

The Scripture Reads You and Me



- 1) What would it take for you to surrender yourself completely to your Father's will?
- 2) Tell about a time when you were so exhausted from sorrow (stress?) that you just were no help to somebody who really needed you. What was their reaction? What was your response?
- 3) Michael Card tells of being offended when he read somewhere that those of us who follow Jesus today still betray Him

with a kiss. How do you feel about that statement?

He goes on to say that the difference between Judas and Peter is that Judas tried to fix his sin, but Peter, knowing that his sin was unfixable, repented.¹ What does that statement say to you?

4) Pretend you are a three-year-old. In the picture on the front cover, point out the "good guys" and point out the "bad guys."

Not so easy to do under cover of darkness, is it? (And what is "darkness" *always* a metaphor for, especially in John's Gospel and letters?)

¹ Michael Card, *Luke: The Gospel of Amazement*, Downers Grove: IVP Books, 2011.

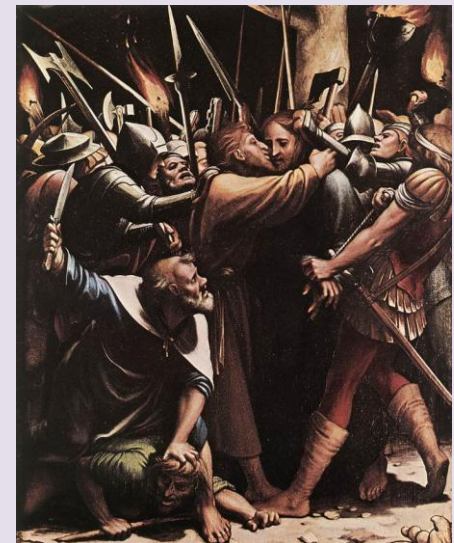
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Living with Luke

LUKE 22:39-53

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Notes on verses 39-44:

(v. 39) *as usual*

Jesus was in the habit of going to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray when He was near Jerusalem.

(v. 40) *"Pray that you will not fall into temptation."*

In concern for His disciples He did not say "Pray for ME," but "Pray for yourselves."

(v. 42) *"yet not my will, but yours be done."*

Jesus surrenders completely to the will of the Father.

(v. 43) *An angel strengthened him*

Who knows what His suffering may have been like without the strengthening of that angel?

(v. 44) *being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly*

So earnestly that He was being wrung out like a damp sponge, His sweat mixed with blood.

Notes on verses 45 and 46:

(v. 46) *exhausted from sorrow.*

Sorrow? or grief or stress? Perhaps Luke did not have a word for what we currently call "stress" – but the disciples had been up for hours and were clearly stressed and worried at Jesus' actions.

Notes on verses 47 and 48:

(v. 47) *a crowd*

These are priests, temple guards, and other Jews from the temple. No Romans yet at this point.

(v. 48) *a kiss*

A traditional greeting in that culture, especially for a respected teacher. But gently, Jesus asks "Is it with a kiss you betray Me?"

Notes on verses 49-51:

(v. 49) *"Lord, should we strike with our swords?"*

Like little boys, the disciples ask "Do we getta use our swords now? Do we? Well, do we?"

(v. 51) *he touched the man's ear and healed him.*

Jesus' response is compassion, not confrontation.

Notes on verses 52 and 53:

(v. 52) *the chief priests, the officers of the temple guard, and the elders,*

See the note on verse 47

(v. 53) *this is your hour—when darkness reigns."*

"Darkness" often the realm of sin and Satan – and notice that the disciples also have swords, like the guards, and are the first to draw blood. The darkness holds sway over them all – except Jesus.