

Better Or Bitter When Betrayed

Luke 22:47 – 23:25



Jesus Was Betrayed But Responds With Compassion And Reason (22:47-53; Judas)

⁴⁸ but Jesus said to him, "Judas, would you **betray** the Son of Man with a kiss?"

⁵⁰ And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear. ⁵¹ But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him.

Jesus Was Denied But Cares For The Denier (22:54-62, Peter)

- + ⁶¹ And **the Lord turned and looked at Peter.** And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times." ⁶² And he went out and **wept bitterly.**

Jesus Was Brutalized But Forgave (22:63-65, Soldiers)

- + ⁶³ Now the men who were holding Jesus in custody were mocking him as they beat him. ⁶⁴ They also blindfolded him and kept asking him, "Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?" ⁶⁵ And they said many other things against him, blaspheming him.

Jesus Was Interrogated But Confident In The Outcome (22:66-71, Jewish Council)

+ ⁶⁷ “If you are the Christ, tell us.” But he said to them, “If I tell you, you will not believe, ⁶⁸ and if I ask you, you will not answer. ⁶⁹ But from now on the Son of Man shall be seated at the right hand of the power of God.”

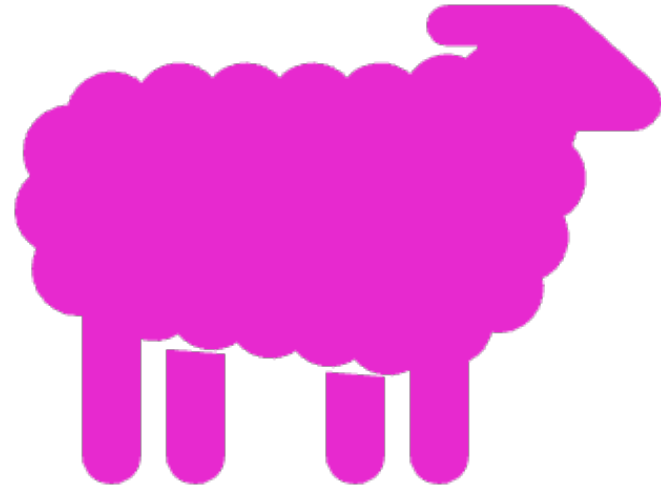
Jesus Was Accused Of Many Things But Focused On What Is True (23:1-5, Pilate)

- + ² And they began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king." ³ And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so." ⁴ Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no guilt in this man." ⁵ But they were urgent, saying, "He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place."

Jesus Was Mocked But Endured Silently (23:6-12, Herod; cf. Isa 53:7)

+ ¹⁰ The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. ¹¹ And Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him. Then, arraying him in splendid clothing, he sent him back to Pilate.

+ **Isaiah 53:7** He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.



Jesus Was Condemned Falsely But Jesus Knew It Was For A Greater Purpose (23:13-25, Pilate & Crowd)

+ ²¹ but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" ²² A third time he said to them, "Why? What evil has he done? I have found in him no guilt deserving death. I will therefore punish and release him." ²³ But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified. And their voices prevailed.

Conclusion

- If you're the denier, repent quickly. What's more realistic than perfection is forgiveness and reconciliation.
- If you've been betrayed, seek what God is trying to teach you through the hardship.
- If you're unbelieving, understand and believe that the sinless Christ bore our sin to save us. (2 Cor 5:21)