



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of January 21, 2024

Sermon Text Luke 22:1-13

1 Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called the Passover. 2 And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to put him to death, for they feared the people. 3 Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was of the number of the twelve. 4 He went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers how he might betray him to them. 5 And they were glad, and agreed to give him money. 6 So he consented and sought an opportunity to betray him to them in the absence of a crowd. 7 Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. 8 So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it." 9 They said to him, "Where will you have us prepare it?" 10 He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters 11 and tell the master of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' 12 And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there." 13 And they went and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

Discussion Questions

1. The Jewish religious leaders cared more about the people's opinion of them than what God's word said - i.e. "you shall not kill". What do you think gives public opinion so much power? In what ways do even strong believers sometimes bow to the authority of public opinion? How can we guard ourselves against the pressure of public opinion?
2. For three years Judas was an eyewitness to Jesus' power, authority and teaching, and yet he still betrayed him for 30 pieces of silver. How do you think this was possible and what does this tell us about the "blindness" of the human heart?
3. Have you ever been disappointed by God? What does our disappointment reveal about our expectations of God? How can this disappointment lead to a "ship wrecking" of our faith? What do you think we can do to prevent this?
4. Based on what Scripture reveals about Judas, we can conclude that his motive for following Jesus was driven more by his love for money, rather than his love for the Lord. What do you think are other "false motives" Christians have for following Christ? What does it look like when a Christian truly loves and worships Jesus?
5. At first glance, Jesus appears to be at the mercy of wicked people as well as Satan himself. However the Lord makes it clear that He knows exactly what is going to happen and is in total control of the situation. What important lesson do we learn from this, and how should this help us when we face various trials? What truths about God's character do we need to focus on when we go through times of struggle?