

The Scripture Reads You and Me



- 1) How often have you come away from Holy Communion and got into an argument by the end of the day?
- 2) How often have you wanted people to notice or appreciate that you have served them without being noticed or appreciated?
- 3) Remember your Confirmation promise – “To continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it”? When was the first time you balked at

suffering for the confession? For the Church? When was the most recent time? What word does Jesus have for you?

- 4) What might be a modern-day equivalent to “sell your cloak and buy a sword”? What does the answer to this have to do with Jesus being “numbered with transgressors”?

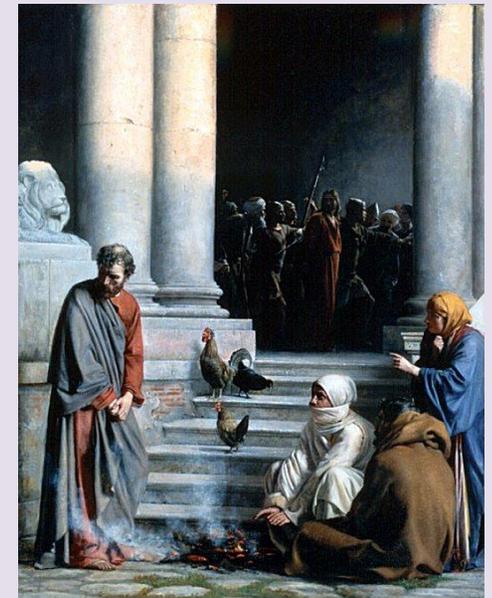
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Living with Luke

Luke 22:24-38

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²⁴ Also a dispute arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest. ²⁵ Jesus said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. ²⁶ But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. ²⁷ For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. ²⁸ You are those who have stood by me in my trials. ²⁹ And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me, ³⁰ so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.



³¹ "Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. ³² But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."

³³ But he replied, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death."

³⁴ Jesus answered, "I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me."

Notes:

This conversation takes place on Maundy Thursday, just after Jesus has given the disciples his Last Supper.

What does it say about the disciples that they immediately start squabbling about which one of them is the greatest? What does Jesus' response say about Him and them?

What do you think verses 31 and 32 meant to Simon? What do you think they meant to the rest of the disciples?

³⁵ Then Jesus asked them, "When I sent you without purse, bag or sandals, did you lack anything?"

"Nothing," they answered.

³⁶ He said to them, "But now if you have a purse, take it, and also a bag; and if you don't have a sword, sell your cloak and buy one. ³⁷ It is written: 'And he was numbered with the transgressors'; and I tell you that this must be fulfilled in me. Yes, what is written about me is reaching its fulfillment."

³⁸ The disciples said, "See, Lord, here are two swords."

"That is enough," he replied.

In verse 35 He is referring to the time He sent them on a "publicity trip" to announce the Kingdom (Luke 9:1-6). Why did He send them out with none of this equipment then? Why does He tell them to equip themselves now?