

Lesson 58 Matthew 26 47-56

The arrival of Judas

As Jesus spoke behold Judas and a great host with swords and staves; and High Priests and Elders of the people. He who betrayed Him gave them a sign saying, "whom I kiss, that is He, hold Him. But Jesus said to him, "Friend, for what reason are you present?"

The lamb is bound

Then coming along they bound the hands of Jesus and held Him.

Peter and his swipe at the servant.

One of those with Jesus lifting up his hand, lashed out with his word and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. Jesus said, "Put back your sword into its place for all that take up the sword shall perish by the sword.

The other available option

Or do you not think that I am able now to call on my Father and he will place by me a host of 12 legions of angels? Now the option to demur was ever there-but the salvation of man and the integrity of the scriptures would not have been able to be maintained.

A word to the crowds

It was very early. The cockerel had not yet crowed but Matthew calls it "that hour" He says the LORD addressed the motley crowd, "You have come out against me as against a thief with swords and staves to capture me.

Public Teaching

I was daily with you in the temple teaching and you did not secure me. This all happened that the scriptures might be fulfilled. (cf Zech 13.7) Then the disciples forsook Him and fled.



From paper to practice.

- 1 Might Jesus have avoided the cross?
- 2 What would the implication of the scriptures being broken have been?
- 3 Was the "companionship" of Judas with Jesus enough to secure him his place in heaven? cf Matthew 22.12 where the same Greek word εταίρος