

42-Luke-Pt27-Transcript

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welcome to Wednesday night Bible study and this week we are going to cover the crucifixion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ this is really the pivotal moment in history and we started with Christ's ministry back in Luke 4 where he began in Galilee and we've been tracing his footsteps all the way to Jerusalem and he has been determined to face the full brunt of evil in Jerusalem and that's what we're going to see this evening let's say a quick prayer and get right into the study and the understanding of what Christ's crucifixion means Heavenly Father we pause before our study is certainly a very weighty study that we have this evening as we study the recorded words of Luke regarding the crucifixion of your son and our Savior Jesus Christ we thank you so much Father for your love and his love toward us and we just pray that you'll open our hearts and open our minds to understand the depth and the richness of your love we thank you Father and we ask your blessing now in Jesus Holy Name Amen so we didn't quite finish a Luke chapter 22 last time and that's all context for what we're going to cover this evening so we'll just finish off with Luke 22 but just before again I just want to remind you we covered genesis 3:15 last week as well and I just want to repeat it again here that this is really what this is all about Christ was slain from the foundation of the world and when when God sentenced Satan the serpent he said in genesis 3:15 that he will put enmity or hostility between the Serpent and Eve and between the serpent seed those that

are infected by the The Devil's nature and the woman's seed which is Christ and it shall bruise your head and you shall bruise his heel so there will be a fatal blow this will be a fatal blow to the serpent but not without consequence there is going to be a blow to the body of Christ but certainly this is how or it is prophesied from Adam that Christ would crush the serpent so with that as context let's get into it and and you know from from the beginning Christ has been marching to Jerusalem for this crucifixion and we'll see next week that he makes it very clear to his disciples that all of the prophets and all of the Scriptures point to this moment and so we pick up then in Luke 22 verse 47 where we left off last week while he yet spoke a multi-holder multitude and he that was called Judas so there's this multitude and and with them Judas one of the twelve so so Luke is like Wow one of the twelve was was with the seed of Satan they went before them and drew near unto Jerusalem to kiss him but Jesus said unto him Judas do you betray the Son of man with a kiss and so this is unbelievable and and Luke is making it very clear that this is the the epitome of betrayal but Matthew makes it clear to us that it doesn't end here this this hostility between the seed of Satan and Christ doesn't end with the crucifixion of Christ because with the crucifixion of Christ comes his resurrection comes his ascent to heaven and comes the Holy Spirit coming down to earth to establish the church his body and that enmity that we were gonna read here that's against Christ it's still there the Satan is still at large and and that enmity is against Christ body and so

Matthew tells us that not only will we have this betrayal of Judas and Christ but many Christians followers of Christ will be offended they're they're gonna be shocked they're gonna panic they didn't quite understand what they had signed up for when they said I'm a Christian when they were baptized in the watery grave and they came up and released the old man they didn't fully understand what the expectation was and so they're going to become offended in Christ and as a result of that offense they're going to betray one another they're going to betray the body of Christ and again this is part of that bruising of the heel bruising of the body of Christ in the end time they shall betray one another and even hate one another that's what's coming and so we need to be very very careful and check ourselves and make sure that we are not hating the body of Christ we're not developing attitudes that are seeping into us of hostility towards Christ's body because we know where that comes from and it's prophesied that this virus of hatred and hostility and enmity is going to overtake the church continuing in Luke 22 when they which were about him saw what would follow they said unto Him Lord shall we smite with the sword so they saw now wow the game's up we're in trouble do we need to to battle them and do we need to defend you and one of them smote the servant of the high priest and cut off his right here he was probably trying to kill him but the the servant managed to shift himself in time and just lost an ear and Jesus answered and said suffer ye thus far when we look at the Greek mind my preferred translation of this is in the King James the the old

King James this is the new King James actually since King James I think the new King James says are primitive in this

so that that's better rendering or more faithful to the text that Christ is saying even allow this all of this is necessary and he touched his ear and healed him so Christ did not have this enmity toward his enemies that his enemies had toward him then Jesus said to the chief priests and captains of the temple and the elders which were come to him so he has a question for them and that is he says be you come out as against the thief with swords and staves when I was daily with you in the temple you stretched forth no hands against me so Christ is saying I wasn't hiding I talk openly why didn't you come openly but remember last week they they paid Judas to find an opportunity when he was away from the crowds when they could take take him and so he was with them daily in the temple and his you stretched nose forth no hands against me but this is your hour and the power of darkness and this is something that we as Christians need to understand that the evil of Satan's empire is given its hour and it's a necessary part of God's plan those who are filthy let them be filthy still those who are immoral let them be immoral still because Satan's Empire needs to come to its climax and those who choose to follow the devil need to be fully revealed so that when they stand before Christ there without excuse and and this is a great opportunity for us to show the faithfulness that God was looking for in Adam way back in the Garden of Eden when he put the two trees in front of him and said choose I'm gonna bless you and

bless you and bless you will you love me
or will you turn your back on me and God
has blessed us and blessed us and
blessed us and it's the same question
will we return that love even though you
know we were sinners and we were enemies
of Christ and he loved us and showered
blessings upon us will we voluntarily
spontaneously
and and thoughtfully returned that love
or will we turn our back on him so this
is the power of darkness and this is
this is how Christ crushes Satan's
Empire not with like force not with like
hostility but with this great commitment
and agape love covenant love that he has
for his bride Israel and so it's because
of this deep love that he has that he
remains true and faithful and and hizzle
allows all of this evil to come upon him
without any retaliation and so as Satan
throws his worst the best comes out of
Christ and we as Christians must follow
suit as Satan throws his worst the best
must come out of us and this is how this
series of beasts Empire Satanic empires
ultimately gets crushed not with like
force but rather with love then they
took him and led him and brought him
into the high priests house and Peter
followed afar off so he didn't want to
be too close to you want to make sure he
knew what was happening and when they
had kindled a fire in the midst of the
hall they were set down together and
then Peter sat down among them so again
he wants to just make sure he's aware of
what's happening but a certain made
beheld him as he sat by the fire and
earnestly looked upon him so you know
you have that feeling like you look at
somebody and you think I know this
person I've seen them before but you're
not sure where where you've seen them

and so you just kind of work your mind
work your brain you're trying to figure
out where do I know this person from and
then it dawns on her she earnestly
looked upon him and she said this man
was also with him and he denied saying
woman I know him not what are you
talking about this is the worst kind of
death that somebody can suffer and Peter
certainly doesn't want to suffer this
type of death he doesn't want to be
associated with this perceived criminal
and after a little while another saw him
and said you are also of them you're
part of this company and Peter said man
I am NOT that's the second denial now
which is really a betrayal and about the
space of one hour after another
confidently affirmed saying of a truth
this fellow also was with him for he is
a Galilean so they could tell by his
accent even while he's denying and
saying I don't know the matter he's
speaking with an accent that tells them
he's from Galilee and and Christ's
ministry began in Galilee and then
there's this group of people of his
disciples that followed him all the way
from Galilee all the way through Samaria
all the way to Jerusalem and so the fact
that there's a Galilean in Jerusalem
he's saying yet for sure you're with
this company so all the facts are
speaking against Peter and Peter said
man I know not what you say and
immediately a crew so so this is
exactly what Christ warned him that
before the crows you will deny me
three times he says Peter Peter said man
I know what you say and immediately
while he spoke the crowd and the
Lord turned and looked upon Peter you
can imagine how painful that would have
been for Christ that this is his close

companion this is somebody who said I'll die for you and Christ knew he's human and he cannot be trusted human beings cannot be trusted jeremiah says cursed is the man that puts his trust in man and god certainly understood the heart of man and the weakness the cowardice of men and immediately what while he had spoke the crowd crew and the law turned and looked upon Peter and Peter remembered the word of the Lord how he had said unto him so that wasn't in his mind he was just in survival mode and then the way Christ looked at him he then realized this is exactly what Christ even while he had was full of this bravado Christ said to him he remembered how that he said unto him before the crow you will deny me three times and Peter went out and wept bitterly and I think this shows you that his heart really was with Christ he really respected Christ he loved Christ he wanted to do his best for Christ and this human weakness just overtook him and these scriptures are here for a reason these scriptures are here for a reason I like to think of the Scriptures as as time-released capsules that you know they don't matter until they matter and and there are many of us were human we yes we have the Holy Spirit but we're human and that's why Christ keeps telling us over and over and over again watch and pray watch and pray ask the Father for more of the Holy Spirit because humanly we're gonna be just like Peter and the same way Peter betrayed Christ is the same way many shall betray one another so that's what's coming that's our future this is what's written Christ knows the heart of human beings and if we're not taking

this calling seriously we will be among the betrayers if we are developing cowardice rather than courage we will be among the betrayers and so we're gonna look at this and realize wow we cannot do this without the Holy Spirit so now remember in Luke 13 Christ explained that the kingdom of God is like a grain of mustard seed which a man took and cast into his garden and it grew and it wax great a great tree and the fowls of the air lodged in the branches of it so this is the mustard seed that you know he had 13 men 12 disciples and himself 13 and not one of them could be relied upon

one was an outright devil and the others were weak even his strongest disciple with the most bravado betrayed him only he was left and so this the kingdom of God starts from this most smallest of beginnings the mustard seed and from here it Springs and it's going to overtake the whole earth in fact the whole universe and this is the mustard seed and the men that held Jesus mocked him and struck him and when they had blindfolded him they struck him on the face so it's really funny he's the one that actually sees and they're the ones who are blind but they're mocking him and striking him and blindfolded him and asked him saying prophesy who is it that that struck you so he's a prophet they're laughing now who so which one of us struck you and and many other things blasphemy blasphemously spoke they against him and you get the sense from Luke's professionalism here that they were too egregious to write down so at no point writing this down he just wants us to know they were very blasphemous the things that they were saying and as soon as it was day the elders of the

people and the chief priests and scribes came together and led him into their council saying are you the Christ tell us so they wanted to know like just tell us now are you the Messiah and he said unto them if I tell you you will not believe so what's the point in telling you you're not gonna believe it and if I also ask you you will not answer me nor let me go so what's the point in talking to you however and now he declares his victory hereafter shall the Son of Man sit on the right hand of the power of God wow he is really making it clear who he is so I don't there's no point in us talking however I am moments away from sitting on the right hand of the power of the god of the universe then said they all are you then the Son of God so if I understood exactly what he was saying are you saying then that you're the son of God and he said them to them you say that I am so he's not answering them he's not giving them an answer and but but you say that I am you just said it and they said what need we any further witness for we ourselves have heard of his own mouth and you know sometimes people are not sure if Jesus is God and so here he tells them very plainly they understood he's saying he's the son of God and that in their eyes and ears was blasphemy they didn't need to hear anything else now they have a legitimate charge against him he is a blasphemer calling himself the son of God and the whole multitude of them arose and led him unto Pilate and they began to accuse him saying we found this fellow perverting the nation and forbidding to give tribute to Caesar saying that he himself is Christ a king now that's a big deal

Rome was a money-grabbing machine the saying all roads lead to Rome as they conquered different empires and different lands they put in the infrastructure so that the money could flow back to Rome not realizing that they were actually putting in the infrastructure so that a citizen named Paul would be able to preach the gospel all over the Roman Empire however Rome was a money-making machine and you did not mess with your taxes or your tribute and so this is a vent what they're trying to do now they they have him up for blasphemy saying he's the son of God they want Rome now to do the crucifixion they want Rome to destroy him but they have to give a legitimate reason why and so the legitimate reason is that he is forbidden Pete or interfering with people to pay their taxes saying that he is a king so this like they are really setting him up for the wrath of the Roman Empire and it came to pass oh so he's notice that it's say here that he was perverting the nation that's the same accusation that they said of Elijah and it came to pass it in first Kings 18 that when Ahab saw Elijah that 1/2 7 to him are you he that troubles the nation are you he that troubles Israel and so this is this is it they're the ones who are the perverts of the nation but they cast they project their sin onto the the prophets of God and so don't be surprised if you as a Christian or we as Christians are going to be accused of perverting the nation the very thing that they're guilty of is what they'll project on to us and again we see that Luke writes of this in acts 17 and when they found them not they drew Jason they couldn't find the disciples they drew Jason and certain

brethren unto the rulers of the city
crying these that have turned the world
upside down have come here also so it is
the same it is the same problem that
they're having with large people and
just because my scripture just uh lost
me there here it comes

okay so you see the same accusation so
this is consistent this is how the seed
of Satan behaves don't be surprised if
we are charged with the same accusation
then Pilate asked him saying are you the
King of the Jews any incident said you
just said it so Christ is not saying
what he's saying he's just telling them
what they're saying and it's very
important that he's not giving them any
reason to crucify him even though that's
what they're gonna do because it's
important that it is completely without
justification then said Pilate unto the
chief priests and to the people I find
no fault with this man so he's like I
don't see a problem here
and they were the more fierce so the
more he said that he does not see a
problem that that just really turned him
upside down so he says you know I just
don't see a problem here

I find no fault with this man again he's
the lamb that is without blemish he's
being examined the Passover lamb had to
be examined and found without fault
Christ is being examined and and there's
no fault but they were the more fair
saying he stirs up the people so there
has to be this accusation so they're
gonna accuse him of stirring up the
people and again don't be surprised if
we are accused of this teaching
throughout all jewelry beginning from
Galilee to this place so remember his
his ministry began in Luke 4 and he's
been steadily making his way to

Jerusalem teaching all the way along the way and they're they're very cognizant of this the teaching throughout all jewelry beginning from Galilee to this place and notice again he was focused on the Covenant people when Pilate heard of Galilee he asked whether the man was a Galilean and as soon as he knew that he belonged to Herod's jurisdiction so Herod was over Galilee he sent him to Herod who himself also was at Jerusalem at that time so so here what he's doing is Herod would have more familiarity with the Jewish customs and so now he's gonna send him to Herod to say what do you think give me your advice give me your your counsel on this and when Herod saw Jesus he was exceptionally exceedingly glad for he was really desiring to see him for a long time and remember we saw that back in Luke I think it was around 13 or 14 when he was he wanted to see he had beheaded John the Baptist but he wanted to see Jesus cuz he heard of the miracles but because he had heard many things of him and he had hoped to have seen some miracle done by him so he just wants to see a sign that hey I hear that you're doing miracles entertain me not really understanding the import of miracles then he questioned him with many words of Christ answered him nothing and again this is very critical that that Christ does not give them a leg to stand on he doesn't give them any support for what they want to do they have to do it out of the evil out of their own heart of course he's not giving them anything to hold on to so he did not answer him anything and also he's not submitting to Herod Herod is this great ruler he's he's over this Herodian jurisdiction and

Christ is not submitting to him he's not answering him and the chief priests and scribes stood and vehemently accused him they were really really upset with Christ so they didn't just accuse him they vehemently accused him they want this man out and it's funny how this irrational nature can just overtake people in fact our pastor Marie gave a wonderful sermon on the past Sabbath about the irrational nature of Satan and how that irrational nature it's no wonder if his rulers and his seed are irrational because they're there they're infected by him and Herod with his men of war set him at nothing and mocked him and arrayed him in a gorgeous robe so they were just making a fool of him while you're a king and then sent him again to Pilate so you know maybe this putting him in a role is sending a message to Pilate we don't take this guy seriously he's a joker and so he sends him back to Pilate and the same day Pilate and Herod were made friends together four before they were at enmity between themselves and so that's another very important scripture it's the others this enmity between the seed of Satan and the seed of Eve and there's so much enmity that even if the seed of Satan has enmity between each other they'll join forces when it comes to Christ and certainly we can look around our society our world today globally and see that those who hate Christ join forces and even though they hate each other and eventually they'll destroy each other they're happy to join forces because their hatred for Christ is much greater and Pilate when he had called together the chief priests and the rulers of the people the rulers and the people said unto them you have brought this man unto

him as one that perverts the people and
behold I have examined him before you so
so pilots looking for the facts so he
examined him he sent him to Herod you
you have Herod you have more familiarity
with what's going on in Galilee and
you're more familiar with the Jewish
customs tell me what you think
Herod sends him back with a purple robe
basically saying this guy's a joke don't
take him don't take there's nothing
serious here

so Pilate saying look you I have
examined him and you say he's perverting
people but I've examined him before you
and I find no fault in this man touching
those things where have you accused him
no nor yet Herod for I sent you to him
and lo nothing worthy of death is done
to him

so the pilot looked at him he sent him
to Herod II looked at him again there's
no fault here I will therefore chastise
him because that's what I can do and
then I'm gonna release him for of
necessity Luke writes parenthetically he
must release one of them at the feast so
it's the time of the feast of unleavened
bread and seems like this was a custom
that they would release a prisoner at
this time and they cried out all at once
saying away with this man and release
unto us Barabbas so they didn't care so
pilots examined him

Herod examined him but they did not care
there was no fault found in him and
these are pretty evil men but the he
full of these scribes and Pharisees is
greater than the evil of these rulers so
he's gonna wants to release him but they
cried out all at once all together now
saying away with this man
and release unto espera bus who for a
certain sedition made in the city and

for murder so he was aid he was
treasonous and he was a murderer that's
why he was in prison Pilate therefore
willing to release Jesus

so Pilate really didn't see any issue
with Jesus spoke again to them he's
trying to say come on guys but they
cried saying crucify him crucify him so
they just did not want him released at
all

and again this irrational nature it just
overtakes them and he said unto them the
third time

Why What evil has he done I have found
no cause of death in him so Pilate was
quite willing to just scourge him and
let him go and he just couldn't
understand this hatred I will therefore
chastise him and let him go and they
were instant with loud voices requiring
that he might be crucified so they can't
put him to death only Romans can do this
so they really need Pilate to do this
and the voices of them and of the chief
priests prevailed and pilots also chief
they finally got their way and Pilate
gave sentence that it should be as they
required so they were just so frothing
at the mouth and wild that in order to
sort of ensure that he doesn't have a
riot on his hands he's like okay let's
do this

and he released unto them him that force
sedition and murder this is amazing they
would rather a traitor and a murderer
this is why he definite criminal whom
they had desired but he delivered Jesus
to their will and as they led him away
they laid hold

upon one Simon a Cyrenian coming out of
the country and on him they laid the
cross that he might bear it after Jesus
and they followed him a great company of
people and of women which also be wailed

and lamented him so they were really really sorry that that it had come to this they they they believed in him they knew he was a true rabbi they believed that he was a prophet of God they even believed he was the Messiah and now look look what's happened and so they be wailed and lament at him Jesus was not focused on himself he turned to them and said daughters of Jerusalem weep not for me but weep for yourselves and for your children he could see what was coming and you know sometimes people just cannot see what is coming they see they see what's immediately in front of them and that's it they're blind to the future but Christ could see the future he understood the powers of darkness that he was up against and he was determined to defeat these powers of darkness but he understood there's a period of time between him crushing the head of the serpent and actually assuring in his kingdom and so in that period of time the serpent is gonna be going wild he is going to be unleashing his full force and so he says to them don't weep for me weep for yourselves and for your children for behold the days are coming into which they shall say blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bare and the paps which never gave suck so so this is quite a reversal if somebody is barren normally people would think that something is terribly wrong certainly when the nations or the people of Israel were established and Rachel couldn't have children and there was all this you know Sarah was with Barron and so there's so much concern Rebecca was barren so much concern over the Baron wound Christ is saying the days are coming when the barren moon will be a blessing

it'll be an awful thing to have brought children into the world when the full brunt of evil is unleashed then shall they begin to say to the mountains fall on us and to the hills cover us for if they do these things in a green tree what shall be done in the dry so Christ is saying I am the green tree so I am without fault there is no reason to to destroy me and people don't cut down green trees for firewood but if they will cut down the green tree for firewood

how will they treat the dry tree that is actually ripe and appropriate for the fire and so here we are we are we are with fault so if they treat somebody without any fault this way

how will Satan treat those of us who are actually with fault and there were also two other criminals so there were two other criminals with him led with him to be put to death and when they would come to the place which is called Calvary there they crucified him so right there at Calvary is where he was crucified and the criminals one on the right-hand and one on the left then said to Jesus then said Jesus Father forgive them for they know not what they do so Christ was very careful not to answer their questions he had to let this thing play out he is not hostile toward them in fact he is there to save them they don't know it yet but they will and he simply prays forgive them they have no idea that they're blinded by the devil they have no idea what they're doing

and they parted his raiment his clothing and they cast lots and in doing that they fulfilled the prophecy that David wrote in Psalm 22 for dogs have surrounded me the Assembly of the wicked have inclosed me they pierced my hands

and my feet Christ's crucifixion was prophesied from the foundation of the world and here David is prophesying of Christ's crucifixion they pierced my hands and my feet I may tell all my bones they look and stare upon me and so certainly Christ would have been scourged and that flesh would have been torn and he would have been his bones would have been visible now here's here's the prophecy they part my garments among them and cast lots upon my vesture and that then Luke writes in such a way that we know we know what to go back though certainly if they were familiar with him they would have been very familiar with the scriptures they would have had them memorized they would know to go back to Psalm 22 but be not you far from me O Lord my strength hasten you to help me now when Stephen the first Christian martyr after Christ when he was martyred he had he learned from Christ he kneeled down and cried with a loud voice Lord lay not this sin to their charge and when he said this he fell asleep he died and so this really should inform us and how we should see those around us those around us who are full of such hate and hostility they are blinded by the devil and so rather than return hate for hate we need to realize that we wrestle not with flesh and blood and when we see this hatred in human beings we realize they are not the source of this hatred it comes from the serpent it comes from the devil they can't help themselves and the people stood beholding and the rulers also with them derided him saying he saved others let him save himself if he'd be the Messiah the chosen of God and the soldiers also mocked him

coming to him and offering him vinegar and saying if you be the King of the Jews save yourself sounds very similar to what happened in Luke 4 when Satan was saying to him if you be the Son of God then do these things and so they are informed or they are animated or or or inspired by the same devil and he is really speaking through them and remember he was drew himself until an opportune time and so now he's back and he's back with a vengeance and but not realizing that all of this Christ Christ is not surprised by this nor should we be surprised by what is coming in the future

because Christ told his disciples this is what's gonna happen and he tells us this is what's gonna happen so here in Luke 18 remember he said to them for the Son of man shall be delivered on to the Gentiles so he knew this I'm gonna be delivered into the Gentiles and I will be mocked and spitefully entreated and spit on so Christ knew ahead of time this this is what I'm having into and he was resolute he was determined to go through with this and so while all of this was happening he could remain silent trusting God because he knew ahead of time this is exactly how it's how the hatred of Satan is going to manifest itself and in Luke 9 he said to them the Son of man must suffer many things and be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes can you believe it the religious rulers the religious government of the day Christ told his disciples I have to be rejected by them because they are in collusion with the devil they are part of the devil's Empire and so then all of this has to play out and then I must be slain and be raised again the third

so Christ is just determined and he's looking ahead and he's teaching us what it means to be Christian that we must follow him and we must look ahead too many Christians are so caught up with this life that this is not true Christianity true Christianity is once we were baptized we've given ourselves over to God to do his will and we are focused on the resurrection our whole vision and determination is on the resurrection and a superscription also was written over him in letters of Greek and Latin and Hebrew this is the King of the Jews and one of the criminals which were hanged railed on him saying if you be the Christ again the same language of Luke 4 he's railing on him almost in an accusatory way if you be the Son if you be the Christ the Messiah save yourself and us but the other answering rebuked him saying do don't you fear God seeing you are in the same condemnation and we indeed so Luke just keeps writing over and over he wants us not to miss this that Jesus Christ is completely innocent we have to get this so now even these criminals are saying or this criminal is saying it when we indeed justly for we receive the due reward of our deeds but this man has done nothing amiss and he said unto Jesus Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom so so he understood that Jesus Christ is indeed the king of Israel and the king of the world and he believed in the kingdom of God and so he turns to Jesus and he says remember me I believe you are definitely the Messiah and when you come into your kingdom please remember me so you know he's been observing all of this and he believed Christ and verse 43 and Jesus said to him truly I say unto you today you shall be with me in paradise and I

think this is one of those scriptures
that you know would fall into the
category of most misunderstood
scriptures so many people believe that
as soon as this thief
this criminal died on the cross that
boom he went straight to heaven because
of what Christ said here but but Christ
didn't say today you'll be with me in
paradise in fact today Christ is gonna
die and he needs to be in the grave for
three days and three nights before he's
resurrected so it would be impossible
for this man to be with Christ today and
so what is he saying here well we would
need to understand the resurrections
that there's a there's a resurrection
when Christ returns and then a thousand
years later after the Millennium there's
another resurrection and so there's
going to be a thousand years of building
the human beings building this beautiful
paradise on earth and at the end of this
thousand years of building paradise on
earth
this thief will be resurrected and so
really what we should say that comma
that says I say unto you , it would be
better because there's no comma in the
Greek verily I say unto you today this
one saying to you today you shall be
with me in paradise
and so this man is gonna go to sleep and
I don't know if you've ever had an
experience where you've fallen you and
you fear you've you've fallen asleep
maybe your alarm went off and you woke
up and you thought oh just I'll just
rest another five minutes and you fall
asleep again and an hour goes by and you
wake up and you can't believe the time
what happened well that's what death is
like that when people die this the
Scriptures make it clearer there's no

consciousness in death the dead are dead and they have no consciousness so the next moment it doesn't matter if a day went by or if thousands of years went by to them they have no idea that they were out for so long and so Christ says when you wake up you'll be with me in paradise so the kingdom of God will be on earth for a thousand years and he's gonna wake up in this millennial environment and so I don't I don't have time to fully explain this in terms of understanding the holy days but if you're not familiar with this if you go to our website CGI'd org and just type in the search engine God's seasonal plan and the very first hit that will come up is that just a wonderful article or online booklet actually it's an article long article or booklet on God's seasonal plan what these holy days mean and so there's a reason why Jesus Christ went out of his way to ensure that he was in Jerusalem for the Passover and that he was crucified on Passover and so people don't understand when they say you know Christ was in the grave for three days and three nights and they think that he was crucified right before the weekly Sabbath Friday night and then he came he was resurrected on Sunday and that's hardly three days and three nights it's because they don't understand that that holy day that he was the Sabbath that he was crucified right before was an annual Sabbath it was the first day of unleavened bread and so if you if you write for this article or sorry go go to the website CGI org and type God's seasonal plan in the search engine it will explain what these holy days mean what what the meaning is but but if you understand this then it all makes sense

when he says he'll be the only sign that will be given to this generation is the sign of the prophet Jonah that as Jonah was in the belly of the the whale for three days and three nights so will the Son of Man be in the earth for three days in the grave for three days and three nights and so again I died it's not my purpose to go through all of this today but if you're not familiar with these holy days you really need to understand them they are God's holy days and this article God's seasonal plan go to CGI org and just type God's seasonal plan in the search engine and it will just make this very very clear and it was about the sixth hour and there was darkness all over the earth until the ninth hour so first three hours there's just this darkness and as Christ said this is the pot this is your hour and the power of darkness and so certainly symbolizing the apparent victory of the Evil One and the Sun was darkened and the veil of the temple was torn in the middle and that veil we see it in Exodus when when Moses was given instructions as to how to design the tabernacle and there was this veil that separated the Holy of Holies and you'll see that in verse 33 and you shall hang up the veil under the ashes and you that you may bring in there within the veil the Ark of the testimony and the veil shall divide unto you between the holy place and the most holy and so the the high priest would only go into the most holy place once a year on the Day of Atonement and and Paul writes of this in Hebrews where he talks about again this this veil and this holy place and Christ then when he is resurrected that Tabernacle that Moses was that designed on earth and the temple that

Solomon designed on earth or David designed that was a replica of the tabernacle in heaven and when Christ was crucified he went up into the heavens and presented his sacrificial blood in the Holy of Holies to God the Father continuing in Luke 23 and verse 46 and when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice he said father into your hands I commend my spirit and having said this he gave up the spirit again this is fulfilling the prophecy of David in Psalm 31 verse 5 into your hand I commit my spirit and you have redeemed me O Lord God of truth this is how Christ defeats all of the empires and kingdoms of the devil in this very moment it's how he redeems Israel it's how he redeems all mankind it's how he redeems Eve the mother of all living and here in Romans 5 pastor Watson covered this last week he's up to Romans 6 now yesterday studied but for as by one man's disobedience that was Adam many were made sinners so Adam was ejected from the garden and all of human beings since then we were all sinful we have Satan's nature so in the same way that Adam introduced evil to mankind so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous and so this is the second Adam and through his commitment to living by every word of God and now opening up the way for our redemption through him many will be made righteous now when the Centurion saw what was done he glorified God saying certainly this was a righteous man they just it was just so clear to those who are evil they were just beside themselves that he has to be killed but for those who could see who are not infected by the devil they could see wow this truly was a righteous man

and all the people that came together to that site beholding the things which were done smote their breasts and returned and all his acquaintances and the women that followed him from Galilee stood afar off beholding these things so there were people there disciples even women all the way from Galilee were with him all the way to Jerusalem and now with all of this they're standing afar off watching all of this and that is fulfilling a prophecy in Psalm 38 where David says those that love me and my friends stand aloof from my sore and my kinsmen stand afar off and so again this is this mustard seed Christ is truly alone as he overcomes the devil's Empire and begins to usher in the kingdom of God now these women that followed him from Galilee remember when we were in Luke 8 I had made mention of this that it came to pass after words that he went through every city and village preaching showing the good news of the kingdom of God and the twelve were with him and certain women which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities Mary called Magdalene out of whom went seven devils and Joanna the wife of Chuza Herod's steward and Susanna and many others which ministered unto him of their substance so they supported him and they followed him from Galilee all the way down to Jerusalem but even even though there were these loyal people so it says here all his acquaintances and the women even that followed him from Galilee these are very very loyal people they were with him all the way even they stood afar off beholding these things continue in verse 50 and behold there was a man named Joseph a counselor and he was a good man and adjust the same had not consented to the counsel and

deed of them he was of Arimathea a city of the Jews who also himself waited for the kingdom of God so he's a very faithful man he's not with these evil men this man went unto Pilate and begged the body of Jesus so it's very important to him that he take the body and bury it properly and he took it down and wrapped it in linen and laid it in a Sepulchre that was hewn in stone where in never man before was late so this is a very special man deserves very special treatment and so he looked after all of this and and it was very important to him that Christ receive a proper burial because that was very important to the Jews if somebody was just left in the street that person was truly cursed here in 1st Kings 14 he that dies of Jeroboam in the city shall the dogs eat so they these are such evil men that they will not have a proper burial the dogs will eat them and him that dies in the field shall the fowls of the air eat for the Lord has spoken it so this man and Joseph is making sure that this this does not befall Christ that he is buried properly properly and appropriately that his body is treated respectfully and that day was the preparation and the Sabbath drew on and again I've mentioned before which Sabbath drew on he was killed on Passover and the Sabbath that was drawing on was the first day of unleavened bread and this is how you can then understand how Christ is in the grave three days and three nights and then he's resurrected on the first day of the week after three days and three nights and unless you understand God's holy day plan you're not going to understand how that how that unfolds so the next so this was the preparation day

as he said and that day was the preparation and the Sabbath
Juwan and the women also which came with him from Galilee so again Luke is really reinforcing these were very faithful women they were supporting him in his ministry and they came all the way from Galilee with him down to Jerusalem they followed after and again it's very important why we had meant back in UK but the role of women through crisis two eyes they were not second-class citizens they followed after and he beheld the Sepulcher and how his body was laid so they were there they saw how his body was laid and they returned and prepared spices and ointments and rested the Sabbath day according to the commandment so even in his death these people are faithfully following the Torah Christ lived by every word of God and you could say even in death he is faithfully subjected to the Word of God so so this this notion that God's Word doesn't matter it doesn't come from Christ and no Christian should speak lightly of God's words Christ is in short ensuring that every word of God is fulfilled and even in his birth Mary and Joseph were Torah compliant and now in his death those who are looking after his body are Torah compliant they're ensuring that they do everything on the preparation day so they can rest on the Sabbath according to the commandment they don't say oh he's dead now we don't have to keep the commandments anymore we'll conclude then in Isaiah 53 we have one more chapter after this Luke 24 and we will have finished the chapter of Luke or the Book of Luke but let's just conclude in the prophecy that Isaiah had of this Isaiah next servant and in

Isaiah 53 beginning in verse 7 he says he was oppressed and he was afflicted and we certainly see that through Luke's writing yet he opened not his mouth this is the prophecy that he was fulfilling every time they questioned him he wouldn't answer he just was willing to face their full the full brunt of evil without opening his mouth he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter and as a sheep before her Shearer's is dumb so he opened not his mouth it's amazing all these prophecies point to this moment in time which is so critical to the redemption of mankind and again was all the way back in the Garden of Eden that this moment was prophesied he was taken from prison and from judgment and who shall declare his generation for he was cut off out of the land of the living for the transgression of my people was he stricken for the transgression of Israel many people are confused about this they think God Christ just came and died for mankind God has a very specific plan and and he's redeeming mankind through Israel so Israel has to be redeemed in order for mankind to be redeemed so he was cut off the land of the living for the transgression of my people was he stricken and he made his grave with the wicked so we if we saw this and with the rich in his death because he had done no violence you know there are murderers and people guilty of sedition riots and violence and and the scribes and the Pharisees are begging that these these violent men be released but this innocent man be destroyed neither was there any deceit in his mouth so when they challenged him and they say are you the Christ then are you the son of God he doesn't practice Takia

religious deception to try to get out of
it it would rather be silent or say well
you you've just said that I am so
there's no deceit in his mouth yet it
pleased the Lord to bruise him there was
a purpose to this and again the bruise
is important word because it goes back
to genesis 3:15 he will crush your head
but you will bruise his heel and so it
pleased the Lord to bruise him he has
put him to grief when you shall make his
soul an offering for sin so he the soul
is in the blood as we learn
Leviticus and that soul then was poured
out as an offering for sin and he
actually asked the disciples before he
died to drink from the cup which was
symbolic of the blood of the New
Covenant so there was the blood of the
Old Covenant and his soul then being
poured out as the blood of the New
Covenant he shall see his seed he shall
prolong his days and the pleasure of the
Lord shall prosper in his hand he shall
see that the the work of his soul and he
shall be satisfied he's going to he's
going to see the fruit of his labor and
he's going to be satisfied by his
knowledge shall my righteous servant
justify many for he shall bear their
iniquities therefore will I divide him a
portion with the great and he shall
divide the spoil with the strong because
he has poured out his soul unto death
and he was numbered with the
transgressors grant transgressors and he
bore the sin of many and made
intercession for the transgressors
through the transgressors this was a
very very powerful chapter that Luke has
recorded for us a chapter in the life of
Jesus who came from heaven to earth
determined a man with a mission and we
have just seen the full brunt of evil

destroy him and he did not waver and that is the extent of the magnitude of the love that he has for Israel and by extension for all mankind and so let us rejoice in this Savior we have one more chapter which will cover God willing next week Luke 24 and then we will have concluded the the book of Luke the Gospel according to Luke this is wonderful wonderful news here we see in Luke 4 we saw Christ's victory over the serpent but here in Luke 23 we see how he accomplishes the second Exodus that there's this Passover Exodus combination and now because he was completely without fault but yet he took all the punishment that is deserved he took it now if Israel claims him as their Savior they can now come into the Promised Land the land ejected them but now they have a legitimate entrance back into the Promised Land through this wonderful Savior will conclude next week in Luke chapter 24 certainly hope to see you then remember Jesus Christ is our Lord our king he's our husband he is our Savior god bless goodnight