

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) 05 March 2017..... Matthew 14-16 Who is this Jesus?
- 2) 12 March..... Matthew 17-18 Is Jesus Fully God?
- 3) 19 March..... Matthew 19-20 What is Required?
- 4) 26 March..... Matthew 21:1-17 More Than a Prophet?
- 5) 02 April..... Matthew 21:18-46 What Happens If I Reject Jesus?
- 6) 09 April..... Matthew 22-23 Offered to All?
- 7) 16 April..... Matthew 28:1-15 Where is Jesus?
- 8) 23 April..... Matthew 24-25 What About the Future?
- 9) 30 April..... Matthew 26:1-30 How Do We Remember?
- 10) 07 May..... Matthew 26:31-46 Do I Have the Strength?
- 11) 14 May..... Matthew 26:47-75 Loyal to Whom?**
- 12) 21 May..... Matthew 27 Crucified for What?
- 13) 28 May..... Matthew 28:16-20 What Do We Do Now?

INTRODUCTION

• **Matthew 26:47-75.** We consider the arrest and trial of Jesus, and how many biblical commandments and principles were shattered. Then we look at the impact of Peter's denial of His Lord.

Passage	Comments
Matthew 26:47-56	<p>Jesus' Betrayal and Arrest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v56. This dramatic scene of Jesus being betrayed by Judas, was in fulfillment of Scripture • v51. Jesus restored the man's severed ear..... Lk 22:51
Was Judas Saved?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judas saw the Messiah in action • Judas witnessed tremendous miracles by Jesus • Judas worked healings along with the other Apostles • He was an Apostle in good standing as he had the seat of honor sitting next to Jesus at the Last Supper and receiving the sop • Jesus even prayed all night before selecting Judas as one of the specifically chosen 12 Apostles • ...so if anyone was saved, Judas had to be – right? <p>Circumstantial Evidence for Judas Being Saved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mat 26:50 Jesus called Judas, "Friend" • Judas seemed remorsefulMat 27:3-5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ He threw away the 30 pieces of silver he received ♦ He hanged himself he was so despondent <p>Evidence for Judas NOT Being Saved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yet, preaching, working miracles, knowing about Jesus, & having dinner w/ Him does not save...Mat 7:23 • Being remorseful is not being repentant • Judas was full of himself (not humbled) ..Luke 14:26-27 <p>...and Passages Referring to Judas' Wickedness</p> <p>Ps 41:9 Even my close friend, whom I trusted, he who shared my bread, has lifted up his heel against me.</p> <p>Ps 55:12-14 ...with whom I once enjoyed sweet fellowship as we walked with the throng at the house of God.</p> <p>John 13:18 I am not referring to all of you; I know those I have chosen. But this is to fulfill the scripture: He who shares my bread has lifted up his heel against me.'</p> <p>John 17:12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those whom you gave me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.</p> <p>Ac 1:17 (Judas) was one of our number and shared in this ministry. With the reward he got for his wickedness</p> <p>Mt 7:23 Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'</p> <p>Conclusion of the Matter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In all probability, Judas was not saved based on what is noted in Scripture • BUT, could he have been saved? Absolutely YES, if he had humbly repented and accepted Christ as his Lord

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26:57-68	<p>Jesus Before Caiaphas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v63. What is the significance of Jesus being silent? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Paul wasn't silent about being falsely accused. He challenged the charges against him..... Acts 22-27 ♦ Even the Apostles, when thrown in prison, were vocal to defend themselves. ♦ Should we be silent when accused of something? ♦ Consider this. Jesus was silent to fulfill Scripture, but Paul was anything but silent. We, too, can be vocal when seeking appropriate justice – BUT, be ready to pay the price if condemned
Twelve Reasons Jesus' Trial was Illegal	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. His arrest was illegal since his accusers were biased against Him and gave bribes to a betrayer 2. Jesus was examined by Annas in a secret night proceeding (John 18:12-14, 19-23), which was against Talmudic practice 3. The indictment against Jesus was false. 4. The Sanhedrin court illegally held its trial before sunrise. 5. The Sanhedrin illegally convened to try a capital offense on a day before an annual Sabbath. The Mishna states: "They shall not judge on the eve of the Sabbath, nor any festival." 6. The trial concluded in one day. Capital offense trials minimally needed to take 2 days per Jewish Mishnah 7. Jesus was indicted based on one statement with no supporting evidence. 8. The merits of the defense ("it is as you say" (that I am God) were not considered 9. Jesus was condemned by only part of the Sanhedrin was illegal. Those who would have voted against the guilty verdict were not present (e.g., Nicodemus) 10. Jesus' sentence was illegally pronounced in a place forbidden by law (outside of an official court room) 11. Most members of the Sanhedrin were disqualified from legally trying Jesus since they took and gave bribes 12. The initial charge of blasphemy was illegally switched to sedition. <p>(source: https://rcg.org/pillar/0902pp-tritwi.html & https://rcg.org/pillar/0903pp-tritwi.html)</p>
26:69-75	<p>Peter's Denial</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v74. Peter began to curse and swear. Recall Peter was a sailor, so he probably used some choice cuss words, and they probably came back like old friends • How can we prevent our old nature from rising to the surface when we are rightfully or wrongly accused? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> More thoughtful praying? <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS / CONSIDERATIONS

- The failures of Judas & Peter are comparable to some degree:
 - ♦ Judas was in it for the money – Peter tried to save his own skin
 - ♦ Judas & Peter were both remorseful, but Judas sought his own solution (suicide), where Peter sought to reverse his failure by getting back up (the wicked do not get back up)..... [Jeremiah 8:4](#)
 - ♦ Any other similarities between Judas & Peter's failures?

NEXT WEEK: Matthew 27. Besides the Lord's resurrection, we see fulfilled prophecy in Judas' fate, we also see an earthquake, the resurrection of other dead saints, and women playing major roles – all giving credibility to the Bible's truths.

