

Promises Made, Promises Kept, Part 2

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Text: Isa. 52:10

Introduction Summary

In this lesson we will discover who was involved in Jesus' crucifixion and the spark that ignited that cataclysmic event. We will gain insight as to why Judas participated in it, even though Jesus extended His mercy to him. Christians should, therefore, take heed to the time of visitation and walk in the faith of God that Jesus died to give us.

- I. Who are the people involved in the crucifixion of Jesus?
 - A. The Sanhedrin was the Jewish government that ran Israel.
 - B. Scribes copied OT text, word for word; devoted to the study of the law.
 - C. Elders would be over a town, a tribe, or may sit on the Sanhedrin Council.
 - D. Chief priests were leaders in the Sanhedrin, the upper level of Jewish government.
 - E. High priests were appointed by the Roman government.
 - F. High priests were appointed to pacify the territory and to avoid insurrection.
- II. When Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, it fueled a cataclysmic event (John 12:1, 11).
- III. The Sanhedrin feared that Lazarus' resurrection would jeopardize their position (John 11:48).
- IV. John 12:1-2: There was a supper made for Jesus and Lazarus sat next to Him. This is where Mary anointed Jesus feet with expensive oil.
 - A. Judas was a thief and Jesus knew it.
 - B. Jesus was displaying mercy by putting Judas over the treasury (Rom. 2:4).
 1. Negative judgment doesn't come immediately.
 2. God continues to be good to you, hoping you'll repent.
 - C. The scribes and pharisees were chided for not teaching mercy (Mat. 23:23).
 - D. In front of everyone, Jesus rebuked Judas. That embarrassed Judas.
 - E. We must let go of the things that easily beset us (Heb. 12:1).
 - F. Jesus had mercy, hoping Judas would change his mind and do the right thing.
 1. Judas opened the door for Satan to enter into him (Mark 4:19).
 2. These things triggered Judas' downfall (Mark 4:19).
 - G. When Jesus called him out publicly, Judas was filled with anger (John 13:2).
 1. Satan cannot easily get into your life; It happens over time by not repenting.
 2. Over time God shows Judas mercy, yet he did not judge himself.
 - H. Jesus identified his betrayer—Judas (John 13:21-27).
 1. Judas is insulted. In a moment of anger, he decided to betray Jesus.
 2. Judas later felt so bad that he killed himself.
 3. Satan will use you then throw you away like an old tissue.
 4. Come to Jesus and turn your life around.

- V. Mark 11:2-10: The parade occurs because Lazarus was raised from the dead.
- A. *Hosannah* means, both, *save us* and *prosperity*.
 - B. Their mind is on natural things (Acts 1:6). Just like today, people's minds are on race.
 - C. God made and loves all races; He wants us to love each other and work together.
- VI. Jesus looks at what's happening in the temple then goes to Bethany (Mark 11:11).
- A. Jesus said He does nothing unless the Father instructs him (John 14:10-11)
 - B. Jesus got up early in the morning to receive His assignment for the day.
 - C. Many people, today, don't follow the Father's orders, and they won't receive a reward.
- VII. Mark 11:12: Jesus cursed the fig tree out loud, to teach faith (Mat. 23:23).
- A. Jesus went back to Jerusalem and turned over the tables (Mark 11:15-18).
 - B. That upset the Sanhedrin and they wanted to kill him.
 - C. Jesus is at the temple *the entire day*, teaching about the proper order for the temple.
 - D. You think you've been in church long after 90 minutes.
- VIII. Mark 11:20-22: Jesus cursed the fig tree as an object lesson of faith (Mat. 23:23).
- IX. Life is a circle: There are seasons in your life that begin and end (1 Pet. 5:6).
- A. There's a season of visitation whereby God has something for you.
 - B. You can miss it by not spending time in the Word and prayer.
 - C. Satan also has a time of visitation for you; it's called a time of testing.
 - D. This was a time of visitation for Judas.
 - E. If you miss your time of visitation, it'll come back around.
 - F. When it comes back it may be different than before, but the end result will be the same.
- X. Mark 11:22-23: Jesus taught about the power of words.
- A. Moved by what they see, some people would have repeatedly spoken to that tree.
 - B. Jesus prayed every morning.
 - C. You go to God every morning to find out what to say to the challenge in front of you.
 - D. The scribes and pharisees were supposed to teach faith. But they did not.
- XI. Mark 11:25: Your faith will not work in an unforgiving heart. Faith works by love
- A. Satan wants you to be in strife. You have to love and forgive everyone.
 - B. God's power works in a heart of love.
- XII. Jesus only addressed Peter, the leader (Luke 22:31-32).
- A. Satan comes to the leader first.
 - B. Satan will attack, but if you fall, get back up.
 - C. Peter slept when he should have prayed (Luke 22:33-38).
 - D. Prayer can save you from yielding to a temptation (Luke 22:40).
 - E. Jesus raised his level of prayer as things got tougher for Him (Luke 22:41-44).
 - F. You need to raise your level of prayer, to match the level of the temptation.
 - G. Peter yielded to the flesh because he didn't pray.
 - H. Peter wept bitterly and gave up the ministry. But Jesus restored him.

Closing Summary

Jesus taught His disciples about love, forgiveness, faith and prayer. He taught how faith only works in a forgiving heart, full of the love of God. Then Jesus taught them that prayer equips you to overcome temptation.