

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) 07 Mar 2021..... Luke 10-13.....Neighbors?
- 2) 14 Mar..... Luke 14-16.....Celebrate?
- 3) 21 Mar..... Luke 17-18.....Worthy?
- 4) 28 Mar..... Luke 19:28-48.....Worshipped
- 5) 04 Apr..... Luke 24:1-12.....Resurrected
- 6) 11 Apr..... Luke 19:1-27.....Sinners?
- 7) 18 Apr..... Luke 20-21.....Cornerstone
- 8) 25 Apr..... Luke 22:1-30.....Remembered
- 9) **02 May..... Luke 22:31-53.....Willing**
- 10) 09 May..... Luke 22:54-71.....Denied
- 11) 16 May..... Luke 23.....Sacrificed
- 12) 23 May..... Luke 24:13-35.....Revealed
- 13) 30 May..... Luke 24:36-53.....Commissions

INTRODUCTION

- Satan got permission to “sift” Peter like wheat – IOW, to test his loyalty, fortitude, & dedication to Christ; Jesus asked God if Plan B was an option; Judas betrays his Lord; and swords come out requiring Jesus to heal someone with a missing body part.

Passage	Comments
Luke 22:31-34	<p>Peter's Denial and the Lord's Praying</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v31. Jesus prayed for Peter's faith not to fail <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Was Jesus' prayer answered? ◆ Why would Satan receive permission to test Peter? ◆ Why would Satan pick on Peter and Judas and not some of the other Apostles as well? Or did he? • Consider this: God, being just & fair (Ps 98:9), must even give Satan viable opportunities to win. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Why didn't Jesus pray for Judas' faith to be solid?
22:35-39	<p>It was time to buy a sword (or carry a gun)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus mentioned in times past the Disciples went about their work with little concern for money, possessions, or even for their safety. Why? Jesus had their back. • BUT, times were changing. Jesus would soon be gone, and He would be operating differently – working behind the scenes providentially • SO, it was time for the Disciples to take some matters into their own hand, especially for their personal safety. It was time to pack. • BUT, this was not to carry weapons for offensive reasons, but for defensive reasons • Where else in Scripture do we see it appropriate for Christians to defend themselves? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Paul appealed to CaesarActs 25:11 2. It is OK to kill a home intruderEx 22:2-3 3. A strong man protects his house Luke 11:21 4. God trains us for war Ps 18:34; 144:1; 2Sam 22:35
22:40-46	<p>Pray to Win the Battles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v40. If only Peter had prayed as he was told to he would not have committed that embarrassing atrocity • v42. This was the Lord's only prayer not answered by His Father – BUT, His persistent praying (3x) allowed Him to align His will to God's Mt 26:39-42 • Consider This. Know the difference between being biblically persistent and being obnoxious or we could receive “leanness to our soul” for praying for things just to satisfy our lustPs 160:13-15
Praying is Hard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are to be devoted to it, make time for it, plan it out • Otherwise, the path of least resistance loses battles
22:47-53	<p>Malchus Loses an Ear</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v51. Jesus' last healing is of a high priest servant who was bent on hauling Him off to be crucified • The servant's ear being cut off is recorded in all 4 Gospels, but only John records Malchus' name and identifies Peter swinging the sword John 18:10

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apparently Malchus became a Christian since his name was mentioned to the initial readers of John's Gospel as if they knew him • What would've happened if Peter lobbed off Malchus' head instead? If Jesus reattached Malchus' head would the magnitude of such a miracle have changed the outcome any? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Maybe
Did Jesus ever re-store a missing or amputated limb?	<p>Malchus is the only recorded amputee in Scripture who was healed, though it was only an ear. Luke 22:50-51</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus healed ALL the blind, the CRIPPLED, and the LAME who came to Him..... Matt 15:30; 21:14 • YES, it is conceivable Jesus instantaneously healed people with amputated and missing body parts <p>What is the difference between Lame and Crippled?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lame in Greek is “cholos,” while crippled is “kullos” • The words are synonymous with subtle differences, but when used together Jesus invoked a play on words for emphasis – cholos & kulloscf Mat 18:8 • Lame (cholos) seems to convey someone with a bum or broken leg while crippled (kullos) conveys a missing body part such as an arm, leg, foot, or hand • Another Greek word used for “crippled” is “anaperos,” which conveys “injured or bereft of some body part.” Luke 14:13 states, “But when you give a reception, invite the poor, the crippled <anaperos>, the lame <cholos>, the blind” • So, yes, it is very conceivable Jesus healed amputees instantaneously just as easy as raising the dead • No wonder multitudes followed Him relentlessly, not even giving Him time to eat..... Mark 3:20; 6:31
Lame vs Crippled “cholos” vs “kullos” A broken leg vs a missing leg	

CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS

- Should we pray or pack a gun in these tough times we live in?
- Know this: Christians are a vulnerable people by design – so pray we must. There may be times to pack, but Jesus also told His disciples, “STOP, no more of this.” IOW, “Put your weapons down” (Lk 22:51).
- When we choose to take the path of least resistance & avoid praying intelligently, intentionally, & persistently, then expect to lose battles, lose blessings, lose to temptations, and expect God to use others

NEXT WEEK: Luke 22:54-71. Peter failed the test – he denied Christ 3x; and Christ self-incriminated Himself by acknowledging He was the Messiah, condemning Himself to death.

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And Jesus re-attached his ear. Luke 22:51