

Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023



**PRESERVICE SONGS:** "In the Eye of the Storm" Ryan Stevenson  
"Reckless Love" Cory Asbury

**PASTOR'S GREETING**

**THE INVOCATION**

**THE PASSION HISTORY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST – LESSON TWO**

While they were reclining and eating, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you: One of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." They were very sad and began to say to him one after another, "Surely, not I, Lord?" He said to them, "It is one of the Twelve, one who is dipping bread with me in the dish. Indeed, the Son of Man is going to go just as it has been written about him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born."

After saying this, Jesus was troubled in his spirit and testified, "Truly, truly I tell you: One of you will betray me." The disciples were looking at each other, uncertain which of them he meant. One of his disciples, the one Jesus loved, was reclining at Jesus' side. Simon Peter motioned to him to find out which one Jesus was talking about. So leaning back against Jesus' side, he asked, "Lord, who is it?" Jesus replied, "It is the one to whom I will give this piece of bread, after I have dipped it in the dish." Then he dipped the piece of bread and gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him. So Jesus told him, "What you are about to do, do more quickly." None of those reclining at the table understood why Jesus said this to him. Because Judas kept the money box, some thought that Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the Festival," or to give something to the poor. As soon as Judas had taken the bread, he went out. And it was night.

After Judas left, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify the Son in himself and will glorify him at once." While they were eating, on the night when he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples. He said, "Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the new testament, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

"Dear children, I am going to be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come "A new commandment I give you: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, so also you are to love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus answered, "Where I am going you cannot follow now, but you will follow later." Peter asked, "Lord, why can't I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you!" Jesus replied, "Will you really lay down your life for me? Simon, Simon, pay attention: Satan has asked to have you all, so that he may sift you as wheat. But I prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have returned to me, strengthen your brothers." Peter answered him, "Even if all fall away because of you, I will never fall away." Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you: Tonight, before the rooster crows, you

will deny me three times.” Peter said to him, “Even if I have to die with you, I will never deny you.” And all the disciples said the same.

Jesus said to them, “When I sent you out without money bag, traveler’s bag, and sandals, did you lack anything?” “Nothing,” they said. Then he told them, “But now, let the one who has a money bag take it, and likewise a traveler’s bag. And let the one who has no sword sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me: ‘He was counted with transgressors.’ Indeed, what is written about me is going to have its fulfillment.” They said, “Lord, look, here are two swords.” He said to them, “That is enough.”

Then Jesus said to them, “This night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ But after I have been raised, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.”

After they sang a hymn, Jesus went out with his disciples across the Kidron Valley, to the Mount of Olives, where there was a garden called Gethsemane. He and his disciples went into it. Now Judas, who was betraying him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. When he reached the place, Jesus told his disciples, “Sit here, while I go over there and pray. Keep praying that you may not enter into temptation.” Then he took Peter, James, and John along with him and began to be troubled and distressed. He said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow, even to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch.” He withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, knelt down, and prayed, “Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours be done.” When he rose from prayer, he went to the disciples and found them sleeping as a result of sorrow. He said to Peter, “Simon, are you sleeping? Were you not strong enough to keep watch for one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the sinful nature is weak.” He went away a second time and prayed, “My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to pass from me unless I drink it, may your will be done.” Again he returned and found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. They did not know what they should answer him. He left them again, went away, and prayed a third time. He said the same words as before. An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. As he was in agony, he prayed more fervently. His sweat became like great drops of blood falling to the ground. Then he returned to his disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour is near, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise. Let us go. Look, my betrayer is near!”

**SONG:** “He Stood before the Court” – Koine

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| 1 He stood before the court<br>on trial instead of us;<br>he met its pow’r to hurt,<br>condemned to face the cross—<br>our King, accused of treachery;<br>our God, abused for blasphemy! | 2 These are the crimes that tell<br>the tale of human guilt;<br>our sins, our death, our hell—<br>on these the case is built.<br>To this world’s pow’rs the Lord stays dumb.<br>The guilt is ours, no answers come. |
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3 The sentence must be passed,  
the unknown pris'ner killed;  
the price is paid at last,  
the law of God fulfilled.  
He takes our blame, and from that day  
th' accuser's claim is wiped away.

4 Shall we be judged and tried?  
In Christ our trial is done;  
we live, for he has died,  
our condemnation gone.  
In Christ are we both dead and raised,  
alive and free—his name be praised!

### **THE MESSAGE: *John 11:49-53***

Then one of them, named Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, spoke up, "You know nothing at all! **You do not realize that it is better for you that one man die for the people** than that the whole nation perish."

He did not say this on his own, but as high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the Jewish nation, and not only for that nation but also for the scattered children of God, to bring them together and make them one. So from that day on they plotted to take his life.

**SERMON OUTLINE**      John 11:49-53      "It is better that one man die for the people."

Introduction: Ironically Caiaphas--hater of Jesus--makes one of the clearest statements of the gospel.

- A. His words show the guilt of God's enemies
  - 1. Context: The Sanhedrin is discussing Jesus' great miracle of raising Lazarus
  - 2. Caiaphas speaks! He shows his hatred of Jesus
  - 3. These words apply to us, because the seeds of unbelief are in our hearts by nature.
- B. His words show the love of God for us
  - 1. Inadvertently Caiaphas spoke the truth as God's high priest.
  - 2. The blood of Jesus, this one man, was the only thing that could pay for sin.
  - 3. John correctly tells us it was for all people--including us!

Conclusion: Here's a truth we can relish for a lifetime!

**THE OFFERING:**      *"Abide With Me"* by Atrim Mennonite Choir

### **THE PRAYERS**

**SONG:** *"You are my All in All "* by Bob Fitts

Jesus, Lamb of God  
Worthy is Your name  
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You are my strength when I am weak  
You are the treasure that I seek  
You are my all in all  
Seeking You as a precious jewel  
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool  
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#### **LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER:**

*I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day. Forgive me all my sins, and graciously keep me this night. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.*

#### **THE APOSTOLIC BLESSING**

**THE DOXOLOGY: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"** by the Vagle Brothers

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**POSTSERVICE SONG: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"**