

First Southern Baptist Church - May 18, 2022
Luke 22:22-23, 47-53

Introduction -issues at stake.

1. Why did Jesus chose Judas?
2. Why did Judas do it?
 - money? Pride? Disappointment?
 - many “scholars” say that Jesus’ crucifixion was an accident... here it is plainly “determined”
3. That makes sense

I. The Betrayal

1. A hand on the table
 - at the Passover table
 - the treasurer - a trusted one
 - Jesus had washed his feet
 - sat near him at the table (Jn. 13:26) - dipped sop and gave it to him
 - customary to sop with an “honored” guest
2. Probably means that the same hand that dipped in the dish was the betrayer
 - you have to be close to betray someone
3. Their response - “is it me?”
 - Jesus predicted the betrayal
 - distrustful of themselves... because they knew themselves to be ambitious
4. So, Judas used his God-given position, as a way to betray Jesus
5. The only motive given in scripture is financial

II. The Arrest

1. Kiss is the signal
 - a rather devious signal because it was a normal form of greeting
 - even in darkness, or poorly lit pathway, Judas knew the way
2. Who is there
 - “elders” - the lay leaders
 - “captains” - charged with keeping order
 - “disciples” (apostles)
3. The “hour of darkness”
 - two kingdoms are battling
 - darkness is the realm of the underworld
 - to come at night portrays them as cowards
4. The ways of darkness
 - it was illegal to arrest without any charge, they had no charge
 - at night, so there would be no uprising of the people - no moral fiber on their part

III. The Response to the Attack

1. Cutting off the ear of the servant
 - Simon Peter (John 18:10)
 - fits Peter’s impulsive personality

2. Jesus' conduct and disciple's conduct are contrasted
 - Jesus - calm (no fear), healed the ear (merciful even to an enemy)
 - Disciples - fight, ran
3. Jesus is not irritated nor discouraged by this - He knew it to be "determined"
 - at John 18:10-11 He said "shall I not drink this cup?"
4. Put away your sword
 - appropriate for thieves and robbers, but not here - not for one who was with them daily in the Temple
 - the weapons of our warfare are not carnal
5. Necessitates healing
 - how often has Jesus had to clean up your mess? Or cover your mistakes?
 - Jesus' last miracle

IV. Understand:

1. The idea of God's plan
 - A. The themes of darkness and light
 - B. The themes of "hour" or time of darkness
 - predetermined time
 - the realm and time of the underworld
 - C. "Determined" - to be betrayed, but woe to the betrayer
 - the themes of Judas' free will and the "determined" plan of God
 - mankind is both "determined" and responsible
 - it was "determined" He would be betrayed... so He was not surprised, it was "determined" so, He told the disciples to put away their swords, it was "determined" so He said "shall I drink this cup?"
 - D. "Elected" or "chosen" but not for salvation
 - he was chosen but did not chose God
 - E. Why did He reveal it? (prophecy it) - forewarned is forearmed
2. The dip (John 17:12) - represents love's last appeal
 - Peter and Judas
 - think about their privileges
 - think about their characters
 - think about their sins
 - think about their repentance
 - When Peter "looked" at Jesus - he wept bitterly
 - When Judas was "revealed" he went ahead with his scheme
3. How close you can get and not get it
4. "Not every one who says Lord, Lord..." - Matthew 7:21-23
 - he had healed and cast out demons
5. Reality - evil is dressed like good
 - friends who betray us (Ps. 41:9 - quoted in the gospel of John to explain)
 - Jesus said it best at John 2:23-25

You meant it for evil...