

Betrayal in the Garden

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If Jesus was so famous, why did Judas have to identify Him to the guards with a greeting kiss?

In the escalating tension of the moment, the disciples ask Jesus if it is time to strike out with the sword. Before He replies, one of them takes matters into his own hands.

The 11 had not _____ in preparation, and so they were not ready to react in a godly way. Peter strikes out in defense of Jesus.

Jesus immediately commands them to stop, but he goes beyond this – Luke’s gospel is the only one that records Jesus _____ one of the very people who was there to apprehend Him.

This healing is significant because:

It displays Jesus’ willingness to _____ even those who would do Him harm.

It _____ the unlawful thing that Peter did, in a sense exonerating Peter and making it possible for Peter to not be captured and put under trial. (see John 17:12, 18:8-9)

It demonstrates Jesus’ _____ to those who would soon misrepresent Him as a sinful rebel.

Jesus protects Peter by healing Malchus, and reminds us that the Lord can _____ what we mess up

A final question to His captors reveals the wickedness of their intentions:

*“Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs?
⁵³ When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness.”*

Jesus exposes their treachery, though ultimately their dark hearts are only helping the Lord’s will be done. Their hour will not jeopardize His _____.

The New Covenant and its significance in the Lord’s Supper

Luke 22:20 – *And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.”*

Question: Why did we need a new covenant?

The Old Covenant that God had made with Moses had faults...

(see Hebrews 8:6-7, Jeremiah 31, Exodus 19:5)

Hebrews 8:6-7 – *⁶ But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant he mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises. ⁷ For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion to look for a second.*

The Old Covenant wasn’t flawed because God made a mistake, it was insufficient by *design* because God desired to show us that **any hope of salvation that rests in part or in whole upon our ability to obey is a hope that is destined to fail!**

Question: How is the New covenant better?

Jeremiah 31 and Hebrews 8 describes what makes It superior:

1. It is written on the _____, not on tablets of stone.
2. It results in greater _____ with God.
3. It results in a greater _____ of God – the Holy Spirit helps us understand Him and His ways in a more complete way thanks to the new covenant and the promises kept under its governance.
4. It affords us _____ of sin, which is made possible by the blood that Jesus shed for us.