

## Surrey Chapel Fellowship Group Notes June 15/16th

### Luke 22: 1-38 Final Preparations

#### **Introduction**

The bulk of this passage details Jesus' last night with his disciples before the crucifixion. The disciples knew that Jesus had come to Jerusalem with a plan and a purpose - but they didn't know what. They were probably experiencing a range of emotions. Joy, because of the feast and eager expectation of the coming kingdom. But also anxiety as they didn't know what the future held and perhaps sorrow as they sensed that dark times lay ahead.

#### **Plotting and Betraying**

V.2 Why were the chief priest trying to kill Jesus?

V.3 Was Judas ever a true disciple? See John 6:64, 70 & 12:6. What does "Satan entered Judas" mean?

#### **The Last Supper**

Note: Although this study doesn't fully cover the theology of the Lord's Supper and what it means, this would be a good time to raise any questions that you may have.

At this time Jesus was staying with the disciples outside Jerusalem in Bethany. But the Passover had to be eaten in Jerusalem (see Deuteronomy 16: 5-6) The preparation for the Passover would have involved having the lamb sacrificed at the temple, roasting it and preparing the room and the food. Women would normally have carried the water so the man carrying the water jar would have stood out. The covert nature of this set of instructions suggest that Jesus wanted privacy for the Passover meal.

22:15 Jesus "eagerly desired" to share the last supper with his disciples.

What did it look back to?

How did it symbolise what was about to happen?

What future fulfillment is symbolised?

22:17 "Gave thanks" in the Greek is eucharisteō from which we get the word Eucharist.

v.23 It appears that none of them suspected Judas. Are there lessons that we should learn from this?

v.24 Does this strike you as particularly inappropriate timing? Or was it because they still mistook the type of Messiah that Jesus would be? Are there lessons we can learn here?

#### **Other predictions and instructions**

v.31-32 Although the focus is on Simon / Peter the word "you" is plural in both verses, suggesting that it applies to all the disciples. What does this tell us about Satan's tactics?

The use of Peter's previous name - Simon foreshadows his denial of Christ later that night. See also John 21: 15-19 as mentioned in the morning sermon on June 5th.

v.35-36 This section is an apparent contradiction of Jesus' instructions earlier in Luke's gospel. (9:3 & 10:4) Many interpreters say that the instruction in v.36 should be taken metaphorically and that we should be armed only to fight spiritual battles. (Ephesians 6:10-17) Others say that it should be taken literally and we should be ready to defend ourselves. Perhaps this change of tack should also warn us against taking verses out of context.

v.37 - Scripture must be fulfilled - Isaiah 53:12.

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#### **Prayer Points**

Evangelistic boat trip with Rico Tice - June 27th  
Holiday club preparations