

JESUS CHRIST
SON OF MAN
THE MISSION OF JESUS - THE LAST DAYS

1. SERVICE TO GOD - SACRIFICE

- a. **Luke** 22:1-2. Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread, called the Passover, was approaching, ²and 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.
- b. **Luke** 22:1-2. Now the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called the Passover. ²And the chief priests and scribes sought how they might kill him; for they feared the people.
 - I. WHAT ARE WE TO LEARN FROM THIS PORTION OF SCRIPTURE?
 - (1) FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD
 - (A) CALLED THE PASSOVER
 - (I) WAS APPROACHING?
 - (2) CHIEF PRIESTS AND TEACHERS OF THE LAW WERE LOOKING FOR SOME WAY TO GET RID [KILL] OF JESUS
 - (A) THEY WERE AFRAID OF THE PEOPLE.
 - II. WHAT SHOULD HAVE THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND TEACHERS OF THE LAW BEEN DOING?
 - (1) GETTING READY FOR THE PASSOVER?
 - (A) HOW DO THEY DO THAT?
 - (I) **EXODUS 12:21** THEN MOSES SUMMONED ALL THE ELDERS OF ISRAEL AND SAID TO THEM, "GO AT ONCE AND SELECT THE ANIMALS FOR YOUR FAMILIES AND SLAUGHTER THE PASSOVER LAMB.
 - III. WHAT IS HAPPENING HERE?
 - (1) WHO IS IN CHARGE?
 - (2) WHO IS THINKING THAT THEY ARE IN CHARGE?

2. JUDAS ISCARIOT

- a. ³Then satan-entered Judas, called Iscariot, one of the Twelve. ⁴And Judas went to the chief priests and the officers of the temple guard and discussed with them how he might betray Jesus. ⁵They were delighted and agreed to give him money. ⁶He consented, and watched for an opportunity to hand Jesus over to them when no crowd was present.
- b. **Luke 22:3-6** Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve. ⁴And he went his way, and communed with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray him unto them. ⁵And they were glad, and covenanted to give him money. ⁶And he promised, and sought opportunity to betray him unto them in the absence of the multitude.
- c. TWO MAJOR PLAYERS
 - i. Satan
 - (1) **Ephesians 2:2** in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.
 - (2) **1 Chronicles 21:1** Satan rose up against Israel and incited David to take a census of Israel.
 - (3) **Job 1:6** One day the angels came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came with them.
 - (4) **Acts 5:3** Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land?
 - (5) **Acts 26:18** to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.'

- (6) **Romans 16:20** The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

II. JUDAS ISCARIOT

(1) JUDAS WAS A PREACHER AND HEALER OF MEN JUST LIKE THE OTHER APOSTLES.

- (a) **Matthew 10:1-20.** And when he had called unto *him* his twelve disciples, he gave them power *against* unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease. ²Now the names of the twelve apostles are these; The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James *the son* of Zebedee, and John his brother; ³Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James *the son* of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him. ⁵These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them,
- (b) **Mark 6:7-13.** And he called *unto him* the twelve, and began to send them forth by two and two; and gave them power over unclean spirits;
- (2) He had his name written in Heaven
 - (a) **Psalms 69:25-28** May their place be deserted;do not let them share in your salvation. ²⁸May they be blotted out of the book of life and not be listed with the righteous.
 - (b) **Psalms 109:8-15** May his days be few; may another take his place of leadership ¹⁴May the iniquity of his fathers be remembered before the LORD; may the sin of his mother never be blotted out. ¹⁵May their sins always remain before the LORD, that he may cut off the memory of them from the earth.
 - (c) **Acts 1:16-20** and said, "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through the mouth of David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus-- ¹⁷he was one of our number and shared in this ministry." ¹⁸(With the reward he got for his wickedness, Judas bought a field; there he fell headlong, his body burst open and all his intestines spilled out. ¹⁹Everyone in Jerusalem heard about this, so they called that field in their language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰"For," said Peter, "it is written in the book of Psalms, " 'May his place be deserted;

(3) THEN THE TWO MAJOR PLAYERS BECOME ONE!

(A) SATAN ENTERED INTO JUDAS

(i) SATAN A SPIRIT

1) HAS A BODY

2) JUDAS HAS A BODY

A) HOW DID THIS TAKE PLACE?

(B) WHEN WE SAY CHRIST IN ME, JESUS IN GOD, GOD IN JESUS, WHAT DO WE MEAN?

- (i) Entered = **eiserchomai**, Greek 1525, Strong's **eiserchomai**, *ice-er'-khom-ahee*; from Greek 1519 (eis) and Greek 2064 (erchomai); to *enter* (literal or figurative) :- × arise, come (in, into), enter in (-to), go in (through).

1) So this same word is used in scripture as LITERAL and FIGURATIVE.

a) Enter - Literal - When a demon enters a man

b) Figurative - When we say, "Jesus is in us"

(ii) ONE IN PURPOSE.

1) ALL TO THE SAME END, ONE IN MIND, PURPOSE, AND LIFE.

III. SO NOW THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS, JUDAS, AND SATAN ALL WANT THE ARREST OF JESUS.

IV. NOW THE MAJOR PROBLEM FOR JUDAS

(1) HE BETRAYED JESUS

(A) HE WANTED TO BETRAY JESUS!

(2) HIS FALL WAS CAUSED BY TRANSGRESSION

(a) **Acts** 1:25. That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place.

(1) **PARABAINO, GREEK 3845, STRONG'S PARABAINO, PAR-AB-AH'EE-NO;**
FROM GREEK 3844 (PARA) AND THE BASE OF GREEK 939 (BASIS); TO GO
CONTRARY TO, I.E. VIOLATE A COMMAND :- (BY) TRANSGRESS (-ION).

V. ⁵AND THEY WERE GLAD, AND COVENANTED TO GIVE HIM MONEY.

(1) **SUNTITHEMAL, GREEK 4934, STRONG'S SUNTITHEMAL, SOON-TITH'-EM-AHEE;**
MIDDLE FROM GREEK 4862 (SUN) AND GREEK 5087 (TITHEMI); TO PLACE JOINTLY,
I.E. (FIGURATIVE) TO CONSENT (BARGAIN, STIPULATE), CONCUR :- AGREE, ASSENT,
COVENANT.

(A) THEY MADE A COVENANT AND NOW THE PRIESTS, THE TEACHERS OF THE LAW,
JUDAS AND SATAN ARE ALL ONE. ONE IN PURPOSE.

3. PREPARATION FOR THE PASSOVER

a. Luke 22:7-13 ⁷Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. ⁸Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "**GO AND MAKE PREPARATIONS FOR US TO EAT THE PASSOVER.**" ⁹"WHERE DO YOU WANT US TO PREPARE FOR IT?" THEY ASKED. ¹⁰HE REPLIED, "**AS YOU ENTER THE CITY, A MAN CARRYING A JAR OF WATER WILL MEET YOU. FOLLOW HIM TO THE HOUSE THAT HE ENTERS, ¹¹AND SAY TO THE OWNER OF THE HOUSE, 'THE TEACHER ASKS: WHERE IS THE GUEST ROOM, WHERE I MAY EAT THE PASSOVER WITH MY DISCIPLES?' ¹²HE WILL SHOW YOU A LARGE UPPER ROOM, ALL FURNISHED. MAKE PREPARATIONS THERE.**" ¹³They left and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

THE BELIEVER' PASSOVER

1. THE BELIEVERS PASSOVER - THE LORD'S SUPPER INSTITUTED

a. Luke 22:14-20 ¹⁴When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. ¹⁵And he said to them, "**I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God.**" ¹⁷After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, "**Take this and divide it among you. ¹⁸For I tell you I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.**" ¹⁹And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "**This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.**" ²⁰In 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.**

i. "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you

(1) **JESUS NOW HAS SOMETHING TO GIVE THEM THAT THEY MUST HAVE.**

ii. before I suffer

(1) **JESUS AGAIN SHOWS THAT HE KNOWS WHAT IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN**

iii. ¹⁶For I tell you,

(1) **I AM SPEAKING TO YOU. NOT TO THE WORLD, BUT TO THOSE IN THIS ROOM.
TO THOSE WHO WILL FOLLOW ME IN THE FUTURE.**

iv. I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God

(1) **Luke 22:16** For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

(A) **FULFILLED** = **PLEROO**, GREEK 4137, STRONG'S **PLEROO**, *PLAY-RO'-O*; FROM GREEK 4134 (PLERES); TO MAKE REplete, I.E. (LITERAL) TO CRAM (A NET), LEVEL UP (A HOLLOW), OR (FIGURATIVE) TO FURNISH (OR IMBUE, DIFFUSE, INFLUENCE), SATISFY, EXECUTE (AN OFFICE), FINISH (A PERIOD OR TASK), VERIFY (OR COINCIDE WITH A PREDICTION), ETC. :- ACCOMPLISH, × AFTER, (BE) COMPLETE, END, EXPIRE, FILL (UP), FULFIL, (BE, MAKE) FULL (COME), FULLY PREACH, PERFECT, SUPPLY.

(2) JESUS IN SAYING THAT WHAT THIS IS REPRESENTING WILL BE FULFILLED IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD

(A) WHAT DOES THE PASSOVER REPRESENT?

(I) KILLING OF THE PASSOVER LAMB.

(II) THE PLACING OF BLOOD UPON THE HOUSE HOLD AND THE DEATH ANGEL PASSING OVER!.

(III) THE SAVING OF ALL WHO ARE IN THE HOUSEHOLD.

v. "Take this and divide it among you.

(1) **Luke 22:17** And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, *Take this, and divide it among yourselves:*

(2) WHAT DID JESUS JUST DO? WHAT DID HE ASK THEM TO DO? WHAT IS THIS?

VI. ¹⁹And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

(1) BREAD

(A) gave thanks

(B) broke it,

(I) HE BROKE IT.

1) WHY NOT THE APOSTLES?

A) BECAUSE IT IS PART OF THE NEW COVENANT, MADE BY GOD THE FATHER, THE SON AND THE HOLY SPIRIT. THEY BROKE THE BODY!

(C) gave it to them

(I) *This is my body given for you*

1) **1 Peter 2:24** Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

(d) *do this in remembrance of me."*

(I) WHAT IS JESUS ASKING US TO DO?

1) REMEMBER HIM

2) **Acts 10:38** How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

a) **Hebrews 13:8** Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

VII. WHAT DOES HE WANT THEM AND US TO KNOW?

(1) *This cup is the NEW COVENANT in my blood, which is poured out for you.*

The covenants

THE OLD COVENANT	THE NEW COVENANT
THE FIRST COVENANT	THE SECOND COVENANT

Hebrews 8:7 For if that first *covenant* had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second.

Hebrews 10:1-9 For the law having a shadow of good things to come, *and* not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers there unto perfect. ²For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshipers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins. ³But in those *sacrifices there is* a remembrance again *made* of sins every year. ⁴For *it is* not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. ⁵Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me: ⁶In burnt offerings and *sacrifices* for sin thou hast had no pleasure. ⁷Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God. ⁸Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and *offering* for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure *therein*; which are offered by the law; ⁹Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He **taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.**

THE OLD COVENANT	THE NEW COVENANT
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Matthew 26:28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Hebrews 8:13 In that he saith, A new *covenant*, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old *is* ready to vanish away.

THE LAW OF MOSES	THE LAW OF CHRIST
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Matthew 26:28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Acts 13:39 And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.

Galatians 3:19 Wherefore then *serveth* the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; *and it was* ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.

Hebrews 9:15 And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions *that were* under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

THE LAW OF SIN - THE LAW OF THE FLESH	THE LAW OF RIGHTEOUSNESS - THE LAW OF THE SPIRIT
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Romans 7:7-8:4 What shall we say then? *Is* the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: . . . thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin. . . ⁴That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. **Romans 9:31** But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness.

NOT OF FAITH	THE LAW OF FAITH
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Romans 3:27 Where *is* boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith. **Galatians 3:12** And the [old] law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them.

YOKE OF BONDAGE	THE LAW OF LIBERTY
<p>Galatians 5:1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. James 1:18-25 Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. . . . For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: ²⁴For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. ²⁵But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth <i>therein</i>, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.</p>	
JESUS BROUGHT IT TO A END	IS ESTABLISHED IN CHRIST
<p>Romans 10:4 Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes. 2 Cor. 3:14 But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. Hebrews 10:9 Then he said, "Here I am, I have come to do your will." He sets aside the first to establish the second</p>	<p>Matthew 26:28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. Hebrews 8:6 But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises. Hebrews 9:15 And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions <i>that were</i> under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance. Hebrews 10:9</p>
FLESHLY SIGN OF OBEDIENCE	THE OTHER DID NOT
<p>Acts 7:8 And he gave him the covenant of circumcision: and so <i>Abraham</i> begat Isaac, and circumcised him the eighth day; and Isaac <i>begat</i> Jacob; and Jacob <i>begat</i> the twelve patriarchs. Romans 2:25 For circumcision verily profiteth, if thou keep the law: but if thou be a breaker of the law, thy circumcision is made uncircumcision.</p>	<p>Romans 4:11 And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which <i>he had yet</i> being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also: 1 Corinthians 7:18 Is any man called being circumcised? let him not become uncircumcised. Is any called in uncircumcision? let him not be circumcised.</p>
COULD NOT REDEEM	SENT TO REDEEM
<p>Galatians 3:10-14 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed <i>is</i> every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them. ¹¹But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, <i>it is</i> evident: for, The just shall live by faith. ¹²And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them. ¹³Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed <i>is</i> every one that hangeth on a tree: ¹⁴That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. Ephesians 1:7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; Colossians 1:14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, <i>even</i> the forgiveness of sins: Hebrews 7:25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.</p>	

viii. ²⁰In 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**

(1) ²⁰IN THE SAME WAY

(A) IN THE SAME WAY

(I) JESUS THE CHRIST IS THE GIVER OF THE NEW COVENANT

2. THE BETRAYAL OF "THE SON OF MAN" FORETOLD

- a. **Luke 22:** ²¹⁻²³But the hand of him who is going to betray me is with mine on the table. ²²The Son of Man will go as it has been decreed, but woe to that man who betrays him." ²³They began to question among themselves which of them it might be who would do this.

I. BETRAY ME IS WITH MINE ON THE TABLE

- (1) HERE IN THESE PASSAGES JESUS WILL SHOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE BETRAYER AND SIMON.

II. ²²THE SON OF MAN WILL GO AS IT HAS BEEN DECREED

- (1) YES IT IS TRUE THAT ALL THIS WILL HAVE TO COME TO PASS.

III. BUT WOE TO THAT MAN WHO BETRAYS HIM

- (1) WE MUST BE VERY CAREFUL OF THE WAY WE LIVE OUR LIVES.

IV. ²³THEY BEGAN TO QUESTION AMONG THEMSELVES WHICH OF THEM IT MIGHT BE WHO WOULD DO THIS.

- (1) THEY BEGAN TO QUESTION AMONG THEMSELVES WHICH OF THEM

(A) I WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN SAYING NONE OF US!

- (2) THEY ARE SAYING THAT IT IS POSSIBLE ONE THAT HAS WALKED WITH JESUS FOR THREE YEARS COULD BE THE ONE, AND NOT A ONE OF THEM STOOD OUT ABOVE THE REST!!!!

3. FROM BETRAYER TO GREATNESS!

- a. **Luke 22:** ²⁴⁻²⁷Also a dispute arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest. ²⁵Jesus said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. ²⁶But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. ²⁷For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

i. Jesus had just said that one of you would betray me.

- (1) Notice how worried they really were about this!

ii. which of them was considered to be greatest.

- (1) What were they wanting?

iii. JESUS GIVES US A LOOK INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD

WHAT MAN CALLS GREATNESS	WHAT GOD CALLS GREATNESS
TO BE SERVED	TO SERVE OTHERS
TO RECEIVE	TO GIVE
HUMBLE OTHERS	HUMBLE HIMSELF
FAILURE IN THESE AREAS CAUSED THE FALL OF LUCIFER	
Isaiah 14:12-14 How you have fallen from heaven, O morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations! ¹³ You said in your heart, "I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain. ¹⁴ I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High."	

4. WHAT IS AHEAD FOR THE APOSTLES

- a. **Luke 22:** ²⁸⁻³⁰You are those who have stood by me in my trials. ²⁹And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me, ³⁰so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

I. ²⁸⁻³⁰YOU ARE THOSE WHO HAVE STOOD BY ME IN MY TRIALS

- (1) WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO JESUS?

II. ²⁹AND I CONFER ON YOU A KINGDOM,

(1) JUST AS MY FATHER CONFERRED ONE ON ME

- (a) **Daniel 7:18** But the saints of the Most High will receive the kingdom and will possess it forever--yes, for ever and ever.'
- (b) **Daniel 7:27** Then the sovereignty, power and greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be handed over to the saints, the people of the Most High. His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all rulers will worship and obey him.'
- (c) **Romans 8:17** Now if we are children, then we are heirs--heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.
- (d) **1 Corinthians 4:8** Already you have all you want! Already you have become rich! You have become kings--and that without us! How I wish that you really had become kings so that we might be kings with you!
- (e) **1 Corinthians 6:2-3** Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if you are to judge the world, are you not competent to judge trivial cases? ³Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more the things of this life!
- (f) **2 Timothy 2:12** if we endure, we will also reign with him. If we disown him, he will also disown us;
- (g) **Revelations 5:10** You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth."
- (h) **Revelations 20:4-6** I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. ⁵(The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. ⁶Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.

III. JUST WHAT WILL THE APOSTLES BE DOING?

- (1) ³⁰so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones,
- (2) judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

5. JESUS SPEAKS TO SIMON

- a. Luke 22:³¹⁻³⁴"**Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat.** ³²But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers." ³³But he replied, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death."³⁴Jesus answered, "**I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me.**"

I. SIMON, SIMON

- (1) THE FLESH SIDE OF THIS MAN.

II. **Satan has asked to sift you as wheat**

- (1) I WOULD LIKE TO DRAW YOU A PICTURE OF WHAT WE HAVE JUST SEEN.

(A) JESUS SAYS SOMEONE IS GOING TO BETRAY HIM.

- (I) I CAN SEE PETER SAYING NEVER ME.

- (II) THEN HE GETS IN A DISCUSSION WITH THE OTHERS, I AM SURE HE FELT THAT HE WAS THE GREATEST.

(2) SO SATAN NOW SAYS I WOULD LIKE TO SHOW THIS MAN WHAT HE REALLY LOOKS LIKE. THAT IS SIFT THE REAL GRAIN [WHO HE IS] FROM THE CHAFF [WHO HE THINKS HE IS]

(A) SIFT = **siniazo**, Greek 4617, Strong's **siniazo**, *sin-ee-ad'-zo*; from **sinion** (a sieve); to *riddle* (figurative) :- sift.

(i) Test - **Job 1:1** In the land of Uz there lived a man whose name was Job.

This man was blameless and upright; he feared God and shunned evil.

1) **Job 1:5** When a period of feasting had run its course, Job would send and have them purified. Early in the morning he would sacrifice a burnt offering for each of them, thinking, "Perhaps my children have sinned and cursed God in their hearts." This was Job's regular custom.

2) **Job 1:8** Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil."

3) **Job 2:3** Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil. And he still maintains his integrity, though you incited me against him to ruin him without any reason."

III. JESUS NOW SAYS THAT HE HAS PRAYED.

(1) WHAT DID HE PRAY FOR?

IV. WHEN YOU TURN BACK

V. STRENGTHEN YOUR BROTHERS.

VI. WHAT DOES PETER THINK ABOUT HIMSELF?

(1) Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death."

VII. NOW JESUS TELLS HIM HOW IT IS!

(1) "I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me."

(A) BETRAY = **PARADIDOMI**, GREEK 3860, STRONG'S **PARADIDOMI**, *PAR-AD-ID'-O-MEE*; FROM GREEK 3844 (PARA) AND GREEK 1325 (DIDOMI); TO SURRENDER, I.E. YIELD UP, INTRUST, TRANSMIT :- BETRAY, BRING FORTH, CAST, COMMIT, DELIVER (UP), GIVE (OVER, UP), HAZARD, PUT IN PRISON, RECOMMEND.

(B) DENY = **APARNEOMAI**, GREEK 533, STRONG'S **APARNEOMAI**, *AP-AR-NEH'-OM-AHEE*; FROM GREEK 575 (APO) AND GREEK 720 (ARNEOMAI); TO DENY UTTERLY, I.E. DISOWN, ABSTAIN :- DENY.

6. A NEW REALITY

a. **Luke 22:**³⁵⁻³⁸ Then Jesus asked them, "When I sent you without purse, bag or sandals, did you lack anything?" "Nothing," they answered. ³⁶He said to them, "But now if you have a purse, take it, and also a bag; and if you don't have a sword, sell your cloak and buy one."

³⁷It is written: 'And he was numbered with the transgressors'; and I tell you that this must be fulfilled in me. Yes, what is written about me is reaching its fulfillment." ³⁸The disciples said, "See, Lord, here are two swords." "That is enough," he replied.

I. WHAT IS TAKING PLACE HERE?

(1) JESUS IS REMINDING THEM OF HIS POWER TO TAKE CARE OF THEM.

(A) SOMETHING THAT WE ARE NOT TO FORGET.

II. WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TIME THEY WERE SENT OUT BEFORE AND NOW?

(1) TAKE A CLOSE LOOK AT THE PREVIOUS VERSUS. DOES THIS GIVE YOU A CLUE?

(a) **Matthew 26:31** Then Jesus told them, "This very night you will all fall away

on account of me, for it is written: " 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'

- (2) THE NIGHT JESUS WAS BETRAYED HOW MANY WERE TESTED?
- (3) HOW MANY PASSED THE TEST?
- III. WHY MENTION THE SWORD?
 - (1) IS JESUS GOING TO BE TAKING CARE OF THEM IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS?
 - (A) BEFORE THEY HAD NEED OF NOTHING. NOW THEY NEED TO TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES.
- IV. WHAT IS THE PROBLEM WITH HIS FOLLOWERS?
- V. WILL THIS CHANGE, IF SO WHEN?

THE SUFFERING OF CHRIST

1. AGONY IN THE GARDEN

- a. Luke 22:³⁹⁻⁴⁶ Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him. ⁴⁰On reaching the place, he said to them, "Pray that you will not fall into temptation." ⁴¹He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, ⁴²"Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." ⁴³An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. ⁴⁴And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground. ⁴⁵When he rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow. ⁴⁶"Why are you sleeping?" he asked them. "Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation."
- I. JESUS WENT OUT AS USUAL TO THE MOUNT OF OLIVES
- II. HIS DISCIPLES FOLLOWED.
 - (1) A PICTURE THAT LOOKS PEACEFUL. SOMETHING THAT PROBABLY HAS HAPPENED BEFORE.
- III. JESUS GIVES THEM INSTRUCTIONS!
 - (1) "Pray that you will not fall into temptation."
 - (A) THEY HAD PREVIOUSLY ASKED HIM TO TEACH THEM TO PRAY.
 - (i) **Luke 11:4** And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
 - (B) DID JESUS DO AS THEY HAD ASKED?
 - (2) YOU HAD JUST BEEN TOLD THAT "YOU HAVE NEED OF A SWORD", HE NOW ASKS THEM TO PRAY. WHAT IS GOING ON?
- IV. JESUS AGAIN BY EXAMPLE TEACHES US!!
 - (1) "Father, if you are willing,
 - (A) PRAY IN THE WILL OF GOD.
 - (2) take this cup from me;
 - (a) JESUS KNOWS ABOUT THE CUP OF SUFFERING THAT HE WILL TAKE!
 - (i) **Matthew 20:22** But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, We are able.
- 1) THE BAPTISM OF SUFFERING!
- (II) IS IT THIS CUP THAT HE IS ASKING TO BE TAKEN FROM HIM?
- (III) NO! NO! NO! IT WAS FOR THIS PURPOSE THAT HE CAME INTO THE WORLD.
- (IV) THEN WHAT IS HAPPENING?
- (V) SATAN IS ON A FRONTAL ATTACK. HE IS GOING TO [SIFT] ALL THE DISCIPLES. DO WE THINK THAT HE WOULD NOT TRY TO STOP JESUS.

(vi) **WHAT IS HE DOING TO THE LORD?**

1) **Hebrews 5:7** During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.

A) HE IS TRYING TO KILL HIM SO THAT HE CAN NOT MAKE IT TO THE CROSS!

B) THE CRIES OF JESUS WERE HEARD, GOD SAVED HIM FROM DEATH.

(3) **yet not my will, but yours be done**

(A) JESUS HAS NOW GIVEN UP ALL POWER. HE IS COMPLETELY IN THE HANDS OF THE FATHER AND HOLY SPIRIT.

(I) HE HAS ASKED HIS FOLLOWERS TO SEEK THE FATHER FOR HELP.

1) BEFORE THEY WERE UNDER HIS PROTECTION.

(4) JESUS ASKS THE FATHER FOR HELP. DO YOU THINK THE HELP WILL COME IN A HURRY?

(A) ⁴³AN ANGEL FROM HEAVEN APPEARED TO HIM AND STRENGTHENED HIM.

(I) YES! YES! YES!

(5) WE WOULD SAY, "WE HAVE WON THE BATTLE. NOW WE CAN GO ON WITH OUR LIVES"

(6) WAS THE BATTLE FOR JESUS OVER?

(A) ⁴⁴AND BEING IN ANGUISH, HE PRAYED MORE EARNESTLY, AND HIS SWEAT WAS LIKE DROPS OF BLOOD FALLING TO THE GROUND

(I) JESUS IS IN A BATTLE FOR OUR SOULS. HE KNOWS HE MUST WIN IT.

(II) THIS BATTLE IS BEING FOUGHT AS A MAN.

1) THE SON OF MAN!

(7) HOW LONG DID HE PRAY?

(A) UNTIL HE WON THE BATTLE.

(8) ⁴⁵When he rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow.

(A) HIS MIND NO LONGER ON HIS NEED, HIS IMMEDIATE BATTLE IS WON. HIS CONCERN NOW IS AGAIN UPON HIS FOLLOWERS.

(9) ⁴⁶"**Why are you sleeping?**" he asked them. "**Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation**"

(A) HEAR AND SEE THE WORDS. PRAY, PRAY, PRAY THAT YOU WILL NOT FALL INTO TEMPTATION.

(I) WHY DID THEY HAVE TO SEEK THE FATHER WHEN THE SON WAS WITH THEM?

2. JUDAS CARRIES OUT HIS BETRAYAL

a. **Luke 22:**⁴⁷⁻⁵³ While he was still speaking a crowd came up, and the man who was called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him, ⁴⁸but Jesus asked him, "**Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?**" ⁴⁹When Jesus' followers saw what was going to happen, they said, "Lord, should we strike with our swords?" ⁵⁰And one of them struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear. ⁵¹But Jesus answered, "**No more of this!**" And he touched the man's ear and healed him. ⁵²Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple guard, and the elders, who had come for him, "**Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come with swords and clubs? ⁵³Every day I was with you in the temple courts, and you did not lay a hand on me. But this is your hour--when darkness reigns.**"

I. A CROWD

(1) IMPORTANT THAT WE LOOK AT THE CROWD TO UNDERSTAND WHAT WILL HAPPEN AT THE CROSS.

- (A) CHIEF PRIESTS
- (B) CAPTAINS OF THE TEMPLE GUARD
- (C) THE ELDERS OF ISRAEL [THE SANHEDRIN]
- (D) ROMAN SOLDIERS
- (E) JUST PLAN PEOPLE

II. "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"

- (1) **betraying**
- (2) **Son of Man**

iii. "Lord, should we strike with our swords?" ⁵⁰And one of them struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear. ⁵¹But Jesus answered, "**No more of this!**"

(1) NOT THE WAY TO FIGHT THIS BATTLE!

IV. AND HE TOUCHED THE MAN'S EAR AND HEALED HIM

(1) JESUS STILL MAINTAINS HEALING POWER! WHY?

V. WHAT WOULD MOST LIKELY HAVE HAPPENED IF JESUS HAD NOT HEALED HIM.

- (1) THE DEATH OF THEM ALL.
 - (A) THAT IS WHAT SATAN WANTED AND THE LEADERS WANTED.
- (2) JESUS AGAIN STOPS SATAN.

VI. TO SEE THIS, LOOK AT THE NEXT VERSUS.

(1) **"Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come with swords and clubs?**

⁵³Every day I was with you in the temple courts, and you did not lay a hand on me. But this is your hour--when darkness reigns."

(A) HOW ARE WE TO FIGHT THIS KIND OF BATTLE?

- (i) **Ephesians. 6:11-18** Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹²For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.
 - 1) Just what Jesus had asked His followers to do! Praise God!

3. THE WEAKNESS OF PETER!!!!

- a. Luke 22:⁵⁴⁻⁶²Then seizing him, they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest. Peter followed at a distance. ⁵⁵But when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter sat down with them. ⁵⁶A servant girl saw him seated there in the firelight. She looked closely at him and said, "This man was with him." ⁵⁷But he denied it. "Woman, I don't know him," he said. ⁵⁸A little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them." "Man, I am not!" Peter replied. ⁵⁹About an hour later another asserted, "Certainly this fellow was with him, for he is a

Galilean." ⁶⁰Peter replied, "Man, I don't know what you're talking about!" Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed. ⁶¹The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: "**Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times.**" ⁶²And he went outside and wept bitterly.

i. **THEY LED HIM AWAY**

(1) **Psalm 2:1-3** Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain? ²The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD and against his Anointed One. ³"Let us break their chains," they say, "and throw off their fetters."

(a) As was pointed out before, we need to look at those in the conspiracy.

ii. NOW WE NEED TO SEE THE STEPS THAT TAKE A PERSON [PETER] FROM A FOLLOWER OF CHRIST TO ONE WHO IS COUNTED AMONGST HIS ENEMIES.

(1) **PETER FOLLOWED AT A DISTANCE**

(a) **Rev. 3:15** I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other!

(i) AT A DISTANCE FROM THE LORD IS NOT A SAFE PLACE TO BE.

(2) CAN YOU IDENTIFY THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ENEMY OF THE LORD?

(a) ⁵⁵But when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together,

(i) **THIS SOUNDS LIKE IT IS SO INNOCENT. IT CAN NOT HURT. I KNOW I CAN DO THAT.**

(ii) **BUT WHAT HAD THEY SET DOWN TO DO?**

1) **NOT JUST TO KEEP WARM.**

A) **BUT TO AWAIT THE BIDDING OF THEIR LEADERS.**

B) **IN SUCH A PLACE AS THIS JESUS GAVE US A WARNING.**

C) **Luke 11:23** "He who is not with me is against me, and he who does not gather with me, scatters.

(3) **PETER SAT DOWN WITH THEM**

(a) **Psalm 88:4** I am counted among those who go down to the pit; I am like a man without strength.

(i) WHEN PEOPLE SEE US, WHO DO THEY IDENTIFY US WITH?

(4) YOU CAN NOT BE IN "THE WORLD" VERY LONG BEFORE YOU ARE CONFRONTED!

(a) ⁵⁶**A SERVANT GIRL SAW HIM SEATED THERE IN THE FIRELIGHT. SHE LOOKED CLOSELY AT HIM AND SAID, "THIS MAN WAS WITH HIM."**

(i) SHE SAW HIM

(ii) SHE LOOKED CLOSELY AT HIM

(iii) SHE CONFRONTED HIM.

1) SAME THINGS HAPPEN TODAY.

A) PEOPLE SEE US.

B) THEY LOOK CLOSELY AT US

C) THEY ASK US ABOUT JESUS!

(5) WHAT DID PETER DO?

(A) ⁵⁷**BUT HE DENIED IT. "WOMAN, I DON'T KNOW HIM.**

(i) THE SPIRITUAL MAN PETER GIVES INTO THE FLESHLY MAN SIMON AND HE DENIES THE LORD.

1) WHAT WAYS DO WE DO THE SAME THING TODAY?

(6) PETER STAYS WHERE HE IS. THAT IS OVER. I AM SURE HE FEELS RELIEVED.

(A) ⁵⁸**A LITTLE LATER SOMEONE ELSE SAW HIM AND SAID, "YOU ALSO ARE ONE OF THEM."**

(i) THE FIRST CHARGE. "YOU WERE WITH HIM"

- (II) THE SECOND CHARGE. "YOU ARE ONE OF THEM"
 - 1) YOU WERE NOT JUST WITH HIM, YOU ARE ONE OF THEM.
 - A) YOU ARE ONE OF THOSE CHRISTIANS.
 - B) HOW DO WE DO?
- (7) PETER WHO SAID HE WOULD GIVE HIS LIFE FOR THE LORD NOW HAS A SECOND CHANCE TO STAND WITH HIM.
 - (A) **"MAN, I AM NOT!" PETER REPLIED**
 - (B) WHAT DOES PETER SAY ABOUT IDENTIFYING WITH THE LORD LATER?
 - (i) **1 Peter 1:6** In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.
 - (ii) **1 Peter 2:20** But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God.
 - (iii) **1 Peter 3:14** But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear what they fear; do not be frightened."
 - (iv) **1 Peter 3:17** It is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.
 - (v) **1 Peter 4:15-16** If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler. ¹⁶However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name.
 - (vi) **1 Peter 4:19** So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.
- (8) WHY CAN'T THE TEMPTATION LEAVE ME?
 - (A) **"CERTAINLY THIS FELLOW WAS WITH HIM, FOR HE IS A GALILEAN**
 - (i) NOW THE CHARGE IS NOT THAT I SAW YOU WITH HIM, IT IS THAT YOUR APPEARANCE IS LIKE HIS.
 - 1) YOU TALK LIKE HIM, YOU DRESS LIKE HIM, YOU ACT LIKE HIM.
 - A) **2 Cor. 3:18** And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.
 - B) My GOD, MY LORD, LET IT BE FOR ME.
- (9) PETER HAS DENIED KNOWING JESUS, COULD ANYTHING BE WORSE?
 - (A) **"MAN, I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!"**
 - (i) NOW HE DENIES KNOWING ABOUT JESUS!
 - 1) HOW FAR CAN ONE FALL?
- (10) THE SALVATION OF SIMON AND US ALL!
 - (A) **JUST AS HE WAS SPEAKING, THE ROOSTER CROWED. ⁶¹THE LORD TURNED AND LOOKED STRAIGHT AT PETER.**
 - (i) JUST AS JESUS SAID IT WOULD BE, IT IS!
 - 1) **Romans 3:23-** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
 - A) JESUS KNOWS THE HEART OF MAN.
 - (ii) BUT WHEN JESUS LOOKS UP ON US, INVITES US AGAIN INTO HIS KINGDOM.
 - 1) ²⁴AND ARE JUSTIFIED FREELY BY HIS GRACE THROUGH THE REDEMPTION THAT CAME BY CHRIST JESUS.
 - A) SIMON OR ME, IT WILL NOT BE WHAT I DO OR DO NOT DO, AS JESUS LOOKS UPON ME I KNOW I HAVE FAILED. IN HIS EYES IS HIS LOVE, HIS GRACE.

4. TESTING OF THE PASSOVER LAMB

- a. Luke 22:⁶³⁻⁷¹ The men who were guarding Jesus began mocking and beating him. ⁶⁴They

blindfolded him and demanded, "Prophecy! Who hit you?" ⁶⁵And they said many other insulting things to him. ⁶⁶At daybreak the council of the elders of the people, both the chief priests and teachers of the law, met together, and Jesus was led before them. ⁶⁷"If you are the Christ," they said, "tell us." Jesus answered, "If I tell you, you will not believe me, ⁶⁸and if I asked you, you would not answer. ⁶⁹But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the mighty God." ⁷⁰They all asked, "Are you then the Son of God?" He replied, "You are right in saying I am." ⁷¹Then they said, "Why do we need any more testimony? We have heard it from his own lips."

I. JESUS WHO TAUGHT, TURN THE OTHER CHEEK, WILL HE BE TRUE TO HIS TEACHING.

(1) ⁶³⁻⁷¹**The men who were guarding Jesus began mocking and beating him. ⁶⁴They blindfolded him and demanded, "Prophecy! Who hit you?" ⁶⁵And they said many other insulting things to him.**

(a) **Isaiah 53:7** He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

II. THE COMING OF A NEW DAY!

(1) ⁶⁶**At daybreak the council of the elders of the people, both the chief priests and teachers of the law, met together, and Jesus was led before them.**

(A) THE NIGHT HAS PASSED, A NEW DAY IS COMING.

(B) SEE MY TEACHING IN MARK.

(i) **Mark 11:13-20** Seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to find out if it had any fruit. When he reached it, he found nothing but leaves, because it was not the season for figs. ¹⁴Then he said to the tree, "**May no one ever eat fruit from you again.**" And his disciples heard him say it. ¹⁵On reaching Jerusalem, Jesus entered the temple area and began driving out those who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves, ¹⁶and would not allow anyone to carry merchandise through the temple courts. ¹⁷And as he taught them, he said, "**Is it not written: 'My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations'? But you have made it 'a den of robbers.'**" ¹⁸The chief priests and the teachers of the law heard this and began looking for a way to kill him, for they feared him, because the whole crowd was amazed at his teaching. ¹⁹When evening came, they went out of the city. ²⁰In the morning, as they went along, they saw the fig tree withered from the roots.

1) THE LEADERSHIP OF THE OLD WILL PASS AWAY. A NEW WAY IS COMING.

(2) THE PATTERN OF THE BOOK OF LUKE CONTINUES. JESUS IS ASKED A QUESTION. HIS IMMEDIATE ANSWER IS FOR HIS FOLLOWERS. BUT THEN HE WILL ANSWER THE QUESTION.

(a) The Question! ⁶⁷**"If you are the Christ," they said, "tell us."**

(i) They had all the prove they needed. He did not need to tell them. If they were willing to believe they knew who He was by All the things He had done. GOD WAS WITH HIM.

(3) JESUS'S MESSAGE TO US TODAY!

(a) **Jesus answered, "If I tell you, you will not believe me, ⁶⁸and if I asked you, you would not answer. ⁶⁹But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the mighty God."**

(i) JESUS SPEAKING TO THE WORLD TODAY, THEY WILL NOT BELIEVE.

(ii) IF HE ASKS THEM, THEY DO NOT RESPOND.

(iii) BUT YOU AND I CAN KNOW FOR SURE WHERE HE IS. WE DO NOT HAVE TO

RELY ON FAITH TO KNOW THIS.

1) **the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the mighty God."**

a) **John 15:26-27** "When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me. ²⁷And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.

B) AND HE GIVES US OUR ASSIGNMENT.

(4) JESUS WILL NOW ANSWER THE QUESTION. ARE YOU THE SON OF GOD?

(a) ⁷⁰They all asked, "Are you then the Son of God?" He replied, "**You are right in saying I am.**"

(i) THIS IS THE QUESTION AND ANSWER OF THE AGES! WHO IS JESUS?

(5) THEY NOW HAVE THE ANSWER THEY WANTED.

(A) ⁷¹THEN THEY SAID, "**WHY DO WE NEED ANY MORE TESTIMONY? WE HAVE HEARD IT FROM HIS OWN LIPS.**"

(i) HERE HE IS. THE SON OF THE OWNER OF THE VINEYARD.

(ii) THEY WILL DO AS JESUS SAID THEY WOULD DO.

1) THEY WILL KILL JESUS TO PROTECT THEIR INTERESTS.