

Insights from Luke

#89: "The Better Way Is Always Down"

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"²¹ But behold, the hand of the one betraying Me is with Mine on the table. ²² For indeed, the Son of Man is going as it has been determined; but woe to that man by whom He is betrayed!"

Acts 2:23

"²³ ...this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death."

Matthew 27:3-5

"³ Then when Judas, who had betrayed Him, saw that He had been condemned, he felt remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, ⁴ saying, 'I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.' But they said, 'What is that to us? See to that yourself!' ⁵ And he threw the pieces of silver into the temple sanctuary and departed; and he went away and hanged himself."

Mathew 26:25

"²⁵ And Judas, who was betraying Him, said, 'Surely it is not I, Rabbi?' Jesus said to him, 'You have said it yourself.'"

John 13:27-30

"²⁷ After the morsel, Satan then entered into him. Therefore Jesus said to him, 'What you do, do quickly.' ²⁸ Now no one of those reclining at the table knew for what purpose He had said this to him. ²⁹ For some were supposing, because Judas had the money box, that Jesus was saying to him, 'Buy the things we have need of for the feast'; or else, that he should give something to the poor. ³⁰ So after receiving the morsel he went out immediately; and it was night."

Luke 22:23-24

“²³ And they began to discuss among themselves which one of them it might be who was going to do this thing. ²⁴ And there arose also a dispute among them as to which one of them was regarded to be greatest.”

Luke 9:46-48 (Matthew 18:1-5)

“⁴⁶ An argument started among them as to which of them might be the greatest. ⁴⁷ But Jesus, knowing what they were thinking in their heart, took a child and stood him by His side, ⁴⁸ and said to them, ‘Whoever receives this child in My name receives Me, and whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me; for the one who is least among all of you, this is the one who is great.’”

Matthew 20:20-24 (Mark 10:35-45)

“²⁰ Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to Jesus with her sons, bowing down and making a request of Him. ²¹ And He said to her, ‘What do you wish?’ She said to Him, ‘Command that in Your kingdom these two sons of mine may sit one on Your right and one on Your left.’ ²² But Jesus answered, ‘You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?’ They said to Him, ‘We are able.’ ²³ He said to them, ‘My cup you shall drink; but to sit on My right and on My left, this is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by My Father.’ ²⁴ And hearing this, the ten became indignant with the two brothers.”

Mark 9:33b-34

“^{33b} ...He began to question them, ‘What were you discussing on the way?’ ³⁴ But they kept silent, for on the way they had discussed with one another which of them was the greatest.”

Luke 22:25-26

“²⁵ And He said to them, ‘The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who have authority over them are called “Benefactors.”’ ²⁶ But it is not this way with you, but the one who is the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like the servant.’”

Luke 22:27

“²⁷ For who is greater, the one who reclines at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at the table? But I am among you as the one who serves.”

Luke 22:28-30

“²⁸ You are those who have stood by Me in My trials; ²⁹ and just as My Father has granted Me a kingdom, I grant you ³⁰ that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”

Revelation 21:14

“¹⁴ And the wall of the city had twelve foundation stones, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.”

Ephesians 2:20

“²⁰ ...having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone.”

**We are observing a glimpse
of the
“Covenant of Redemption”**

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Hebrews 13:20

“²⁰ Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord.”

John 4:34

“³⁴ Jesus said to them, ‘My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to accomplish His work.’”

John 10:18

“¹⁸ No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father.”

John 12:49

“⁴⁹ For I did not speak on My own initiative, but the Father Himself who sent Me has given Me a commandment as to what to say and what to speak.”

John 17:2, 4-5

“² ...even as You gave Him authority over all flesh, that to all whom You have given Him, He may give eternal life. ...
⁴ I glorified You on the earth, having accomplished the work which You have given Me to do. ⁵ Now, Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.”

Ephesians 1:3-7

“³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, ⁴ just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love ⁵ He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, ⁶ to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷ In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace”

I Peter 1:3-4

“³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you.”

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

The disciples teach us through their instruction and their lives.



