

The Gospel of Luke

Lesson 38

The first half of Luke chapter 22 mentions some of the dimensions of the invisible war taking place between God and Satan. For example, Luke says that Satan entered Judas Iscariot, one of Jesus' disciples. Luke also records Jesus as saying, "Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."

Both examples illustrate that although this war is invisible to us, it is nonetheless very real, making it necessary for every Christian to put on the full armor of God (Ephesian 6:10-18) and to remain alert and prayerful for all the saints.

Chapter 22 also introduces the new covenant (first mentioned in Jeremiah 31:31-34) through the Lord's Supper, in which Jesus took broke bread and gave it to his disciples, declaring, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." After the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you" (Luke 22:19-20).

May you remember the depth of sacrifice Jesus made on your behalf: "God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God (2 Corinthians 5:21).

Before beginning to study, thank God for His salvation and ask Him to open your heart to the truth of the Gospel, that you may grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus.

Comparing and Contrasting Two Gardens and Two Adams

In 1 Corinthians 15, the apostle Paul writes to the church in Corinth about the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the resurrection of the dead in general. In doing so, he references two Adams. The first Adam, whose name means “man” or “of the earth,” is mentioned first in the book of Genesis. The second Adam is Jesus, who is very different from the first in origin, character, purpose and accomplishment. Refer to 1 Corinthians 15:20-24 and 42-50 for more information about the two Adams.

1. Read Luke 22:39-46, Mark 14:32-42, John 18:1, Genesis 2:4-9 and 15-25, and Genesis 3.
 - A. Name the two gardens.

 - B. Describe and locate each garden.

 - C. What temptations and tests did the first Adam face in his garden?

 - D. Whose voice did the first Adam fail to listen to and obey?

 - E. Read Genesis 3:17-19. What were the consequences of Adam’s failure to listen and obey (i.e. the judgment against him)?

- F. Read Romans 6:23 and 1 Corinthians 15:20-22. How do we know that these judgments against Adam in Genesis 3:17-19 are real and valid?
- G. Because of the consequences of the first Adam's failure to obey God, Jesus the second Adam faced temptations, tests and agony in his garden. What were they?
- H. From Luke 22:44 and Mark 14:34, describe Jesus' emotional state as He wrestled with His temptations and tests.
- I. From Luke 22:43, how was Jesus encouraged in this struggle?
- J. Contrast the responses of the first and second Adams to their temptations and tests.

- K. Read Matthew 3:16-17, Matthew 17:4-5 and 2 Peter 1:16-18. From these passages, as well as from the passages in Luke and Mark, what most impresses you about the relationship between God the Father and God the Son?
- L. From John 5:19-21 and 30, John 8:27-29, John 14:9-11 and Philippians 2:5-11, how do the Father and the Son demonstrate mutual respect and love?
- M. Additionally, from the Luke and Mark passages, what impresses you about Jesus' relationship with His disciples?
- N. From Mark 14:37, 39-41 and Luke 22:45-46, what does Jesus ask Peter and the other disciples? Why?

- O. In Mark 14:38, Jesus says to His disciples: “Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing but the body is weak.” What do you think He means? What application can you make for your life?

Jesus Is Arrested

- 2. Read Luke 22:47-53.
 - A. Who betrays Jesus?

 - B. What does Jesus do after one of His disciples cut off the right ear of the high priest’s servant?

 - C. From verses 52-53, what is poignant, significant and ironic about Jesus’ comment to the chief priests, officers of the temple guard and elders who had come to arrest him?

Peter Denies and the Guards Mock

3. Read Luke 22:54-65.
 - A. Describe each of Peter's denials of Jesus. What specifically does Peter say in each instance?

 - B. What happens immediately after Peter denies Jesus for the third time?

 - C. What does Jesus do?

 - D. In turn, what does Peter remember? Upon remembering, what does he do?

 - E. From Luke 22:63-65, how do the guards mock Jesus?

F. How do people deny, mock and insult Jesus today?

Jesus Before Pilate and Herod

4. Read Luke 22:66-70.

A. At daybreak, what two things do the council of elders chief priests and teachers of the law decide to do?

B. What question do they ask Jesus? What might have been the motive behind their question? In your opinion, were they genuinely interested in finding out if Jesus was the promised Messiah? Why or why not?

C. What was Jesus' response?

D. In turn, how do the elders, priests and teachers of the law react to Jesus?

- E. What are some of the ways that people today react to Jesus' claim that He is the Son of God?

- F. How have you responded to Jesus' claim to be the Son of God?

- G. In your opinion, is He who He says He is? Upon what do you base this belief?