2022 Paschal Series "Close But No Cigar" John 13:18-30

Verse: Matt 7:21

1. Judas is seldom portrayed in film or by preachers accurately.

a. Yes, he was a traitor. But we read about this with the benefit

b. Yes, he was a thief (Jn 12:6). of "20/20" hindsight.

- c. He wasn't obvious (See Matt 26:20-25, Lk 22:20-23, Jn 13:28-30).
 - He preached, taught and healed (Mtt 7:21-23, Lk 9:1-8)
- Apostates don't come with horns (Jude 17-19, Act 20:25-31, 2 Pet 2:12)

2. What options do we have to explain the falling away of those who once looked (At least to our eyes) and acted like true disciples?

- **a.** False faith is one option. They act the part but are not saved.
- They look good but are not acting in faith (See Jn 3:5-6)
 - * Nicodemus was religious but not yet a believer in Jesus.
 - * Judas was religious (a least outwardly) but not a believer.
- They make a faith claim but can deny by their actions (e.g., Tit 1:16, 1 Cor 6:9-11, Eph 5:3-7).
- **b.** That they truly believe, but are off the rails spiritually is another option.
- God is able to deal with His own (1 Tim 1:18-20, Heb 12:4-12)
- They may be saved but will suffer a loss of reward if they do not repent (1 Cor 3:10-16, 5:1-12, 11:32).

Paul, dealing with the Corinthians asked them to examine themselves (2 Cor 13:5)

3. How can we have assurance?

- **a.** 1 Jn 2:9-11: Who do we love?
- **b.** 1 Jn 2:15-17 What do we love?
- **c.** 1 Jn 3:11-24 Do we seek to live it out?
- **d.** Focus on the goal and know who you are (E.g., 1 Jn 1:5-2:2)
- * Where are you going?
- * Live with intention (2 Pet 1:3-11)
- * Understand your position (Rom 8:1)
- * Seek God's help and guidance (You can't do this). (Phil 4:6-7)

2022 Paschal Series Psalm 22 "In Our Place"

- 1. The cry of the Abandoned: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? (Matt 27:46). Our Lord as He bore our sin and judgment, cried out to the Father in words expressing utter abandonment. He quoted the 22nd Psalm.
- **a.** In God's plan we needed a substitute. Look at Rom 5:12-21 Just as through Adam's fall sin and its guilt came upon us all, so through the sacrifice of Jesus, atonement was made for humanity (1 Jn 2:2, Heb 10:26-31, Is 53:4-6).
- **b.** At the cross sin was judged. Those who reject God's salvation will suffer judgment and separation from God (Matt 3:12, Matt 13:50, 22::1-14, 25:41, Heb 2:9).

He experienced the wages of sin on our behalf

- **2.** Our Lord made it clear why He came. Jn 3:1-21 (esp vs 14-15). See also Num 21:8-9 20:20-28, Lk 19:10 and Jn 12:32.
- **a.** Just His coming, dying and rising from the dead doesn't save us. We have to *look to, and believe in* Him.
- **b.** <u>Just as</u> Moses lifted up the snake, so the Son of Man must be lifted up.
- When they had lifted up the Son of Man, *then* they would know that He was who He claimed to be. (Jn 8:28)
- Jesus testified that the One who had sent Him wouldn't not abandon Him. Yes Christ laid down His life and also took it up again and returned to the Father (Jn 10:18, 20:17).
- On the cross the world was judged, the prince of this world driven out. (Jn 16:11, Eph 2:1-10)
- By contrast, when He was lifted up from the earth (crucified) He would draw all men to Himself (Signifying what kind of death He would He was going to die Jn 12:23-36). The crowd had a hard time understanding this:
- * They were looking for an earthly, triumphant Messiah (E.g., Ps 110:4, Is 9:7, Dan 7:14).
- * They were "cherry picking" some scriptures and ignoring others (E.g., Is 52:13-53:12).

Look to Him - He alone is Savior Act 4:12

- 3. He who was sinless, took on Himself our guilt and penalty (2 Cor 5:16-21)
- **a.** He did this on humanity's behalf. (Heb 2:17, 1 Jn 2:2)
- **b.** So that *in Him*, we might become the righteousness of God (Rom 1:17, 3:21-26, Gal 3:1-14, 4:5).

Rejoice and follow! We are free. Rom 8:1, Gal 5:1, Tit 3:3-8

2022 Paschal Series John 19:16b-42/Hebrews "It is Finished"

1. Our Lord offered His life for us once and for all.

- a. His death fulfilled prophesy: e.g., Ps 22, Is 53
- **b.** His death accomplished our redemption (vs 30).
- **2. His death was a once for all payment for sin.** Let's take a "gallop" through the book of Hebrews. All the verses listed below are in Hebrews. They proclaim a strong message.
- **a.** 1:1-3 After He had provided purification for sins He sat down (I.e., His work was finished).
- **b.** 1:13 Again, this indicates a completed work.
- **c.** 2:3, 10 Because it is a completed work, we ignore it at our peril. How shall we escape?
- **d.** 3:4-13 Just as His work of creation is finished, so is His work of redemption. We have nothing to add to it.
- **e**. 7:25 He saves completely those who come to Him. And He always lives to intercede for them.
- f. 8:26-28 His sacrifice for sin was once for all. He has no further redemptive work to complete on our behalf.
- g. 9:10-12 He will remember our wickedness and sins no more.
- **h.** 9:11-14 He entered the Most Holy Place once for all.
- i. 9:25-28 Once and for all. Christ was sacrificed once to take away our sins.
- j. 10:10 By the once for all sacrifice of the body of Jesus we (believers) have been made holy.
- **k.** 10:12 "This priest" (Jesus) offered for all time one sacrifice for sins.
- I. 10:14 By one sacrifice He has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.
- m.10:18 It is done, fertig, finie', terminado, finished! Praise God.

3. What response does His death demand from humanity?

- **a.** Act 16:29-31 God now commands all men everywhere to repent.
- **b.** Heb 10:26-31 His once for all sacrifice and resurrection demand a response.
- If we deliberately continue in the sin of unbelief, there is no second chance. (Throughout the book, warnings have given against the sin of unbelief.). Heb 2:1-4, 3: 3:12, 4:1-7, 11; 10:39, 11:6 etc.)
- * Just as God held Israel accountable if they rejected His word given through Moses, we will be held accountable if we reject Jesus.
- * Why? Because by that rejection we will have: Trampled the Son of God underfoot, treated as unholy the blood of the covenant that sanctified us and will have insulted the Spirit of Grace.
- God is merciful, holy and just. (Ex 34:6-7)

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"Signed, Sealed, Delivered, He is Lord"

- 1. "Signed" God's eternal plan (Rev 13:8) was fulfilled in Him.
- a. Scripture predicted His death and resurrection (E.g., Ps 16:4-11/Act 2:22-36, Is 53:10-12)
- **b.** During His ministry here, the Lord predicted His betrayal, death and resurrection (E.g., Matt 20:17-19, Mk 9:9-13, 30-32, 10:32-34, Lk 18:31-33).
- **c.** Resurrection is spoken of elsewhere in scripture (E.g., Job 19:23-27, Ps 49:12-15, Hos 13:14)

2. Sealed - He was buried and His enemies secured the grave (Mtt 27:62-66)

- **a.** The leaders acted preemptively (They at least had listened to Jesus).
- **b.** The Roman execution detail certified His death (Mk 15:42-47).
- **c.** Two of His disciples buried Him. A note regarding Nicodemus and Joseph: They had kept their belief in Jesus quiet up until this point. Now they were in the clear and unashamed. Jn 19:38-42.

3. Delivered - Jesus risen and ascended.

- a. It was a physical resurrection (Lk 24:13-49, Act 1:1-11)
- **b.** Not a "spiritual" resurrection but flesh and bones.
- **c.** He appeared to them, ate with them, walked with them, taught them etc. for a period of over 40 days.
- **d.** He was seen in multiple locations, at differing times of day, indoors and outdoors.
- e. He was seen by individuals and groups (See 1 Cor 15:3-8).

Why does this matter? Look at 1 Cor 15:35-58. Because He rose, we will rise. He <u>is</u> the Resurrection and the Life. Happy Resurrection Day!