

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"> Paul appealed to Caesar Acts 25:11 It is OK to kill a home intruder Ex 22:2-3 A strong man protects his house Luke 11:21 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 lust Ps 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
Lame vs Crippled "cholos" vs "kullos" A broken leg vs a missing leg	<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

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