



Leaders: choose some, but not all of the following questions. Email me with any questions. Mark.

Study 1 - Luke 22:1-23 Last Supper/Passover

You may like to begin by reading the passage again or at least making sure everyone has it open.

1. Is there anything that stood out for you from the passage or the message? New insights?

Erica began by pointing out that an awesome battle is laid out in the passage – a battle to the death. The question is, ‘who will win and how?’ The answer will help us to see how we can celebrate a death; how we can call such death ‘good news’, and when we might see good news in our lives, even when we are surrounded by bad news.

2. In 22:1, what is the reason we are told the chief priests and pharisees wanted to get rid of Jesus? Why do you think that is the case?
3. What made it hard for these leaders to get rid of Jesus at this point in time?
4. Why does Luke point out to us again that Judas was ‘one of the twelve’?
5. What else about Judas does Luke want to ensure we understand (v3)? What is the relevance of that for the battle?

Erica pointed out that the powerful Jewish leaders, a close friend *and* his most evil enemy were all united in an effort to bring Jesus down! The odds are stacked against Jesus! Will the takedown be that easy?

6. What does the way the preparations for the disciples to celebrate the Passover are arranged and executed, tell us about Jesus? (v13 may be the clue!)

Erica pointed out that this Passover will mark a new covenant – a new redemption for God’s people. The old covenant achieved a rescue of God’s people, that they might be as they were intended to be – his people worshipping him freely. The new covenant will achieve the same purposes.

7. What is the significance of Jesus’ twice-mentioned reference to his body given and his blood being given and poured out *for you*?

We are to be clear – this is all going to happen – as decreed by God. It is God’s plan! Even the evil of the betrayal! This passage depicts one almighty battle – Satan against God; Judas against Jesus; the leaders of Israel vs the Saviour of Israel. But Jesus’ upcoming loss, is also his victory! Jesus wins, by losing! Jesus’ death will be his victory!

8. What does this teach us about the power of God and the love of Jesus?
9. What does this tell us about those who would oppose God and Jesus today?
10. What is the outcome for us of this cosmic battle?
11. And how may God’s sovereign action for our good in Jesus’ death and resurrection, help us gain perspective when things go wrong in our day to day lives?

Share with the group something you'll take away from the message and/or the discussion. Pray with one another, giving thanks for God's new covenant and life which is ours through Jesus' death.