Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus
Introduction

• Have you ever felt like someone betrayed you?
• Think how it would hurt to be betrayed by a friend
• It has been said that those who hurt you the most are those closest to you

• Whatever we have experienced doesn’t even compare to the betrayal and arrest of Jesus!
I. His betrayal & arrest shows God’s knowledge & wisdom

• 1. It was a matter of prophecy

• Ps. 41:9

• “Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me.”
And I said unto them, If ye think good, give me my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver. And the LORD said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prised at of them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the LORD.
2. Jesus knew he would be betrayed and by whom

Jn. 6:64

“But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him.”
Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil? He spake of Judas Iscariot the son of Simon: for he it was that should betray him, being one of the twelve.
Mt. 26:25

- Then Judas, which betrayed him, answered and said, Master, is it I? He said unto him, Thou hast said.
• This was all within God’s foreknowledge as He planned for our redemption from sin
• NOTE – Judas sinned and was personally responsible – God did not force him to do what he did!
Lk. 22:3

• Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve.
Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
II. Jesus betrayal & arrest demonstrates the sinfulfulness of man

• 1. Betrayal took place at NIGHT

• Lk. 22:53

• “When I was daily with you in the temple, ye stretched forth no hands against me: but this is your hour, and the power of darkness”
1 Th. 5:7

• For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.
• Shameful activity tends to take place at night

• WHY?

• People are trying to hide their activities
Judas the betrayer was a **disciple and friend**?

**Ps. 41:9**

“Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me.”
Jesus confronted him

Mt. 26:50

“And Jesus said unto him, Friend, wherefore art thou come? Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus, and took him.”
• Judas betrayed Jesus with a kiss
• The “kiss” was a common greeting of friendship and brotherly love
And he turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, Seest thou this woman? I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no water for my feet: but she hath washed my feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head. Thou gavest me no kiss: but this woman since the time I came in hath not ceased to kiss my feet.
• Jesus was betrayed for 30 pieces of silver – the price of a slave!
Ex. 21:32

• If the ox shall push a manservant or a maidservant; he shall give unto their master thirty shekels of silver, and the ox shall be stoned.
And the LORD said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prised at of them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the LORD.
Those who came to arrest Jesus treated him like a vile and dangerous criminal
Judas then, having received a band of men and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, cometh thither with lanterns and torches and weapons.
III. The Betrayal & arrest of Jesus demonstrates his sacrificial love

• He allowed this to happen to himself---- he did not strike back or defend himself

• He refused to allow Peter to defend him by force
• Jesus could have called 12 Legions of angels to deliver him but he did not
Mt. 26:53

• Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?
Jn. 18:8

- Jesus answered, I have told you that I am he: if therefore ye seek me, let these go their way:
Conclusion

• In his betrayal and arrest we see:
  • The knowledge & wisdom of God
  • The utter sinfulness of man
  • The sacrificial love of Jesus
• God knew all the time what would happen

• Jesus in his great love permitted himself to be betrayed and arrested – even though he had the power to escape it
• He could not save himself and save us at the same time
• HE CHOSE TO SAVE US!
References

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