35) Peter said unto him, Though I should die with thee, yet will I not deny thee. LIKEWISE ALSO SAID ALL THE DISCIPLES.” Notice, not only did Peter make such a bold claim, but so did all the other disciples.*

From there they all went to the garden of Gethsemane. It was here that we see perhaps Jesus darkest hour. It was here that we see his human nature demonstrated by such sorrow and agony. *Mark 14:32-42* “*And they came to a place which was named Gethsemane: and he saith to his disciples, Sit ye here, while I shall pray. (33) And he taketh with him Peter and James and John, and began to be sore amazed, and to be very heavy; (34) and saith unto them, my soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death: tarry ye here, and watch. (35) And he went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. (36) 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.*

Turn with me over to Hebrews 5 and notice *Hebrews 5:7* *Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;* Here

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we see the human emotions of Jesus. He was crying with tears to the one who could save him. The text tells us that he was scared (feared). He prayed that this cup might pass from him. Jesus didn't want to go through the events that awaited him. He prayed, *Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me:*

It was in this dark time in his life that he returned back to his friends, P/J/J. (37) and he cometh, and findeth them sleeping, and saith unto Peter, Simon, sleepest thou? Couldst not thou watch one hour? (38) Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak. (39) And again he went away, and prayed, and spake the same words.

Jesus returned to pray some more and he prayed the same words and again we see the human element. *Luke 22 (43) And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him. (44) 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."* Notice that an angle appeared to Jesus and strengthened Him, but that did not remove the agony. After receiving strength from the angel, He prayed more earnestly. Then we are told that sweat like drops of blood fell to the ground. Jesus understood the suffering He was to undergo. It is understandable that Luke, the physician, would record this *hematidrosis*. At times when one has extreme anguish and stress, the small blood capillaries under the surface of the skin will swell and rupture. When this happens, it is usually near the sweat glands which produce blood and sweat coming out together. Jesus was human in every way and was willing to endure the upcoming events because of His love for us.

Back to Mark 14. *(40) And when he returned, he found them asleep again, (for their eyes were heavy,) neither wist they what to answer him. (41) And he cometh the third time, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: it is enough, the hour*

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*is come; behold, the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. (42) Rise up, let us go; lo, he that betrayeth me is at hand.”*

Here we see the earthly side of Jesus. The humanity of Jesus was fearful for what was about to happen. He prayed and asked if there was some other way, but his Father said, “NO.” *Heb 5:8 “Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; (9)And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;”*

Let us close by looking at V9 of Heb 5. There we learn that Jesus is the author of **eternal** salvation to those that obey him. Obedience is important. On another occasion Jesus said, *Matthew 7:21 Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.*

Have you been obedient to the Lord? Have you done the will of the Father in Heaven? Have you obeyed the gospel? *Revelation 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.*