

Title ideas:
The King's Betrayal!
The King is Betrayed!
The King's Trial!
The King on Trial!

Matthew 26:47-68 - The King's Trial!

Scriptures:

47 And while He was still speaking, behold,

Notes:

Judas, one of the twelve, with a great

G4183 – large.

M multitude with swords and clubs, came from

G3793 – crowd.

CP the chief priests and elders of the people. EA

Scriptures:

48 Now His betrayer had given them a sign,

G4592 – signal.

Notes:

Why would Jesus need to be pointed out to the mob? Because when they approached the twelve men in Gethsemane, they all looked similar. Jesus didn't glow in the dark nor was He dressed in majestic robes. He looked just like everyone else.

J saying, "Whomever I kiss, He is the One; seize

Him."

Scriptures:

49 Immediately he went up to Jesus and said,

Notes:

“Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed Him.

G4461 – teacher.

Scriptures:

50 But Jesus said to him, “Friend, why have

G2083 -

Notes:

Jesus refers to Judas as ‘friend’. Even as he is betraying Jesus, he is given a word of grace. What was happening was going to happen, and Judas was the tool God chose to get Jesus on the way to the cross. Jesus is telling Judas that it was not too late to repent and be forgiven for this most heinous act. That wouldn’t stop what was happening, but it would save his soul. Sadly, the closest he would get is regret for his actions and he would take his own life and close the door to grace forever.

you come?” Then they came and laid hands

on Jesus and took Him.

As long as there is life there is hope for repentance. Judas committed the most heinous sin possible and yet he could have repented and been forgiven and been met by Jesus in heaven. Keep praying for those who are far from God – there is still hope. Some, like Judas, will refuse to humble themselves and repent, but some will choose grace and be saved. Never stop praying for them.

Scriptures:

John 18:10 - Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus.

Luke 22:51 - But Jesus answered and said, "Permit even this." And He touched his ear and healed him.

51 And suddenly, one of those ^{PETER} *who were with*

Notes:

John's gospel says this was Peter (John 18:10).

Luke's gospel tells us that Jesus healed Malchus' ear (Luke 22:51).

Jesus stretched out ^P *his* hand and drew his ^P

sword, struck the servant of the high priest, ^{MALCHUS} ^{HP}

and cut off his ear. ^{MALCHUS}

Scriptures:

Luke 22:36-38 - Then He said to them, "But now, he who has a money bag, let him take it, and likewise a knapsack; and he who has no sword, let him sell his garment and buy one.

37 For I say to you that this which is written must still be accomplished in Me: 'And He was numbered with the transgressors.' For the things concerning Me have an end."

38 So they said, "Lord, look, here are two swords."

And He said to them, "It is enough."

52 But Jesus said to him, "Put your sword in

its place, for all who take the sword

will perish by the sword.

G622 - die.

Notes:

There has been a debate over the last two thousand years which this verse plays into. Should Christians be pacifists - never resorting to violence. Or is there a time a place where believers are called to take up the sword. In Luke's gospel, right before Jesus went to Gethsemane, He told them they should have a sword (Luke 22:36-38). Why would Jesus tell them to have a sword and then tell Peter not to use it?

His main point was that the kingdom of God will not be won through violence. It will be won through love, forgiveness, grace and mercy.

In my humble opinion, this is a matter of faith and conscience. If you believe God is calling you to be a pacifist, then be a pacifist. If you believe God would have you be prepared to defend yourself, or your family, or others from evil, then do that. I thank God for godly people have taken up arms in law enforcement and the military. Seek the Lord, trust in Him completely, and do what you believe the Holy Spirit is telling you.

Scriptures:

John 10:17-18 - Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again.

18 No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father.

53 Or do you think that I cannot now pray to

My Father, and He will provide Me with more

G3936 - send.

than twelve legions of angels?

G3003 - between 2,000 and 12,000

Notes:

Twelve legions would be between 24,000 and 144,000 angels. The number is probably 72,000. In 2 Kings 19 one angel killed 185,000 Assyrians soldiers in one night. Twelve legions could wipe out all life on earth in one night.

Jesus could have asked, and God would have responded. His point is that if I didn't ask it is because this is supposed to happen and by asking for God to send angels, He would have thwarted the clear will of God.

Jesus was not captured by the mob, judged guilty by the high priest, and sentenced to die on the cross by Pilate. Jesus was always going to die on the cross. It was the only way He could save us. Jesus was not made to die on that horrible wooden cross, He went to it willingly for each of us (John 10:17-18).

Jesus establishes the standard all believers should strive for - an unyielded desire to live in accordance with God's will, regardless where it might lead us.

"To live for self is to live in vain; to live for Christ is to live again." Ivor Powell - page 483



54 How then could the Scriptures be

Scriptures:

Isaiah 53:2-11 - For
He shall grow up before
Him as a tender plant,
And as a root out of dry
ground.

He has no form or
comeliness;
And when we see Him,
There is no beauty that
we should desire Him.

3 He is despised and
rejected by men,

A Man of sorrows and
acquainted with grief.

And we hid, as it were,
our faces from Him;

He was despised, and we
did not esteem Him.

4 Surely He has borne
our griefs

And carried our sorrows;
Yet we esteemed Him
stricken,

Smitten by God, and
afflicted.

5 But He was
wounded for our
transgressions,

He was bruised for our
iniquities;

The chastisement for our
peace was upon Him,

And by His stripes we are
healed.

6 All we like sheep
have gone astray;

We have turned, every
one, to his own way;

And the LORD has laid on
Him the iniquity of us all.

7 He was oppressed
and He was afflicted,

Yet He opened not His
mouth;

He was led as a lamb to
the slaughter,

And as a sheep before its
shearers is silent,

So He opened not His
mouth.

8 He was taken from
prison and from judgment,

And who will declare His
generation?

For He was cut off from
the land of the living;

For the transgressions of
My people He was stricken.

9 And they made His
grave with the wicked—

But with the rich at His
death,

Because He had done no
violence,

Nor was any deceit in His
mouth.

10 Yet it pleased the
LORD to bruise Him;

He has put Him to grief.
When You make His soul

an offering for sin,

He shall see His seed, He
shall prolong His days,

fulfilled, that it must happen thus?"

And the pleasure of the
LORD shall prosper in His
hand.

11 He shall see the
labor of His soul, and be
satisfied.

By His knowledge My
righteous Servant shall
justify many,

For He shall bear their
iniquities.

Notes:

These events were ordained in the
ancient past and then given to the
prophets in the form of prophecies.
Once God has spoken something
into the Scriptures they cannot be
altered. If God said it will happen, it
must happen.

Scriptures:

John 3:18-21 - He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. 21 But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.

Colossians 1:13-14 - He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, 14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

John 8:12 - Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

55 In that hour Jesus said to the multitudes,

"Have you come out, as against a robber, with

swords and clubs to take Me? I sat daily with

you, teaching in the temple, and you did not

seize Me.

Notes:

Why did you not come during the light of day while I was in public. Evil flourishes in darkness and those who wish to practice evil reject the light and seek the darkness (John 3:18-21). All of us used to be people of darkness, until Jesus saved us (Colossians 1:13-14). Jesus tells us that He is the Light and that we are to live in the light He saved us for (John 8:12).

Scriptures:

56 But all this was done that the Scriptures of

Notes:

the prophets might be fulfilled.” Then all the

G4137 – be full,
to be satisfied.

¹² disciples forsook Him and fled.

G863 – abandon.

Scriptures:

57 And those who had laid hold of Jesus led

Notes:

Him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where

the scribes and the elders were assembled.

58 But Peter followed Him at a distance to the

high priest's courtyard. And he went in and

sat with the servants to see the end.

G5056 - final stage n. — the concluding parts of an event or occurrence.

Scriptures:

Exodus 20:16 - You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Hebrews 4:15 - For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

59 Now the chief priests, the elders, and all the

council sought false testimony against Jesus

to put Him to death,

Notes:

They didn't have anything they could charge him with so they set out to find witnesses who might say something they could accuse Jesus of. The ninth commandment forbid giving a false witness ([Exodus 20:16](#)). They wanted to kill Jesus because of His influence over the people. They thronged to Him because of miracles and teachings. They were jealous of Jesus and had determined that the only solution was to kill Him even though He had done nothing worthy of death ([Hebrews 4:15](#)).

Scriptures:

60 but found none. Even though many false

witnesses came forward, they found none.

But at last two false witnesses came forward

Notes:

Where is Judas. He has already betrayed Jesus. It would seem that Judas would be their primary witness.

Scriptures:

John 2:19-22 - Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

20 Then the Jews said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?"

21 But He was speaking of the temple of His body.

22 Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said.

⁶¹ and said, "This fellow said, 'I am able to

destroy the temple of God and to build it in

three days.' "

Notes:

They are recollecting something Jesus had said three years earlier at the beginning of His ministry. Mark's gospel says these two didn't totally agree. It was close enough for what the high priest needed even though Jewish law required that they agree.

That is a misrepresentation of what Jesus said (John 2:19-22). Jesus had said that if they destroy the temple of His body, which they would soon do, that He will raise it up in three which is a reference to His resurrection. It is fascinating that this is the charge that seek to accuse Jesus of.

Unbelievers often know enough about God to misunderstand everything about Him. I once heard that Whoopi Goldberg rejected God because the Bible says He is a jealous God. She was comparing imperfect and often sinful human jealousy with God's perfectly holy divine jealousy.

Sadly, most unbelievers have no desire for truth. They will do everything in their power to reject the things of God. That was me. Before I met Kelly I was unchurched - I didn't know if there was a God and didn't care if there was or not. But then, Kelly and I got married. Suddenly I am living with a Christian. There were many times when that became uncomfortable. For about fourteen years my heart was hard toward the things of God. But I can look back now and see that there was a point when God started to work on me. He did it by causing me to be curious about what Kelly believed. I wanted to understand why it was so important to her. I wanted to know why, no matter what happened in our life or how our life changed, her God-thing remained. And from the moment that I stopped resisting God and opened my heart to understand what Kelly believed was so important God started working. I am so thankful that God put a faithful, and beautiful, woman into my life to love me enough not to give up on me until God was able to break through the hardness of my wicked heart.

Scriptures:

62 And the high priest^{HP} arose and said to Him^{~t},

Notes:
Jesus refuses to respond to false charges.

“Do You^{~t} answer nothing? What *is it* these

men testify against You^{~t}?”

Scriptures:

63 But Jesus^{~t} kept silent. And the high priest^{HP}

Notes:
According to the Mishna, this way of asking Jesus to respond requires a response. To be silent at that point was an unforgivable offense. As a perfect Jew, Jesus responded honestly and profoundly.

answered and said to Him^{~t},

“I put You^{~t} under oath by the living God^Δ: Tell

G1844 - to adjure v. — to authoritatively bind a solemn obligation or promissory responsibility upon someone (with God as witness); normally with penalties for failure to comply.”

G2198 -

HP/46 us if You^{~t} are the Christ^{~t}, the Son of God!^Δ”

G5547 - Χριστός (Christos)
- Messiah a title for the Anointed One, i.e., God's special choice.

Scriptures:

64 [↗] Jesus said to him, ^{HP} “*It is as* you said.

Notes:

Jesus response is, ‘Yes, I am the Messiah!’

At this point, they have a choice. They can believe Him and fall down at His feet and worship Him, or they can reject Him and condemn Him falsely to death.

Nevertheless, [↗] I say to you, ^{HP} hereafter ^{HP} you will

see the Son of [↗] Man sitting at the right hand

G1188 – a place of high honor.

of the [△] Power, and coming on the clouds of

G1411 - God ↔ mighty one n. — a term referring to the God of Israel with emphasis on his strength or capability.

[⊕] heaven.”

Scriptures:

65 Then the high priest^{HP} tore his^{HP} clothes,

Notes:

This is exactly what the high priest is hoping for. Caiaphas' actions are exceedingly wicked. He is not motivated by a desire to please God or defend Israel but is driven by a desire to maintain his power and authority. If Jesus was the promised Messiah, He would ruin everything for Caiaphas' evil plans.

saying, "He has spoken blasphemy! What

G987 - to
blaspheme v. —
to speak of in an
irreverent or
impious manner.

further need do we have of witnesses? Look,

now you have heard His blasphemy!

Scriptures:

66 What do you think?" They answered and

Notes:

Everything about this false trial was illegal according to Jewish law. Those in power who have a lust for power will do anything they to maintain their hold on power, even if it means doing things that are illegal.

said, "He is deserving of death."

G1777 – guilty
and deserving a
penalty.

Scriptures:

67 Then they spat in His face and beat Him;

Notes:

and others struck Him with the palms of their

hands,

Scriptures:

68 saying, "Prophecy to us, Christ! Who is the

Notes:

Jesus knew who was hitting. Did Jesus mutter their names under his breath as they struck Him? Did Jesus forgive them by name as they spit on Him and beat Him? Oh the grace of Christ is amazing.

one who struck You?"

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