

Reflection Questions

Read Luke 22:1-6, 21-38 – what are the varied themes in this passage?

- What do these themes have in common?
- What seems to be Jesus' perspective about power / leadership?

Read the following – “Our culture witnesses many battles that revolve around power. The Bible, however, does not deal in power politics.” – Darrell Bock

- How does this speak to you?

Read the following quote related to this passage – “The community is to be a place of trust, where believers affirm one another. The last thing churches need are heresy hunters who take it upon themselves to sniff out the least suspicion of error. Such an environment communicates mistrust and often sees danger where it does not reside.” – Darrell Bock

- What is Dr. Darrell Bock saying?

Read the following quote – “The New Testament...warns those who attempt to bring down the church that God will deal with them (1 Cor. 3:17-18; Titus 3:9-11; 2 John 9-10). These texts suggest that people who do not maintain the central truths of the faith should not be heeded. Professions of faith and association with the church are not in and of themselves signs of true faith. Faith does, of course, save, and such faith continues to believe, as the saying ‘Once saved, always saved’ implies. God is, after all, thoroughly committed to those who genuinely trust him.” – Darrell Bock

- Examine yourself in light of this quote, where are you at with Jesus?

“The King has Come! Passover” (Luke 22:1-20) March 30, 2014

Intro – why our culture rejects the church & why Jesus is so compelling...

BI: A Christian use of power is to give it away – to surrender rights and privileges for the sake of others.

I. Judas realized Jesus wasn't the [Zealot](#) leader Judas expected (22:1-6)

Luke 22:1 Now the Festival of Unleavened Bread, called the Passover, was approaching,² and the **chief priests** and the **teachers of the law** were looking for some way to get rid of Jesus, for they were afraid of the people.³ Then **Satan entered Judas**, called Iscariot, one of the Twelve.⁴ And Judas went to the chief priests and the **officers of the temple guard** and discussed with them how he might betray Jesus.⁵ They were delighted and agreed to give him money.⁶ He consented, and watched for an opportunity to hand Jesus over to them when no crowd was present.

- The plot of the Jewish leadership was [3](#) years in the making:
 - The Pharisees (Luke 5:17 & 11:53-54)
 - The Chief Priests & Scribes (Luke 19:47-20:26)
 - The Sadducees (Luke 20:27-40)
- Then here comes Judas – [demon](#) possessed (see Luke 4:13 & 22:3) – [Satan left Jesus alone and was looking for an opportune time.](#)

“The remark [about Satan] does show that Jesus' mission has cosmic dimensions, even the forces of evil have a view about him and desire his removal.” – Dr. Darrell Bock, NT Scholar

Can Christians be demonically possessed?

“And in the hand of the Angel of Darkness is total dominion over the sons of deceit; they walk on paths of darkness. Due to the Angel of Darkness all the sons of justice stray, and all their sins, their iniquities, their failings and their mutinous deeds are under his dominion...and all the spirits of their lot cause the sons of light to fall.” – 1st century Qumranic text

II. Jesus celebrates the Passover – Thursday evening (22:7-20)

- Celebrating a feast and reinterpreting it pointing to:
 - (1) Jesus calling people to be His covenant people.
 - (2) Jesus taking the wrath of God against sin so we don't have to.
 - (3) Jesus paying the price to redeem us from slavery to sin.
 - (4) Jesus' promise of you being a part of the Kingdom of Heaven.

III. The conversation at the end of the meal about power – (22:21-38)

²⁰ In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, *“This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.”* ²¹ *But the hand of him who is going to betray me is with mine on the table.* ²² *The Son of Man will go as it has been decreed. But woe to that man who betrays him!* ²³ They began to question among themselves which of them it might be who would do this.

Could you imagine being Judas; how you would feel?

- **How sin works** – plotting, intrigue, betrayal, deceit, sin leads to more sin and a cover up. A fundamental character of sin is betrayal.

²⁴ A dispute also arose among them, as to which of them was to be regarded as the greatest. ²⁵ And he said to them, *“The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors.”* ²⁶ ***But not so with you.*** Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. ²⁷ For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? ***But I am among you as the one who serves.***”

²⁸ *“You are those who have stayed with me in my trials,”* ²⁹ and I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, ³⁰ that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”

Who is the greatest in the Kingdom of God?

- **Servant Leadership** – “[Jesus] works his purposes through what the rest of the world regards as weakness rather than strength, foolish-ness rather than wisdom...A Christian use of power is to give it away – to surrender rights and privileges for the sake of others.” – Graham Tomlin

³¹ *“Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat,”* ³² *but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.”* ³³ Peter said to him, “Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death.” ³⁴ Jesus said, *“I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day, until you deny three times that you know me.”*

What is the difference between Peter's denial and Judas' betrayal?

- **Perseverance of the Saints** – “Faith saves but only a faith that does not turn its back decisively on Jesus. A believer may deny Jesus, as Peter does, but a believer will never engage in the full-scale defection that Judas does. There is a difference between a lack of nerve and a conscious decision of the heart to reject Jesus after having had contact with him. Judas represents the later.” – Dr. Darrell Bock, NT Scholar

“This reality reminds us that church membership and association alone are not the marks of salvation.” – Dr. Darrell Bock

“There is no salvation for one who does not trust Jesus to the end.”
– Dr. Darrell Bock

- **Peter & the Apostles were still star struck thinking of a Zealot rebellion to anoint Jesus as Messiah:**

³⁵ And he said to them, *“When I sent you out with no moneybag or knapsack or sandals, did you lack anything?”* They said, “Nothing.” ³⁶ He said to them, *“But now let the one who has a moneybag take it, and likewise a knapsack. And let the one who has no sword sell his cloak and buy one.”* ³⁷ For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me: ‘And he was numbered with the transgressors.’ For what is written about me has its fulfillment.” ³⁸ And they said, “Look, Lord, here are two swords.” And he said to them, *“It is enough.”*

- They mistakenly thought they were going to **war**.

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COMMUNITY DAY

Saturday, April 5

9am-1pm



LOVE God & people

PROCLAIM Christ

BUILD community

- Includes lunch
- spring clean the facility
- neighborhood clean-up
- prayer for the community
- Anyone can come help!
- Stay all day or just an hour

Just **LOOK UP** and ask the LORD, what amount of His provision should you **SIGN UP** to GIVE UP?

Look up and pray about how you can help the Grace Church Living Water Team share the GOSPEL with a small village in Guatemala. Please also pray for the prompting of the Lord's people who are to go on this trip, and **especially** for the financial provision for those called.

Sign up and take a step of faith if you are called to this mission trip.

Give up something during lent and then give what you saved to the Grace Church Missions Team. Or simply, give how you are prompted to give.

LOOK UP SIGN UP GIVE UP

LOOKING AHEAD

- April 2 Awana Grand Prix
- April 5 Community Day
- April 18 Good Friday Service 7pm
- April 20 Easter Celebration and Breakfast
- April 25 Music Festival & Silent Auction
- May 7 Cyber Security Awareness Seminar

Let us LOVE God & people by praying for: Jean Sorenson (back surgery recovery), Ron Bowman (prostate cancer treatment), Jim Smith (vision surgery appeal approval), and Betty Saunders (dementia) **and those with ongoing health needs:** Kim Smith (seizures), and Martha Miller Please also pray for the staff, elders and leadership of our church.

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CONNECT

Welcome to Grace! Thanks for joining us today. Feel free to bring your coffee into worship and make yourself comfortable. Take a deep breath, clear your head, and prepare your heart and mind to worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Grace Church is committed to living authentically in relationship with God and others. Together we strive to meet the needs here and around the world. To learn more, grab a booklet from the desk in the foyer.

If you would like us to follow up with you, feel free to fill out this form, tear it out and drop it at the Welcome Center or in the offering plate.

today's date

name

I am a guest of

address

phone

phone (cell)

email

- How to begin a relationship with Jesus
- Want to know more about Grace
- Interested in joining a Group
- Interested in serving at Grace (if so where?) _____
- Address/info change
- Add me to the church email list
- Interested in baptism

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

9:00 am Sunday Morning Classes
for Nursery thru Senior High

10:30 am WORSHIP - *sanctuary*
1st-3rd grade dismissed
to Children's Church
Kid's bulletins available in the foyer.

6:30 pm Youth Small Groups - *various*

MONDAY, MARCH 31

Church Office open 9 am to 4 pm

TUESDAY, APRIL 1

Church Office open 9 am to 4 pm

6:30 pm Heads mtg - *conference room*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

Church Office open 9 am to 4 pm

6:30 pm Awana

7:00 pm Youth Group - *the shack*

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

Church Office open 9 am to 4 pm

8:00 pm College age Group - *the Schlauds*

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

Church Office closed

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

Church Office closed

7:30 am CR Men's Step Study Group

10:00 am GriefShare

GRACE CHURCH exists to **LOVE** God & people, **PROCLAIM** Christ, **BUILD** community, **EQUIP** the saints, **MULTIPLY** ministers, and missionally **SEND** out followers of Christ to be the Church wherever we are.

PASTOR CHAT - LIVE

We want to continue to give you as many opportunities to get to know, ask questions of, and have creative relational opportunities with Sr. Pastor, Ryan Faust. After the service today at 12 noon, Pastor Ryan will be in the north foyer at the café tables to welcome you and any questions or comments you may have for him.

ALL HANDS ON DECK

We will be having increased numbers of children on Easter Sunday during church time. If you can assist downstairs, please contact Tiffany Hatheway or Pastor Jerry. Please!!!

COMMUNITY DAY, APRIL 5

LOVE God, People, & **BUILD** Community! From 9am to 1pm, and will include lunch. The focus will be on spring cleaning, good stewardship of the facility God has given us, neighborhood clean up and prayer for the community our church is in. Anyone can come help! There are tasks for ALL! You'll not want to miss it!

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Connecting the next generation and a way to **EQUIP** the saints. Children's church time is in need of assistants for the lead teachers, especially in the 2's & 3's age group. Other age groups need helpers also, but this age group is the most pressing. These are a one month on and 3 months off rotation. Please check with Tiffany Hatheway or Pastor Jerry if interested. Volunteer applications are available at the Welcome Center.

PARENTS OF NURSERY & PRESCHOOLERS

Out of consideration for those who minister in these age groups, we are asking you to head downstairs and pick up your children anytime the service goes past 11:45 am. Feel free to have your children join you for worship in singing following the sermon.

THEY'RE BACK, WITH MORE PINK THAN YOU EVER THOUGHT POSSIBLE

COMING APRIL 6

AWANA GRAND PRIX

In the foyer today are the Grand Prix cars the kids have made and decorated. Check them out! Also, Awana invites you to join us for the car races this Wednesday, April 2. The fun begins at 5:30 pm hot dog dinner with races beginning at 6:15 pm.

BENEVOLENCE AT GRACE

Distribution of benevolence funds is primarily to members/regular attendees of Grace Church (*Acts 6:1-7*). Priority of receiving benevolence is to members first, then regular attendees. Funds also go to support our local Food Bank and the Union Gospel Mission. *We do not give money to anyone who is not a member/regular attender.* The benevolence boxes are on the back walls next to the doors in the sanctuary. The boxes are designated strictly for benevolence. Our heart is to help meet the basic and unique needs of our church family when a need arises. We accept contributions anytime, however we traditionally emphasize the first Sunday of the month for benevolence.