

In the Shadow of the Cross
Luke 22

I. Plotting Against Jesus – 22:1-6

1. Religious Leaders plot – 1-2
Chief priests & Scribes want to kill Jesus
But it is Passover & many people are gathered
Leaders fear because Jesus is popular
2. Satan provides an answer – 3-6
He stirs Judas to offer to betray Jesus
Leaders agree to pay Judas for his betrayal
He offered to do it away from the crowds

II. Fulfilling the Passover – 22:7-20

1. Jesus sent disciples to prepare – 7-13
Peter & John ask for directions – 7-9
Where should we go to prepare for this meal
Jesus gives directions to a location – 10-12
Enter the city & follow a man carrying a pitcher
Ask him about his guest room for the Passover
He will show you a large room furnished
They made preparation in that room – 13
2. They celebrated Passover – 14-18
Jesus wanted to eat Passover with them
It would be His last time until in the kingdom
His death will fulfill Passover
He is God's Passover lamb
3. So He begins a new memorial – 19-20
He gave broken bread to represent His body
Partake to remember His death
He gave the cup to speak of His blood
Shed for them to ratify a new covenant

III. Words to His disciples – 21-38

1. One of you will betray Me – 21-23
They question who it is
2. They focus on greatness – 24-30
Jesus defines true greatness
Those who are committed to faithful service
Those who remain faithful He will reward
They will eat & drink at His table in the Kingdom
And they will judge the 12 tribes of Israel
3. A warning for Peter – 31-34
Satan wants to tempt you – 31
I have prayed that your faith will not fail - 32
Peter is filled with self-confidence – 33
Jesus predicts his denial this night – 34
4. Warning for other disciples – 35-38
You need to be prepared for what's ahead
You will face spiritual conflict
They say they are ready – 38
We have two swords

IV. Alone with The Father – 39-46

1. He goes to the Mt. of Olives – 39
Often went there – Judas can find Him

- His disciples follow Him there
2. He encourages disciples to pray – 40
They need strength to face temptation
 3. Alone He prays to The Father – 41-42
The cup He faces burdens Him
But He submits to the Father's will
 4. An angel comes to strengthen Him – 43
 5. In agony He prays again - 44
In agony He prays more earnestly
So intense He sweats great drops of blood
He anticipates what is ahead
Not just the fear of dying
Not just agony of crucifixion
To be made sin for us – 2 Cor. 5:21
To bear our sins in His own body – 1 Pet. 2:24
As our sin-bearer He knew shame of the guilty
To experience God's judgment for sin
Separation from the Father
Found His disciples sleeping, not praying
They are unprepared for battle ahead

V. A "friendly" Betrayal – 47-53

1. Judas led a host to Jesus – 47
His sign to these men was a kiss
2. Jesus notes "kiss of friendship" – 48
3. Disciples want to defend Jesus – 49-51
True to his promise Peter acts
Jesus heals the man whose ear is cut off
4. Jesus challenges the leaders – 52-53
You come as to arrest a thief
I taught in your temple
You work in the power of darkness

VI. Peter's Denial – 54-62

1. Jesus is taken to high priest – 54
Peter followed at a safe distance
2. He joined with men there – 55
Sat with them around a fire
3. Young woman identified him – 56-57
But Peter denied, he did not know Him
4. Second one identified him – 58
Peter again denied being a disciple
5. Hour later a 3rd identification – 59-60
You are a Galilean
Peter again denied & the rooster crowed
6. Jesus looked at Peter – 61-62
Peter remembered what Jesus said
Before rooster crows you will deny me 3 times
Peter left the place in bitter tears
He knew he had failed his Lord

VII. Rejected by Israel – 63-71

1. Jesus abused & blasphemed – 63-65
Guards mocked and hit Him
Blindfolded & played with Him
Blasphemously spoke against Him

2. Jewish council condemned Him – 66-71
Asked if He was the Messiah – 67-68
If I answer you will not believe
Later you will see me at God's right hand – 69
They say; do you claim to be Son of God - 70
Here they speak truth
They say; You have condemned yourself - 71