

## Sermon Notes

### *Insights from Luke*

#89 – “The Better Way Is Always Down” – Luke 22:21-30

#### I. Introduction

##### A. The quest to be great

1. Illustration from the world of sports

##### B. Today’s text

1. A reminder that none of us are indispensable
2. The disciples thought that they were indispensable.
3. We are now at the Last Supper.

- a. Luke 22:21-30

#### II. Exposition

##### A. Luke 22:21-22

1. The plot is underway – Luke 22:3-4.
2. Jesus is aware of everything.
3. The doctrine of predestination and the sovereignty of God are on display.

- a. “As it has been determined”

- b. Peter’s testimony – Acts 2:23

4. Judas is still culpable for his actions.

- a. John MacArthur

- b. Matthew 27:3-5

- c. Judas’ hypocrisy is deep-seated.

1. Matthew 26:25,27-30

- d. The hardness continued

1. John 13:27-30

##### B. Luke 22:23-24

1. Each one begins to defend himself.
2. The “who is the greatest” question was a favorite topic.

- a. Luke 9:46-48; Matthew 20:20-24; Mark 9:34

3. The timing could not have been worse.

#### C. Luke 22:25-26

1. Real greatness is opposite of the world.

2. The folly is in our institutions.

- a. Example from Harvard Business School.

#### D. Luke 22:27

1. Jesus asks a question.

2. You want to know who the great people are? Begin looking at the lowly positions.

#### E. Luke 22:28-30

1. Remarkable statement! Soon everyone would run away.

2. Last Will and Testament of Jesus

- a. “I assign you” – DIATITHOMAI – To make a covenant

3. “Twelve tribes of Israel” – a way of speaking about the people of God. – Gal. 6:16

4. The church is built on the foundation of the apostle’s ministry. – Rev. 21:14, Eph. 2:20

#### III. Points for Reflection

##### A. We are observing a glimpse of the “Covenant of Redemption.”

1. Luke 22:21-22

2. Heb. 13:20; John 4:34; 10:18; 12:49; 17:2,4-5; Eph. 1:3-7  
I Peter 1:3-4

##### B. Even though being predestined by God, Judas was culpable for his sin.

1. Job 1:12-17; Jeremiah 17:9

##### C. The disciples teach us through their instruction and their lives.

1. John 13:21-30