

Call: 2 Samuel 22:19

Text: Matthew 26:36-56

Title: "Obedience Unto Death"

Next Week's Call: 2 Samuel 22:20

Next Week's Text: Jonah 2:10-3:5, 4:10-11; Matthew 12:38-42

Next Week's Title: "Resurrection Hope"

Future Calls: 2 Samuel 22:21-22, 23-25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 47-49, 50-51

Future Titles: "The Fruit of the Spirit" (Galatians 5:16-26); "Love" (Galatians 5:22-23)

Fallen Condition Focus: We are the ones who disobey and betray Jesus in our sin.

Christ redeeming FCF: Jesus is the one who obeyed.

Central Truth: Jesus is the One who obeyed to save disobedient people like us.

Summary: In our passage, we see Jesus' prayer in Gethsemane, Judas' betrayal through a kiss, and Jesus' arrest and restoration. We see our own sin in Judas's betrayal and Peter's false beliefs. But through Jesus' arrest and cross, we see our freedom and salvation.

Reflective Questions:

1. What about Jesus' struggle in the Garden speaks to you the most?
2. How do we betray Jesus like Judas and Peter?
3. What does our passage teach us about His love for us?

#### I. Introduction

A. Hook- Whole Bible can be categorized into two Gardens

B. Transition

1. Garden of Eden- Adam failed to obey, Gethsemane- Jesus succeeded in obeying

C. Proposition

D. Points

#### II. The Struggle (vv. 36-46)

A. With his last moments of freedom, Jesus chooses to spend it with prayer.

B. He brings his closest disciples (Peter, James, John) to watch and pray.

1. Even the Son of God needs the support of friends; presence and prayer.
- C. We see Jesus' struggle in his prayer (let this cup pass from me).
  1. He struggles so much that He sweats drops of blood in Luke's account (physician)- sign of intense anguish and distress- **hematohidrosis**
  2. Compared to other martyrs, we see Jesus struggling much more with His death.
  3. Throughout His life, Jesus has been unflappable. Nothing took Him by surprise. He has been talking about His death throughout His ministry.
  4. So, why the struggle?
    1. It's because this death is not just any ordinary death. It's not just physical and emotional. This death is spiritual and eschatological.
- D. But we see Jesus obeying, surrendering to the will of God.
  1. Lord's Prayer- Your kingdom come, Your will be done

### III. The Sin (vv. 47-50)

- A. Kiss of death comes from this passage
- B. In vv. 47-48, we see two descriptions for Judas: one of the twelve and betrayer. This shows us that you can be under Jesus' ministry for years and yet not know him at all... still betray and sin against Him.
- C. Because they know that Jesus has great fame among the people, they seize Him at night.
- D. Rabbi- teacher who he doesn't believe
  1. Usually teacher greets and kisses students; it's an act of higher to lower; even in Judas' greeting, there is offense and sin
- E. Friend- Greek- acquaintance
- F. Every time we sin, we are offending and betraying God. It's possible for us to be under the ministry of Jesus' word and never know Him.
- G. John's account- whom do you seek? Jesus of Nazareth. "I AM."
  1. Jesus is confessing that He is the God who will save.

### IV. The Sword (vv. 51-56)

- A. Peter (John's account) cuts off the ear of the servant of the high priest, Malchus.
  1. He was aiming at the head of the servant but missed completely, and Jesus heals the ear.
  2. Peter could have been arrested and condemned for murder, but Jesus protects him. Jesus is the one arrested so Peter could be set free.
- B. Put your sword back in.
  1. The sword has always been seen in Scripture as judgment.

2. Peter has the wrong idea of the advancement of the kingdom. He thought it would be with the sword and might. Jesus is showing that the kingdom advances through peace and grace. We may have the wrong idea as well.
- C. Twice (vv. 54, 56) Jesus says that all this is happening for the Scriptures to be fulfilled. This has been part of God's plan of salvation for humanity.
  1. It's not the FAther who is wrathful and Jesus is the one gracious. They have the same heart of salvation for us.
- D. This is not the first time we see the sword in a Garden.
  1. Eden- Cherubim and the flaming sword, keeping people out.
  2. Jesus is the One who takes on the sword for our judgment so that we may receive the crown of our salvation.
  3. Jesus is the One who was arrested so that we may be set free.
  4. Jesus is the One who was betrayed so that He may never leave us nor forsake us.
  5. Jesus is the One who drank the cup of wrath for us, so that we may drink from the cup of grace and life.
  6. Jesus is the who received the kiss of death, so that we may receive the kiss of life.
  7. Two Gardens/Two trees
    1. Adam's obedience regarding the tree meant life; Jesus' obedience regarding the tree meant death
    2. And He chose death, so that we may live.