

Jesus had just transformed the Passover meal into what we call communion. It was no longer to be remembering the affliction experienced in Egypt and deliverance from slavery but was now to remind them that Jesus became afflicted for us. It would now remind us of the new covenant in His blood delivering us from the slavery of sin, the new covenant Jeremiah had predicted would come one day (Jeremiah 31:31-34<sup>i</sup>). Their minds must have been spinning with all the Jewish history that foreshadowed this momentous moment. Horror and hope, judgment and deliverance, betrayal and victory, all were about to be experienced over the few days that followed.

<sup>39</sup> *And he came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him.* Luke 22:39 The Passover meal ended with a hymn. By tradition that would have been Psalms 115 through 118. Psalm 116 speaks of the hope that God would deliver us from the grave (Psalm 116:3,4<sup>ii</sup>). Jesus, knowing what was coming, must have been encouraged by those lines. The final psalm, 118, predicted the rejection of the Messiah, but also His elevation as the cornerstone, and becoming our salvation (Psalm 118:17,18<sup>iii</sup>; 21,22<sup>iv</sup>). How amazing it must have been to Jesus that millennia of traditions were finding their fulfillment in what He was about to do.

I believe Jesus led the disciples from the upper room to the Mount of Olives, via the temple (John 14:31<sup>v</sup>; 18:1<sup>vi</sup>)<sup>vii</sup>. The vine and branches analogy was taught along the way, perhaps in the temple where the gigantic golden grape vine ornament was attached to the wall over the door to the Holy Place. There may have been the place He gave the disciples the John 16 warning of being persecuted and thrown out of synagogues and even martyred (John 16:2<sup>viii</sup>). Jesus commanded the disciples to love one another and warned them of the hatred they would encounter from the world. He told them He would send the Holy Spirit to help get them through the difficult times (John 15:12<sup>ix</sup>,19<sup>x</sup>,26<sup>xi</sup>). It must have been a very solemn evening. I think it was while they were still in the temple that Jesus explained His departure and what lay ahead (John 16:16<sup>xii</sup>). The high priestly prayer of John 17 seems to have been prayed in the temple as well. The words in verse 39, "came out," I understand to mean came out of the temple. (See note <sup>vii</sup>.)

At the time there was a bridge that went from the temple over the Kidron Valley to the Mount of Olives. It was bridge made for the priests to take the red heifer to be burned outside the city limits to make the ashes of purification (Numbers 19:3-5<sup>xiii</sup>). Jesus was about to be sacrificed outside the camp for our purification (Hebrews 13:11-13<sup>xiv</sup>).

The traditional site of the Garden of Gethsemane is now commemorated by the Church of All Nations (picture). It is next to an ancient olive grove, the trees of which may have sprung from the roots of those in Jesus' day. The original trees would have been chopped down for the siege of Jerusalem, but olive trees regrow from their roots (picture). Nearby is a cave that had an olive press and was used to store jars of olive oil. The cave would have been the disciples' sleeping area to keep them from the weather outside (picture). A wealthy follower of Jesus must have owned the property which would have been walled off and had a gate. The keeper of the grove knew to let Jesus and His disciples in when they needed a sleeping place while visiting Jerusalem. The words "as was His custom" in verse 39 are an ominous warning that Judas knew where Jesus would be that night (John 18:2<sup>xv</sup>).

*<sup>40</sup> And when he came to the place, he said to them, “Pray that you may not enter into temptation.”* Luke 22:40 The disciples were exhausted, their stomachs were full, and the words Jesus had spoken were too heavy to bear. But Jesus told them to stay up and pray. We find in other gospels that Peter, James, and John were asked to stay awake and pray nearby, but they all fell asleep (Matthew 26:37<sup>xvi</sup>). Jesus' request to pray was for their sake. The temptation that was coming would be to deny Jesus and forsake Him.

How do we prepare for coming temptations? Pray! Prayer focusses us on what is eternal. We receive spiritual strength and conviction through prayer. We ask for divine assistance in prayer. And we know that when we ask according to God's will, He hears us (1 John 5:14<sup>xvii</sup>). Jesus came back to check on them and each time found them sleeping (Matthew 26:40-43<sup>xviii</sup>).

How do we resist this temptation to sleep when we should be praying for something we are about to face or for someone in need of intercession? Stand up or be upright on our knees. It is extremely hard to sleep when standing. Visualize what you are doing as you come before Almighty God's throne with myriads worshiping Him, the elders throwing down their crowns, the seraphim crying, “holy, holy, holy!” That will help keep our thoughts focused.

*<sup>41</sup> And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed,* Luke 22:41 The cave is a stones throw from a large rock outcropping where it is believed Jesus knelt to pray. He had a special place of prayer. This is what Jesus spoke of in the Sermon on the Mount as a private place to pray (Matthew 6:6<sup>xix</sup>). In Galilee He had a place called Eremos Grotto. There is something to be said for places you set aside to meet with God. Abraham built altars in those places. God is with us wherever we go, for He is everywhere, but designated spaces remind us of the sacredness of prayer time alone with God as far as possible from distractions.

*<sup>42</sup> saying, “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done.”* Luke 22:42 Jesus knew what lay ahead. Even as a boy He had seen crucifixions around his hometown during a zealot revolt, and no doubt many times since. He has already said He had to fulfill Isaiah 53 (Luke 22:37<sup>xx</sup>). His desire to have the cup removed shows us that as a man Jesus had His own will. He was not a robot doing what God ordered, but just like us He had feelings and could make decisions. The difference being He always chose to do the Father's will regardless of the cost to Himself. He taught His disciples to pray “Your kingdom come; Your will be done” (Matthew 6:10<sup>xxi</sup>).

The cup He was referring to was not just the pain and suffering of the cross, but the cup of wrath of God upon the sins of the world that He was going to take upon Himself. That too was a part of Isaiah 53 predictions of the suffering servant Jesus referred to earlier. (Isaiah 53:6<sup>xxii</sup>, 12<sup>xxiii</sup>). That is something we cannot comprehend, but Jesus did. The next verses describe intensity of His realization of that which is still hidden from our comprehension. What does sin deserve? What does all the horror that sin has caused throughout the ages deserve? If you wonder why Jesus was hoping there was some other way, meditate on that if you dare (1 John 2:2<sup>xxiv</sup>). But be sure to add to that suffering the punishment for your own sins. Consider the weight your sins added to the horror of those hours on the cross.

<sup>43</sup> *And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him.* Luke 22:43 If anything was ever too much for a human to bear, this was it. He needed supernatural strength to decide to go forward instead of escaping, which He still could have done (1 Corinthians 10:13<sup>xxv</sup>). Daniel had to have an angel strengthen him to receive God's message (Daniel 10:16-19<sup>xxvi</sup>). This was the toughest moment of Jesus' life, deciding to go through with what He had declared many times. He had demonstrated it with the Last Supper. But now the horror of God's just wrath was before Him.

<sup>44</sup> *And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.* Luke 22:44 Under intense physical or emotional stress our capillaries that feed the sweat glands can break causing the pores to bleed. Now that we know medically what causes this condition known as hematidrosis, we can see more clearly how much stress Jesus was under. He could see clearly what was coming, and cup of God's wrath for our sins was more than the worst human torture imaginable. He was conforming His will to the will of the Father because of His love for us. It was the only way to save and sanctify His bride. It was the only way to save us from the wrath we deserved, but the cost was overwhelming, unfathomable to us.

<sup>45</sup> *And when he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow,* Luke 22:45 Luke sums up the three times Jesus woke them into one event. "Sleeping for sorrow" is to sleep rather than face the sorrow that you believe is coming. Sleep is a sweet escape from the reality of the moment. That is why those suffering from depression prefer to sleep. The disciples had heard what Jesus was predicting and they did not want to think about it. How could it end like that? Three years of hearing His wonderful words and seeing the miraculous healings and miracles should not end suddenly in their Master's death!

<sup>46</sup> *and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation."* Luke 22:46 Sleep is not a real escape. Prayer is the only way to prepare the soul for heartache and loss. They would all regret fleeing that night, giving in to the temptation to fear. They would look back and remember the lesson. When the time came for their executions, they would pray instead of sleeping for sorrow. They would be victorious over the temptation to fear. May we all learn from their failures and victories.

<sup>47</sup> *While he was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss him, <sup>48</sup> but Jesus said to him, "Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?"* Luke 22:47,48 John the Beloved describes this crowd as a *speira* -which was a word used for anything round, but in military terms it is a band of soldiers. Sometimes it was used for 500-600 soldiers, a tenth part of a legion. If we read it in the way Josephus used it would be a thirtieth part of a legion or 200. Sometimes the word was used just a maniple, which was 60-120 men. Add to that the chief priests their officers with lanterns and torches we can see that it was a very visible group from where Jesus was praying.

In the dark with only torch light they did not want to mistakenly get the wrong man, so they had Judas give them a sign. How ironic that it was a kiss of friendship. Was he shocked when Jesus did nothing to stop them from arresting Him? He should not have been, for Jesus predicted it several times (Luke 9:44<sup>xxvii</sup>).

The vilest of persons are those who know the truth but reject it. I recently heard of a scholar, A. N. Wilson, who had been an enemy of Scripture and written books on a

secular interpretation of Paul and Jesus. His study led him to genuine faith in Jesus. Imagine the rejoicing in heaven (Luke 15:7<sup>xxviii</sup>)! But there are also those who have been prominent names as Christians and have betrayed the cause of Christ. Judas tops the list. He lived with Jesus for three years. Jesus taught him everything that He had heard from the Father (John 15:15<sup>xxix</sup>). He trusted Him to be their treasurer. He washed his feet, but Judas turned his back on Jesus. He betrayed Jesus' love for thirty silver coins, a month's wages (Matthew 26:15<sup>xxx</sup>). Even then, Jesus called Him "friend" (Matthew 26:50<sup>xxxi</sup>).

Before we point a finger at Judas though, consider the ways in which we betray Jesus. Judas put his own desires before Jesus'. In many ways we can do the same.

I imagine the sorrow and pain in Jesus' eyes as Judas sealed his own fate with a kiss on Jesus' cheek (John 17:12<sup>xxxii</sup>). I can see the pain in Jesus' eyes when we choose to try to fill our heart with some physical thing that He created for our good instead of Him who graciously gave us all good things. We can so easily embrace the gift rather than the Giver. It is usually because we desire to distort a thing's intended purpose for a selfish thrill. We come to church and kiss Jesus with a song, while our hearts are set on something else. That is a kind of betrayal as well. May God's mercy open our eyes and give us a love for the One who loves us and has our best interests at heart (John 10:10<sup>xxxiii</sup>).

John fills us in on what happened next. Jesus asked whom they were seeking (John 18:5<sup>xxxiv</sup>). The other disciples would already be up and out of the cave. They had two swords among them (Luke 22:38<sup>xxxv</sup>). There was probably some posturing, but what could you do when so outnumbered? Jesus just asked who they wanted, because it would force them to say, "The salvation of God, the branch of David!" That was the meaning behind the words they just said, "Jesus of Nazareth" (*Iesuos ha Nezoraios*). The Jews in the crowd knew all that name meant. They were seeking to take into custody the salvation of God, the promised Messiah! I wonder if a tingle went down the back of the religious leaders when they heard the temple guard answer, "The salvation of YHWH, the Branch"?

*John 18:6 When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground.* (ESV) Jesus had answered, "I AM" (*ego eimi*), the divine name of God (John 8:58)! I AM, the salvation of YHWH, the branch of Jesse (Isaiah 11:1,2<sup>xxxvi</sup>). The roar of the lion of the tribe of Judah fell the men like trees before a volcanic blast (Isaiah 11:4<sup>xxxvii</sup>)! Well, if they didn't get a tingle before, they got a 2x4 across the head now! Can you envision this army, lanterns, torches, weapons, Roman soldiers, temple guards, and royally dressed elites all falling backward like dominoes?

You could have put all the armies on the planet and all the spiritual armies of demons in that olive grove and they all would have fallen on their backsides when He declared that He is the I AM (Exodus 3:14<sup>xxxviii</sup>). Jesus was not just some nice guy that was captured by the bad guys who misunderstood Him. He is the eternal God who has all authority in heaven and on earth. If He said, "OK, game's over!" all matter, time and space would be gone (Hebrews 1:3<sup>xxxix</sup>)!

Here are these pathetic little humans clinging to little swords and torches addressing their Creator. Who is in control of this scenario? Jesus is going to die for you and me of His own free will. He just wants us all to understand that no one made Him do it (John 10:17,18<sup>xl</sup>). The idea that someone forced Him is laughable.

*49 And when those who were around him saw what would follow, they said, "Lord, shall we strike with the sword?"* *50 And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear.* Luke 22:49,50 Seeing the power of Jesus, the disciples were ready to use their two swords. Before Jesus could answer, Peter took a swing at the head of Malchus, the high priest's servant, cutting off his right ear. John gives us the name of the servant as he was familiar with the high priest's associates.

*51 But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him.* Luke 22:51 Jesus stopped the impending battle by yelling out, "Stop, no more of this!" He picked up the ear and put it back on stunned Malchus' head and it was as if it never was severed. I appreciate the portrayal of this in the movie, *The Passion*. Malchus is kneeling on the ground, jaw agape, in awe and wonder (picture). Another soldier keeps calling to him to come as Malchus just remains kneeling, amazed at what took place. Luke, being a doctor and emphasizing Jesus' compassion, is the only Gospel writer who mentions the healing. Jesus practiced what He preached, to love one's enemies (Matthew 5:44<sup>xli</sup>)

*52 Then Jesus said to the chief priests and officers of the temple and elders, who had come out against him, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs?"* *53 When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness."* Luke 22:52,53 The Jewish temple guards and leaders were in front of the crowd. They were the ones who sought Jesus arrest. He asked them a soul-searching question. Was He a robber? They came at night ready for battle. He was with them every day in the temple and they would not do or say anything. They used the cloak of darkness while everyone was at Passover meal to hide their evil deed. It was their hour and the power of darkness. Did anyone of them feel the least bit of conviction (1 Thessalonians 5:7<sup>xlii</sup>; Ephesians 6:12<sup>xliii</sup>)? Jesus comes to us with similar soul-searching questions. Where are you? What are you doing? Are you at peace with your actions? Even when our actions betray Him, He calls us friend. May God help us to be sensitive to His voice.

We have just begun to describe the passion of Jesus for us. The narrative is one of solemnity, tension in the spiritual realm, pathos, and wonder. Most of all we should see the love that drove Jesus to say yes to the will of the Father, a love for you and me. It is a love that is willing to do whatever it takes no matter how great the suffering. How should we respond to so great a love? Anything less than all our heart is insensitive.

#### Questions:

- 1 What key lessons were taught on the way to Gethsemane?
- 2 What route may they have taken?
- 3 What do we need to do in times of temptation?
- 4 Do you have a place of prayer?
- 5 What was the cup Jesus was to drink?
- 6 Why was it so stressful?
- 7 In what ways can we be like Judas?
- 8 How did Jesus' feel toward Judas?
- 9 What emboldened the disciples to attack?
- 10 What soul-searching question did Jesus ask them? Us?

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**<sup>i</sup> Jeremiah 31:31-34 (NIV)**

<sup>31</sup> "The time is coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup> It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the LORD. <sup>33</sup> "This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time," declares the LORD. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. <sup>34</sup> No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the LORD. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

**<sup>ii</sup> Psalm 116:3-4 (ESV)**

<sup>3</sup> The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

<sup>4</sup> Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"

**<sup>iii</sup> Psalm 118:17-18 (ESV)**

<sup>17</sup> I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD. <sup>18</sup> The LORD has disciplined me severely, but he has not given me over to death.

**<sup>iv</sup> Psalm 118:21-22 (ESV)**

<sup>21</sup> I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. <sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

**<sup>v</sup> John 14:31 (ESV)**

<sup>31</sup> but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here.

**<sup>vi</sup> John 18:1 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> When Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered.

<sup>vii</sup> Both Matthew 26:30 and Mark 14:26 tell us the disciples sang a hymn at the end of the Passover meal and then went to the Mount of Olives. However, Jewish writers often omit details they thought unimportant to the theme they were presenting. My conjecture that they went to the temple comes from the "I am the vine" account in John 15 and the fact that the temple was the place of prayer. It would have been the perfect place for the John 17 prayer which precluded them "going out" in this passage. The other possibility is that it all took place in the Upper Room and they walked up the Kidron from there. The blood from the temple drainage ditch poured into the valley just below that location.

**<sup>viii</sup> John 16:2 (ESV)**

<sup>2</sup> They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God.

**<sup>ix</sup> John 15:12 (ESV)**

<sup>12</sup> "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

**<sup>x</sup> John 15:19 (ESV)**

<sup>19</sup> If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

**<sup>xi</sup> John 15:26 (ESV)**

<sup>26</sup> "But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me.

**<sup>xii</sup> John 16:16 (ESV)**

<sup>16</sup> "A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me."

**<sup>xiii</sup> Numbers 19:3-5 (ESV)**

<sup>3</sup> And you shall give it to Eleazar the priest, and it shall be taken outside the camp and slaughtered before him.

<sup>4</sup> And Eleazar the priest shall take some of its blood with his finger, and sprinkle some of its blood toward the front of the tent of meeting seven times. <sup>5</sup> And the heifer shall be burned in his sight. Its skin, its flesh, and its blood, with its dung, shall be burned.

**<sup>xiv</sup> Hebrews 13:11-13 (ESV)**

<sup>11</sup> For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. <sup>12</sup> So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. <sup>13</sup> Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured.

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<sup>xv</sup> **John 18:2 (ESV)**

<sup>2</sup> Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples.

<sup>xvi</sup> **Matthew 26:37 (ESV)**

<sup>37</sup> And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled.

<sup>xvii</sup> **1 John 5:14 (ESV)**

<sup>14</sup> And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us.

<sup>xviii</sup><sup>xviii</sup> **Matthew 26:40-43 (ESV)**

<sup>40</sup> And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour?<sup>41</sup> Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." <sup>42</sup> Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." <sup>43</sup> And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy.

<sup>xix</sup> **Matthew 6:6 (ESV)**

<sup>6</sup> But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>xx</sup> **Luke 22:37 (ESV)**

<sup>37</sup> For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me: 'And he was numbered with the transgressors.' For what is written about me has its fulfillment."

<sup>xxi</sup> **Matthew 6:10 (ESV)**

<sup>10</sup> Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

<sup>xxii</sup> **Isaiah 53:6 (ESV)**

<sup>6</sup> All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

<sup>xxiii</sup> **Isaiah 53:12 (ESV)**

<sup>12</sup> Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

<sup>xxiv</sup> **1 John 2:2 (ESV)**

<sup>2</sup> He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

<sup>xxv</sup> **1 Corinthians 10:13 (ESV)**

<sup>13</sup> No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

<sup>xxvi</sup> **Daniel 10:16-19 (ESV)**

<sup>16</sup> And behold, one in the likeness of the children of man touched my lips. Then I opened my mouth and spoke. I said to him who stood before me, "O my lord, by reason of the vision pains have come upon me, and I retain no strength. <sup>17</sup> How can my lord's servant talk with my lord? For now no strength remains in me, and no breath is left in me." <sup>18</sup> Again one having the appearance of a man touched me and strengthened me. <sup>19</sup> And he said, "O man greatly loved, fear not, peace be with you; be strong and of good courage." And as he spoke to me, I was strengthened and said, "Let my lord speak, for you have strengthened me."

<sup>xxvii</sup> **Luke 9:44 (ESV)**

<sup>44</sup> "Let these words sink into your ears: The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men."

<sup>xxviii</sup> **Luke 15:7 (ESV)**

<sup>7</sup> Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

<sup>xxix</sup> **John 15:15 (ESV)**

<sup>15</sup> No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.

<sup>xxx</sup> **Matthew 26:15 (ESV)**

<sup>15</sup> and said, "What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?" And they paid him thirty pieces of silver.

<sup>xxxi</sup> **Matthew 26:50 (ESV)**

<sup>50</sup> Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you came to do." Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him.

<sup>xxxii</sup> **John 17:12 (ESV)**

<sup>12</sup> While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

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<sup>xxxiii</sup> **John 10:10 (ESV)**

<sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

<sup>xxxiv</sup> **John 15:18 (ESV)**

<sup>18</sup> "If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you.

<sup>xxxv</sup> **Luke 22:38 (ESV)**

<sup>38</sup> And they said, "Look, Lord, here are two swords." And he said to them, "It is enough."

<sup>xxxvi</sup> **Isaiah 11:1-2 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

<sup>2</sup> And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

<sup>xxxvii</sup> **Isaiah 11:4 (ESV)**

<sup>4</sup> but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

<sup>xxxviii</sup> **Exodus 3:14 (ESV)**

<sup>14</sup> God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

<sup>xxxix</sup> **Hebrews 1:3 (ESV)**

<sup>3</sup> He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

<sup>xi</sup> **John 10:17-18 (ESV)**

<sup>17</sup> For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again.

<sup>18</sup> No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

<sup>xli</sup> **Matthew 5:44 (ESV)**

<sup>44</sup> But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

<sup>xlii</sup> **1 Thessalonians 5:7 (ESV)**

<sup>7</sup> For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night.

<sup>xliii</sup> **Ephesians 6:12 (ESV)**

<sup>12</sup> For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.