

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

- Peter failed the test – he denied Christ 3x; and Christ self-incriminated Himself by acknowledging He was the Messiah, essentially condemning Himself to death.

Passage	Comments
Luke 22:54-65	<p>Peter's Denial and the Lord's Praying</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Satan wanted to sift Peter like wheat (Luke 22:31) by poking at his weakest flaws: his inner strength, his loyalty, his bravado, and he did it with subtlety by simply getting others to ask the same question 3x – “Aren't you one of His disciples?” • Satan wasn't out to make Peter fall into some kind of overt sin such as adultery or theft. He wanted Peter (who Jesus was training as a Leader) to crumble and become useless in service for the Lord. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Where does Satan hit us? <input type="checkbox"/> Finances? <input type="checkbox"/> Work? <input type="checkbox"/> Home life? <input type="checkbox"/> Social life? <input type="checkbox"/> Other areas? ♦ What are some of our weak character flaws that can make us crumble if we are tempted or attacked? <input type="checkbox"/> Prone to Pride? <input type="checkbox"/> Lust? <input type="checkbox"/> Greed? <input type="checkbox"/> Other? • vv61-62. Luke records Jesus turned and looked directly at Peter after his 3rd denial of Him, and Peter lost it. He quickly left the crowd to cry his eyes out. • What made Peter recover from this humiliation? Was it his own personal fortitude? Consider the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Recall, Jesus prayed for Peter's recovery Lk 22:32 ♦ The righteous may fall 7x, but he will get up Pr 24:16 ♦ If we fail to get up, we weren't much to begin with Pr 24:10
22:63-65	<p>Being Reviled</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus is slapped, punched, beaten by professional soldiers, spit on by others, and even struck by a temple guard (John 18:22) – and all before He was even charged. So much for justice. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Ananias & Sapphira died immediately when rebuked by Peter for telling a simple lie to the Holy Spirit ♦ So, why didn't these culprits suffer a stroke after they maliciously treated the Son of God?
22:66-71	<p>Jesus Faced the Sanhedrin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v66. The only fair thing about the Lord's trial was that it eventually continued into the daylight hours • vv67-71. Was Jesus vague about being the Messiah? Or was He being sarcastic?
Luke 22:70	<p>When Jesus was asked by the Elders if He was the Christ, here is how His answer is translated:</p> <p>KJV: “Ye say that I am”</p> <p>RSV & ESV, HCSB: “You say that I am.”</p> <p>NAS: “Yes, I am.”</p> <p>NKJV “You [rightly] say that I am.”</p> <p>NIV: “You are right in saying I am.”</p> <p>MSG: “You're the ones who keep saying it”</p>

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Mark 14:61-62	<p>When Jesus was asked by Pilate if He was the King of the Jews, here is how His answer is translated:</p> <p>Version..... Luke 23:3..... Mat 27:11</p> <p>KJV: “Thou sayest it”..... “Thou sayest”</p> <p>HCSB: “You have said it”..... “You have said it”</p> <p>RSV & ESV: “You have said so”..... “You have said so”</p> <p>NAS & NKJV: “[It is as] you say”..... “[It is as] you say”</p> <p>NIV: “Yes, it is as you say”..... “Yes, it is as you say”</p> <p>MSG: “Those are your words, not mine”..... “If you say so”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark records the clearest rendition when Caiaphas, the High Priest, asked Jesus ever so bluntly in the form of an oath, if He was the Christ (the Jewish Messiah), the Son of the Blessed (making Jesus to be God in the flesh). If Jesus said He wasn't, then He would be publicly repudiated. If He answered affirmatively, then Jesus would incriminate Himself and could be charged with blasphemy – which is what happened. • Here is how His answer is translated when Caiaphas asked him if He was the Christ, the Son of God: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> KJV, ESB, HCSB, NASB, NIV, NKJV, RSV: “I am” MSG “Yes, I am”

CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS

- Jesus fully admitted, though it may have been veiled to some, of being whom Scripture claims Him to be: The Son of God, the Son of Man, the Messiah, the Christ, our Lord and Savior, The Great I Am, the Alpha and Omega, the Root of David, the Good Shepherd, the Branch, the Morning Star, the Man of Sorrows, the Light of the World, our Savior and Redeemer, the Bread of Life, God's Indescribable gift, and the Lamb of God just to name a few...
 - ♦ His bodily Resurrection proved His claims true...
- Have we done anything to warrant sifting by Satan? If not, why not? If we stay below Satan's radar screen, what fun is that?
- What can we do to warrant Satan's undivided attention - & God's?
 - Become a prayer warrior? Be a bold evangelist? Other?

NEXT WEEK: Luke 23. Jesus is arrested and appeared before the Sanhedrin, before Pilate, and before Herod just before His crucifixion.



“So, you slapped your Sunday School Teacher. You'll be bunking downstairs with the dudes that slapped our Lord”