42-Luke-Pt26-Transcript

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welcome back to Wednesday night Bible study and I missed you last week I hope that she missed the study as well the opening clip was all about resisting temptation and that really is the focus of tonight's chapter Luke 22 let's get out say a prayer won't get straight into it's quite a heavy chapter at a heavy a chapter last time with Luke chapter 21 Christ predicting what would happen at the end of time before he returns and now we'll get into Luke chapter 22 with a very strong warning to resist temptation Heavenly Father we come before you and were ever so grateful father that in this world of confusion we can turn to your word and your word is sure and it's a lamp to our feet and we just thank you Father that through the guidance that we glean from your scripture we can walk a straight path we pray that you'll be with us tonight and give us more understanding father we praise you we praise Jesus Christ and we thank you and we ask this blessing in Jesus name Amen so let's begin I think you hope you'll remember that last time when we were in Luke we finished in Luke chapter 21 after Christ had given the very very dire warnings about what was going to befall his people in the end time that chapter Luke 21 ended in with verses 37 and 38 in the daytime he was teaching in the temple and at night he went out of the temple and he stayed in the mount that is called the mount of olives so that's we know that that's where he'll be returning and he spent his nights there praying there but in

the daytime he was in the temple teaching and in verse 38 and all the people came early in the morning to him in the temple for to hear him so so Jesus Christ was was appreciated he was loved

loved he had many people who were followed him who desired to be taught by him his problem really was with the leaders it was with those who were in collusion and collaboration with the Roman government and those who had the authority the religious leadership over the temple so with that now with that backdrop we come into chapter 22 and it says now the feast of unleavened bread drew near which is called the Passover so that whole season of that Passover as well as the seven days of unleavened bread all of it is called or what's called by the Jews the Passover the Passover season but it consists of the feast of unleavened bread I started the Passover followed by the feast of unleavened bread and these are as we know these are the holy days of God and we know that these holy days of God revealed his plan for mankind and so Jesus Christ as he was very determined to get to Jerusalem knowing that that's where he would be destroyed he's just set his mind to get to Jerusalem but he timed it perfectly so that he would be there for the Passover so that he would be fulfilling the symbolism of the Passover worth what the Passover was actually pointing to so the Jews were keeping the Passover looking back historically but Christ was setting up for them to look forward and and for us to understand that this actually was baked into the prophecy God's plan from the foundation of the world so he times it perfectly so that he arrives in Jerusalem for the Passover

and now remember when we were in Luke chapter 9 that we talked about the second Exodus and in 9 verse 30 it says behold there talked with him two men which were Moses and Elijah and they appeared in glory with him and they spoke the English says here of his decease but when we were come during this earlier remember we understood that decease should actually be translated Exodus that he was speaking they were speaking of his Exodus there's a second Exodus so there was an exodus with Moses and the children of Israel and now Moses and Elijah were speaking with Christ of this second Exodus of Christ's Exodus that he is going to gather Israel and lead them out of bondage which he should accomplish at Jerusalem so from the first Exodus Pat a Passover and the Exodus were inextricably linked in fact the Exodus was not possible without the Passover and in the same way the second Exodus this drawing out of all of God's people out of oppression and into the Promised Land it's not possible without the Passover so Passover an exodus are inextricably linked and so what Christ is setting his mind to do is to redeem his people but that's not possible without the Passover continuing in Luke chapter 22 the chief priests and scribes sought how they might kill him so again the people came out early in the morning to listen to him to to be taught by him but the chief priests and the scribes they were trying to figure out how to kill him they did not appreciate his teaching they did not appreciate his presence but they couldn't kill him why because they feared the people and you remember that when we were in Luke chapter 20 that the

baptism of there was a confrontation with Christ and he actually asked them the baptism of John was it from heaven or of men and so they had to answer this question was it was the baptism of John just a a man like others that were going around claiming to be a prophet of God or was his ministry really from God and they reasoned with themselves saying if we shall say from heaven he will say why then didn't you believe him why weren't you baptized by him why didn't you repent but and if we say of men all the people will stone us for they are persuaded John was a prophet so this is why they were afraid of the people because they knew that the people believed that John was a prophet and clearly the people believe that Jesus Christ is a true rabbi a true prophet of God and so they want to kill him but they're surrounded by these crowds of people these multitudes that are following Christ that believe that Christ truly is a teacher from God so now in verse three then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot being one of the number of the twelve so so now Satan finds his opportunity and remember all the way back to Luke chapter 4 when Christ was confronted in the wilderness with the devil's temptations and the devil for 40 days 40 nights he was throwing every possible temptation culminating with these three powerful tests of Christ's character and he overcame them all and when he when he overcame Satan he then was victorious he's taken the the rain away from Satan he now is the rightful ruler of the earth and he's also successfully overcome the temptation that Adam succumbed to submitting to this to the devil Christ has overcome

that and so in he can now legally and appropriately inherit the land and so it said here in chapter 4 verse 13 though that the devil when he had ended all the temptation he departed from him for a season so he's coming back and and he has been defeated but what the Greek implies here is he's now looking for an opportunity he's waiting for the right opportunity when he can destroy Christ and so now he sees his opportunity he's filled thee and he has been filling the chief priests and the scribes and the Pharisees with this rage and this hatred and this irrational hostility toward cry he's been doing that over time and it has now culminated to the point where he sees his opportunity and so now he's he's come back to destroy Christ and all of this hostility that Satan has towards Christ and that he's stirring up in these leaders goes all the way back to Genesis 3 Genesis 3 verse chapter 3 actually is pivotal in the whole Bible that's the hinge that the whole Bible swims on Genesis 3 and but in specifically in verse 15 when when God was handing out the sentences first to Satan then to Eve then to Adam to fate when he said in verse 15 I will put hostility between you and the woman so whatever happened there in the garden God now said I'm gonna put hostility between you and the woman and between your seed so those human beings that will come and that will be influenced and possessed by him between your seed and her seed and her seed is Christ and so there's hostility between Satan's seed and Christ this was prophesied by God himself thousands and thousands of years ago right in the Garden of Eden with Adam and Eve so Adam and Eve knew and could

foresee what were see what we're reading of now this hostility between Herse his seed and her seed it shall bruise your head or the better translation there would be he shall crush your head but when he comes he is going to destroy the devil but you shall bruise his heel so it's not going to be a dish blow of destruction but it certainly is going to be a blow and and here we're going to see what I believe is the beginning of this bruising of the heel I think this bruising of the heel is going to actually last 2,000 years and then the body of Christ is going to be bruised by this this serpent this devildis dragon because we represent the end time and we are the body of Christ and so we would be referred to as the heel and Christ coming represents the beginning of the end time but in any case this is this is fulfilling this prophecy and and so this is the beginning yeah and this is actually how Christ introduces his kingdom that as Satan throws his worst hatred hostility everything he's got at destroying Christ and Christ willingly succumbs to it because of his love for Israel his love for his bride this is this is how he completely destroys the works of the devil and introduces the kingdom of God continuing in Luke 22 he went his way and communed this is a Judas he went his way and communed with the chief priests and captains how he might betray him unto them so they're trying to strategize figure out how can I deliver him to you and they were glad and they covenant 'add to give him money so they entered into a covenant with Judas to give him money for this this betrayal and it's interesting first Timothy 6

verse 10 Paul tells us or tells us through Timothy that the love of many is the root of the love of money is the root of all evil so so because men just love money and what they can do with money they're willing to compromise themselves which while some coveted after have erred from the faith and pierced themselves through with many sorrows and that certainly is the case for Judas because of his love of money that he has just he erred from the faith and has pierced themselves through with many sorrows and and it certainly is true today with many of our leaders they have compromised God has given this is you know really quite interesting that that God has given tremendous wealth to the Muslim nations that they don't have to be industrious they don't have to be inventive they don't have to be innovative they don't need to be creative they don't need to engineer great solutions for mankind to better mankind they just need to drill and this oil is just giving them all kinds of wealth and because with this wealth they're buying off our universities they're buying off our politicians they're buying off our media and because of this love of money which is the root of all evil these these covetous people are compromising themselves and they are betraying their citizens and that certainly is the case for us here in Canada as well as elsewhere around the world so in any case it says here that because of the love of men and money Judas betrayed Christ and covenant it with the chief priests and he promised and sought opportunity to betray him so Satan has entered into him Satan is already working through these these religious

leaders and and Satan wants to strike and destroy Christ and so he promised and he sought opportunity to betray him unto them in the absence of the multitude and so that was the key the multitude would certainly defend Christ so how could he somehow pull Christ away from the multitude or find opportunity for the multi to afford the chief priests to capture Christ and so also on that point about the love of mint money we are seeing that I mentioned the media I mentioned the oil money and politicians dirty dealings with business deals we are being betrayed all all citizens in all of the Western nations are being betrayed and we just absolutely need to be aware of this so coming back now to the scripture he says here in verse 7 then came the day of unleavened bread when the Passover must be killed so this is the day of the past they sort of combine Passover and unleavened bread and treat it like it's one unit which it is but really what we're saying here is this is the day of the Passover when the Passover must be killed

and he's and Christ sent Peter and John saying go and prepare us the Passover that we may eat so this was a meal that they

they should prepare which would include the slaying of the lamb and so Christ has given them instruction go ahead and get this ready and they said unto Him where wilt you or where would you like us that we should prepare and he said to them behold behold when you are entered into the city there shall a man meet you bearing a pitcher of water follow him into the house where he enters in so he's gonna come out and he's gonna meet you when he meets you follow him back

into his house and you shall say them to the good man of the house the master says unto you where is the guest chamber where I shall eat the passover with my disciples so he would obviously Jesus's reputation would be throughout this area they know that he's the rabbi and so he just needs to tell this guest this master of the house that were asked him where is the guest chamber where we shall eat the Passover where Christ will eat the Passover with his disciples when he hears this question he will show you a large upper room that is furnished so just go to that upper room there'll be a table chairs over everything we need there make ready and they went and found as he had said unto them and they made ready the Passover and when the hour was come he sat down so again they've now gone up to this upper room and it's furnished and they've prepared the meal and so when the hour has was come and again Christ is doing everything on time precisely he sat down and the Twelve Apostles with him and he said unto them with desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer so so this was a great great desire that Jesus Christ had these are his apostles this is a he's about to be destroyed and this is a very important miel that he takes with them this this is everything to him he had a great desire to eat this passover with them before he suffers for I say unto you I will not anymore eat thereof until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God so there's something about this meal that is highly symbolic and Christ is saying what this I really truly desire to to have this it's like a very the Greek implies a very intense consuming desire that he had to have this meal with his

disciples with his apostles and he sang to them that what this meal symbolizes I'm not gonna eat of this meal again until everything is fulfilled in the kingdom of God and then I'm gonna gather you again and we're gonna eat they were gonna continue this meal but now you'll see if you'll be it you'll see it fulfilled fully you will be in the kingdom of God with me and we will share this Passover meal again for us so he said here I will not anymore eat thereof until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God and he took the cup and gave thanks and said take this and divided among yourselves

for I say unto you I will not drink of the cup I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God shall come so solely they're gonna he gives the wine to them to drink and he said to them I'm not gonna drink it until the kingdom of God shall come but you drink it and he took the bread which would be unleavened bread and gave thanks and broke it and gave unto them saying this is my body which is given for you this do in remembrance of me so so they don't fully understand what's what's gonna happen here but he knows he's going east he's in Jerusalem to be destroyed by the devil but that this is his sacrifice for the and so as again we talked about this when we when we were in Luke chapter 9 with the second Exodus that he came to represent Israel he was Israel's representative and as Israel's representative he was careful to live by every word of God every action every word everything he did was was according to the Covenant because of that and now he's going to be slaughtered he's innocent but because of his faithfulness

to God's Word he can inherit the land now that destruction that he's about to experience is the penalty that Israel deserves for their faithlessness but he is taking their penalty so that he can be a propitiation an appeasing of God's wrath on Israel and so that God God is very precise God is not arbitrary his law is his law and so the penalty for breaking the law has to be carried out and Christ came to earth to redeem his bride his wife and to say he would take her punishment now that he has taken her punishment he opens the door for her to inherit the land she can now have his reward while he takes her punishment and everything you can dot the i's and cross the t's everything in the law is fulfilled and so he says this is given for you this this is my body which is given for you this do in remembrance of me

likewise also the cup after supper saying this cup is the New Testament in my blood which is shed for you and we know from Leviticus that the soul the life is in the blood and so he is now shedding his soul shedding his life for Israel and I this is fulfilling Isaiah 53 verse 12 therefore I will divide him a portion with the great and he shall divide the spoil the strong because he has poured out his soul unto death and he was numbered with the transgressors and he bare the sin of many so he did not deserve this penalty but he bore it so that Israel can inherit the land and that Exodus can take place and he made intercession for the transgressors now in terms of the Covenant we saw this in the first covenant Exodus chapter 24 Moses took of the blood and put it in basins and half

the blood he sprinkled on the altar so

the life of the animal was in the blood and this is what he did and with the first covenant and he took the book of the Covenant and read it in the audience of the people and they said all that the Lord has said we will do and be obedient so that's what they said but they actually did the exact opposite they broke everything that God said and so Christ now came and he fulfills Israel side of the bargain because Israel could not and Moses took the blood and sprinkled it on the people and said Behold the blood of the Covenant which the Lord has made with you concerning all these words so it was a blood covenant and so now Christ comes and he says my blood is the new covenant you you are released from the penalty that you have incurred because of my blood and so in Hebrews we see Paul writing about this we lose the Apostle Paul in Hebrews nine but Christ become has become a high priest of good things to come by a greater and more perfect Tabernacle not made with hands that is to say not of this building neither by the blood of goats and calves but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place having obtained eternal redemption for Israel so he has gone into the Holy of Holies with his own blood to redeem Israel and then Luke is a Gentile writing because Luke understands that this salvation is extended to all mankind but it is going to happen through the covenant that God has made with Israel God is not arbitrary he's very precise and so he has to redeem Israel in order to redeem all mankind and in Ezekiel he says where I will take you from among the heathen this is the second Exodus that it's referring to and gather you

out of all countries and will bring you into your own land and the only way that this prophecy can be fulfilled is if the death penalty is removed from Israel and that's why he says drink the wine which symbolizes my blood which is the blood of the New Covenant and in verse 25 of Ezekiel then I will sprinkle clean water upon you and you shall be clean even though they have defiled themselves they've broken God's Word they will be clean from all your filthiness and from all your idols will I cleanse you a new heart also will I give you and a new spirit will I put within you and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh and I will give you a heart of flesh and I will put my spirit within you and cause you to walk in my statutes and you shall keep my judgments and do them so this is God is going to take these people that have been a disaster and he's gonna put his spirit in them this is the the Pentecost now I was picturing this again the more Adeem the Holy Days picture this plan but this is how God is now going to lift up Israel and have them fulfill their part of the Covenant and they shall be king priests and they shall lead all mankind to God and you shall dwell in the land even though the land has to eject them because of their filthiness they're going to be cleansed and with the second Exodus brought back in the land you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers and you shall be my people and I will be your God so all of this false ideology that's spreading rapidly all around the world saying that God has turned the Jews and Israel into Apes and pigs and God has nothing to do with them and they're so sinful and we are the beautiful wonderful people and

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nothing to do with these people and every Jew must be killed this is all false throughout Ezekiel God says I will I will I will constantly repeating his love for Israel and regardless of their filthiness his faithfulness to the Covenant that he made with Abraham Isaac and Jacob I mean judges to verse one very interesting an angel of the Lord came up from Gilgal to Vulcan and said I made you to go up out of Egypt and have brought you unto the land which I swore unto your father's and I said I will never I will never break my covenant with you this covenant between God and Israel is a forever covenant it's an everlasting covenant with God and Israel they are predestined to be in this role God God has married Israel and there's nothing anybody can do about it and the sooner we all accept it the better because this marriage to Israel is the blessing to all mankind it is how God redeems Eve and her children from what happened in the Garden of Eden jeremiah 31 were quite familiar with this behold the day's come says the Lord that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah not according to the Covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt which my covenant they broke although I was a husband unto them says the Lord but this shall be the Covenant that I will make with them with the house of Israel after those days says the Lord I will put my law in their inward parts so something is gonna happen and again this goes to Pentecost where somehow the Holy Spirit the law of God is going to enter

Israel's inward parts and write it in their hearts and I will be their God and they shall be my people and they shall teach no more every man his name and every man his brother saying know the Lord that's gonna be over all Israel is going to know God for they shall all know me from the least of them unto the greatest of them says the Lord I will forgive their iniquity and I will remember their sin no more this is the God of Israel this is the God of the Bible this this is the faithfulness of the God of the Bible he never abrogates his word his word is his word and he is married to Israel and so this is how he's able to redeem Israel from all her filthiness cleanse her put her back in the land and have her function as the king priests that they were established to be in the beginning continuing in Luke but behold so so he they the Covenant this is this is absolutely amazing so they are having this meal that just means so much to Christ to watch them eating the Passover the even the Passover lamb and then to take the the bread and the wine and have them partake of that because of the symbolism and to then say to them I'm not gonna drink of the fruit of the vine until I come back and the kingdom of God is established and you're gonna sit at the table with me and you're my apostles and I'm appointing you to go out and give this good news to everybody right in the midst of this he says behold the hand of him that betrays me is at the table unbelievable the hand of him that betrays me is with me on the table and truly the Son of man goes as it was determined this this has to happen but cursed is the man but woe unto that man by whom he is betrayed so this had to

happen somebody had to give themselves over to Satan

No yes this has to happen but woe unto the man who allowed himself to be used by the devil in this way and they began to enquire among themselves which of them it was that should do this thing now that's a very important point that they had no idea they had no idea it wasn't like oh yeah well clearly it's that Judas guy over there we've kind of had suspicions about him all along it means that Judas was behaving in such a way that he pulled the wool over all the other 11 apostles of course not Christ but he pulled the wool over all the 11 other apostles and again this goes back to Genesis 3 and what happened in the garden when Adam and Eve took of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil they already had the knowledge of good they were in the garden everything that was in the garden was good they already had the knowledge of good but this tree was the knowledge of good and evil it's the mixture of good and evil I like to say it's the knowledge of how to use good to do evil it's the tree of deception it looked like all the other trees but it was it was a tree of death and destruction but but it looked cool it looked great it looked like it was good for food it was nice to look at and it promised it promised benefit and it was a deceptive tree and this is that because this is the tree of the devil the devil is a deceiver throughout Revelation he's constantly referred to as the deceiver the one who deceives all nations that's his work is deception and so when he enters into Satan do this his heart it's all about deception how to use good to do evil and that's what we have to be so careful of that it's gonna

look good it's gonna sound good we Christ has by their fruits you shall know them and so Satan Satan was using Judas to appear good to use good know how to say talk the talk and walk the walk and appear like everybody else while you seek an opportunity to destroy our Lord and so here you'll see the woman said to the serpent we can eat of all the trees of the garden but the tree which is in the midst of the garden we shall not eat for God says you shall not eat of it neither shall you touch it lest you die and so that's how they learned this this art of deception from the devil at the same time as Christ is telling them I'm about to be betrayed an argument so they're trying to figure out who could it be in other words who's the worst amongst us and then the conversation kind of devolves from there into who's the best amongst us so now this then turns into an argument which of them should be accounted the greatest and he said unto them the kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them it's about totalitarianism and control and this this really goes back to Nimrod now and they that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors the knowledge of how to use good to do evil so I'm your benefactor you're gonna see me as someone who's beneficial to you and it's a deception because all I want to do is use you and control you and oppress you but you shall not be so so you disciples you apostles you leaders within this church that I'm establishing you're not gonna be like this but he that is greatest among you let him be as the younger let him be as the servant and he that is chief as he that does serve for whether is greater he that

sits at meat or he that serves is not he that sits at meter the one who's sitting at the table and being served by the servant isn't it he greater but I'm among you as him that serves you are they which have continued with me in my trials in my temptation so he's about to establish his kingdom they have come through this whole process with him and now this is the final chapter and he's warned them about what's coming but now he's warning them again about how they need to be and in 2nd Corinthians 1 Paul says not for that we have dominion over your faith but our helpers of your joy for by faith you stand so Paul got it Paul was taught directly from Christ and he was a servant to to the people of God even though he had authority over them and we mustn't forget that there's two sides to this coin a lot of times we will be we dwell too much on one side or the other but but there's two sides Paul warns Timothy and the people through Timothy let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor especially those who labor in the word and doctrine so it's this it's this complementarity it's this union of love it's what was meant to be in the Garden of Eden where Adam joyfully submits to God because he sees how God is there serving him and benefiting him and saying of all the trees of the garden you can freely eat just don't take anything from this one everything else is yours it's exactly mine but I'm giving it to you so that you can benefit and an all Adam had all bought one without me to do is say I love you thank you I love you and return the love instead Adam said you know what I want to compete with you and I'm gonna

go over to Satan and so we have to have this mind of the the second Adam which is he says I do always those things that please my father in heaven so he willingly submitted to the father and the father willingly loves Christ and does everything for Christ and this is like the husband and wife well yeah the wife submits to the husband but the husband is not a tyrant the husband loves his wife and does everything for her and she loves him and the Union works and so the same thing we should see in the church where the leaders are servants but the members are giving honor to the leaders so we're not afraid of Authority we're doing the exact opposite of what happens in the world and if you think of the powerful Kingdom of Egypt which lasted 3000 years the pharaohs were called benefactors and the people all looked to the Pharaoh as their father as their God and and they did all kinds of worship and honor him but he wasn't their benefactor he was a slave master he was there for his own aggrandizement and that's the way the system worked and that whole pyramid is funny the pyramids that was the system now one guy at the top which they learned from Nimrod we saw that misery in was there when Nimrod was trying this project at Babel and then they all went their separate ways and they all tried to implement the same system where they can be the guy at the top of pressing everybody underneath and at the same time they're called benefactors well that's the old system that's the system that Christ has come to destroy in fact he's already destroyed it and this the the being behind that system is the devil and the being behind this new system is Christ the Lord

and so he goes on then and I appoint unto you because this whole process of love that you're learning that you've been with me faithfully I appoint unto you a kingdom as my father has appointed unto me and we see this appointment in Daniel 7 that the judgment shall sit and they shall take away his Dominion these these benefactors and this final one that's coming this beast finally now it's gonna come to it he's already lost Christ has crushed the devil and all the systems that belong to the devil and so this ultimate system the judgment shall sit and they shall take away his Dominion to consume and to destroy unto the end and the Kingdom and Dominion and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High this is what Christ said meant when he said I'm appointing unto you a kingdom as my father has appointed unto me this is real this is not a feeling in our hearts and we just sort of hope that you know through through following Christ we're just gonna have this feel-good world no we're not gonna have a feel-good world as long as Satan is in the world and so Christ has come to crush the head of the serpent and to implement this new kingdom and he's appointed this kingdom unto his disciples and so here we shall actually see the kingdom and the Dominion and the greatness of the coming kingdom under the whole heaven shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High that's you brethren and that's me as long as we remain faithful to the end that this is it this kingdom is coming and it's going to be appointed and given unto us whose kingdom is an everlasting

Kingdom and all dominions shall serve and obey Him this is what's coming and so whatever these guys are running around trying to have now in this world let them have it it's fleeting but what's coming for us is forever he says I'm gonna appoint for you a kingdom that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom II he is so excited about this and so he's not gonna eat or drink again until this happens that there we're gonna be at his table and these apostles these eleven apostles plus Paul are going to sit at his table in his kingdom and sit on Thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel and so this is where all the tribes of Israel are going to be brought back and they're going to be cleansed and they're gonna be brought back to the land through this second Exodus process and from there they're gonna minister to the whole world and the whole world is gonna come into Israel through one of these tribes and we see that here in revelation 22 at the end of the book blessed are they that do His commandments that they may have right to the Tree of Life that same tree of life that was there in the beginning it's back but the tree of the knowledge of good and evil it's gone it served its purpose these 6,000 years of man's misery and the deception of the devil that's all over now and now we have the right to the Tree of Life and may enter in through the gates into the city so the gates are the twelve gates of the tribes of Israel and so everybody can come in but they have to come in through one of these gates through one of these tribes for without are dogs and sorcerers and whoremongers and murderers and idolaters and whosoever love and makes a lie and that's what we're

seeing all over the world globally these people who love to lie and deceive these people who love to slaughter these people who love to make sex slaves and who are involved in sorcery they're not gonna be in the kingdom so whatever they're having now let them have it it's short-lived continuing in Luke and the Lord said Simon Simon behold Satan has desired to have you that he may sift you like wheat so so Satan wants to pull Simon down and sift him like wheat and that's where he's gonna separate the chaff so Simon does not yet have roots and so Satan wants to too stiff chest but presses but I pray for you that your faith fail not and when you are converted to strengthen your brethren so so there is this prayer that Christ makes for on behalf of Peter that Peters at risk here he's about to be destroyed just as Judas was destroyed but Christ has prayed for him so that he will repent and then when he's strengthened Christ is gonna use him to strengthen the Brethren and he said unto Him Lord I'm ready to go with you both into prison and to death and this is how we can all feel like what the the Spirit is willing but the flesh is weak we can all feel like you know what I'm there with God I'm gonna write to the end but we cannot do this on our own steam we cannot do this on our own strength and Christ is warning Peter here and he said I tell you Peter the the call the the the shall not crow this day before you have denied me not once not twice but three times open this top finally crows Peter will have betrayed Christ not once not twice but three times and so this is this is this is really all about and not yielding to temptation and he

said unto them when he said unto them and he said unto them when I sent you without purse or scrip or shoes did you lack anything and they said nothing and they said unto them but now he that has a purse let him take it it says just the situation has totally changed and and likewise his scrip and he that has no sword let him sell His garment and buy one for I say unto you that this is that that this that is written must yet be accomplished in me and he was reckoned among the transgressors for the things concerning me have an end so all of this this whole situation has changed now Satan is going to have the upper hand the people are not going to be welcoming of the disciples of Christ and they said Lord behold here are two swords and he said unto them it is enough and he came out and went and as he went to the Mount of Olives and his disciples followed him this is verse 39 and when he was at the place he said unto them pray that you enter not into temptation and you know I struggled with this what does this mean pray that you don't enter into temptation what if the temptation is it sexual sin is it greed what's the temptation he says to pray that you don't enter into temptation and he said unto them and so we know from verse 11 he taught them how to pray and and it says in verse verse 4 half there lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil so we need to be delivered from evil and he says here that this is all about the father giving us in verse 13 is about the father giving us the Holy Spirit that's what we're praying for and in verse 4 of chapter 12 he warned them that do not be afraid of them that can kill the body and after that have no

more that they can do so they are facing a great evil and Christ is telling them don't be afraid that they're gonna come to kill you but don't be afraid because that's all they can do and as I said to you who

you who whoever shall confess me before men him shall the son of man confess before the angels of God so that the will of God is that Christ be confessed that is what that is what God wants he wants Christ confessed and that might cost us our lives but we must confess Christ and whoever we're confessing Christ too doesn't want to hear Christ they are the seed of the of Satan they're the seed of the serpent and there's enmity between the Serpent and the seed of the woman and so we're not looking at the expressions of happiness and joy in order to say oh is this the right time to preach the gospel it doesn't matter what the expression is what the reaction is we must preach Christ and if we do this and do it faithfully he will confess us before the angels of God but if we are fearful and we deny Christ because you know they don't look very happy and in fact they look very evil and they have done a lot of damage to people I think I'll back down and I would rather deny Christ before these evil men in order to preserve my life well that's a choice that we would make and this is the temptation this is the temptation that we have to pray against this is the evil that we must be delivered from we must be people who do God's will so he says to to a disciple pray that you enter not into temptation it's not that we're not going to face horrible situations in fact they were all going to be martyred so they're all going to face horrible situations but

all of them were martyred faithfully in the faith and the temptation is not to yield to Satan and give up the faith so we must pray not to enter into the temptation to deny Christ we must be filled with the holy spirit so that the truth is the

truth and I don't care what you want to do to me Jesus Christ is Lord and he is establishing his kingdom on this earth forever and that's good news and so he that denies me before men shall be denied before the angels of God this is what we have to get into our heads this is the message that that there's enmity between the seed of the woman which is Christ and the seed of the devil which are evil men there's there's great hostility here it's a war it's a war that's been going on for thousands of years and we've been recruited into this war we we cannot do this on our own strength so we have to pray not to enter into temptation which is the temptation that Adam yielded to that Adam gave himself over to the devil we must not be like Adam we must be like the second Adam who just he went to Jerusalem on a mission so that he could usher in this kingdom the kingdom has to be so real to us we are on a mission and we are going to usher in this kingdom with Christ and if it costs to server our lives we have to die anyway they said this is nada there's nothing permanent about this life and so what an honor if we can die in service to Christ and so in chapter 21 though where we just were before he comes into this chapter he says to them after giving them the prophecies of what's going to take place and how terrible it's going to be how Satan is gonna have the upper hand he says in your patience possess

your souls and so this is Holy Spirit patience and certainly when we think of patience we think of job and I heard this scripture quoted by pastor bill Watson yesterday in he's doing Romans 5 up to Romans 5 and he spoke of job and certainly when we think of the patience of any man you would think of the patience of Job and job says but he knows the way that I take he no job says he knows the way that I take when he has tried me I shall come forth as gold Jobe knows like he's gonna try me I'm gonna come forth golde and this is this is what it means that we pray that we enter not into temptation that when the fire comes the gold is purified and it comes out better than it was before it went into the fire and so this is what we're praying for my foot has held his steps his way have I kept and not declined neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips so job was living by every word of God I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food and this this really captures the attitude that the Holy Spirit will give us if we pray for it and that's what Christ was teaching his disciples pray that you enter not into temptation pray that you're delivered from evil and it's not pray that oh nothing bad befalls me pray that you know we can just have blessing after blessing after blessing and never have to worry that's not what he's saying he's saying pray that to remain faithful and so now he demonstrates the very thing that he was counseling them on and he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast and kneeled down and prayed so he also has to pray not to enter into temptation saying father if

you'd be willing remove this cup from me nevertheless not my will but yours be done I'm gonna live by every word of God and then we have if this is the only way we can redeem Israel then this is the only way we can redeem Israel and so so Christ does not want to suffer the way he's about to suffer but he's willing to do it to accomplish God's plan and and now as a result of that prayer there appeared an angel unto him from heaven strengthening him and he prayed that Peter would be strengthened and he's telling us we have to pray we have to be praying people and so we have to face the evil but then we need to pray to be stronger than the evil a lot of people think I don't want to dwell on bad news I don't want to dwell on these things we have to dwell on them Christ gives us a whole book of Revelation for us to dwell on these things

but they're not negative this is just this is the war that has what that was launched from prehistory and we've been born into it

and we have taken the Lord side and we need to understand what that entails and being in agony he prayed more earnestly and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground so if Christ had to pray to get through this without yielding to temptation we certainly should follow our Lord and when he rose up from prayer and was coming to his disciples he found them sleeping for sorrow and said unto them why are you sleeping rise and pray rise and pray lest you enter into temptation Christ sees the danger

we were just in Luke 21 and he just outlined for them line by line the danger they were facing and this danger has eternal consequences and he's

telling them to pray and he himself prays so that he can be strengthened and he's telling them to pray so that they do not enter into temptation but they were sleeping and so we again this this temptation it's not just any old trial because James says my brethren count it all joy when you fall into different temptations knowing this that the trying of your faith works patience in our patients we possess ourselves in other words we stay alive we we inherit eternal life through patience and patience comes from understanding the Word of God and the will of God and no matter what evil men do they cannot overcome the will of God and so he that kills with the sword shall die by the sword

and so in our patience we possess our souls but let patience have her perfect work that you may be perfect and entire wanting nothing so James is saying count all joy when you fall into temptation and Christ is saying pray that you don't enter into temptation so this temptation that Christ is

so this temptation that Christ is talking about is is different and it's the temptation to end up like Judas it's the temptation to end up like Adam it's the temptation to reject God and follow Satan

we cannot fall into that temptation but that's our nature that's our nature and so we have to pray for the Holy Spirit to overcome this nature of nature and develop patience and we have to pray for each other we pray for each other in Luke chapter 11 it was very clear the way God explained how to pray that we're praying for others to receive the Holy Spirit yes and in Timothy and all that will live godly in christ shall suffer persecution but evil men and seducers

shall wax worse and worse do you want a forecast of the future do you think bad things are bad now let me tell you on the authority of Scripture they're going to be worse much worse when in the Bible when God said you know now every imagination of their their heart they will do we have to stop them we have to interrupt them well now they're not interrupted anymore now Satan has a green light and the seed of Satan has a green light and these imaginations just get worse and worse and that's the future and all that desire to live godly in christ will suffer persecution those who are going to reject christ they can escape this persecution but you continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of that's where the patience comes from we've learned the scripture and we've been assured of it knowing of whom we have learned them we have learned them from the Lord Himself and we trust his word and so we're good we're patient and so again just back to Luke 21 he says watch you therefore and again people say oh you know don't dwell on negative things we need to dwell on negative things these things are coming here very soon disturbin a ssin of christians that's the topic of tonight's byline now there are some stories emerging from the Middle East as of late but one particular story seems to be getting glossed over by the mainstream media what's that talking about an entire civilization is being stomped at the Middle East Christians are being persecuted on mass and the silence in the media and the West more generally you know three years ago I told one of my congregations that Isis they were in the middle of Iraq this ragtag small

little team of varsity team is Barack Obama referred to them I told her my congregation

Isis is coming here and it sounded ridiculous at the time and now they're here

not only are they're here they're a protected class they're a protected group of people and they're able to come here without any loyalty to our values so we bombed them over there and create hostility toward the west over there and then we bring them over here with all of that hostility and they're here and all who desire to live godly in christ shall suffer persecution but Christ says watch he says to watch so the advice that we should not dwell on the negative is the opposite of what Christ says he says watch that means you're paying attention watch therefore but what do we do do we get depressed no we pray always that we may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass and to stand before the Son of man that's the key that we escape it's not that we nothing happens to us although all the Apostles were slaughtered it's that we escape what Satan wants for us which is to renounce Christ to deny Christ we're going to escape all these all of these temptations to deny Christ so that we can stand before him and again we saw that earlier that we have to be willing to confess Christ before men I think it's oh it's a 30 now I think what I'll do is I'll stop here and then we'll continue this because it's tied oh no point rushing this is really really critical now that we understand our Lord's words and so we must pray this is a supernatural strength that's required that we do not enter into the temptation to deny Christ

god bless Jesus Christ is Lord he's established his kingdom it's all gonna be happening very very soon and when this kingdom comes it's forever God willing we'll see you next week and hopefully we'll talk to you on the