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## **FOREWORD**

**Greetings, dear reader!**

**In thumbing through this little book, you may have noticed that we have used a number of references to God. We, the authors of this book, are Christians and are humbly proud of that fact. Yet, if you do not share our belief, we do not want you to feel that this book will be of little value to you. Indeed, quite the contrary is true! This book offers something of value to everyone.**

**We do not seek to proselytize or convert anyone with this book. We merely wish to point out the dangers involved in many popular forms of entertainment and to offer a way to escape those dangers.**

**On the other hand, if you find something in this book which makes you want to draw nearer to God, then we rejoice!**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

**This book is about the last 24 hours of Christ before He died on the cross. Even though this is just one day out of the 33 year life Jesus had here in the flesh, it is by no means to be taken as the only day we need to study. To do a book of this nature covering all of Jesus' life would take volumes. Considering I do not do this of my own accord, but of the Holy Spirit, I would not be the one to do such an undertaking. But, I praise God for what He shows me and tells me to write.**

**Unless other wise noted all quotes are from New American Standard Bible.**

**Before you read this book meditate on John 3:16 "For God so greatly loved and dearly prized the world (YOU) that He (even) gave up His only begotten (unique) Son, so that whoever (you) believes in (trusts in, clings to, relies on) Him shall not perish (come to destruction, be lost) but have eternal (everlasting) life." Get this down in your spirit before you read another page. Spend time thinking about what this says.**

**I will give you an example I heard once "This man had a job that was to switch the track for trains, and one of the switches was for a bridge. One night he was at the switch and noticed it would not stay closed. So, to keep the train that was coming from going off its track and into the lake, he had to stand there and keep it forced closed. As he was doing this, he noticed his 3 year old son on the track on the bridge coming to him. He had one of two choices, get his son off the track and let all on the train perish, or let his son die. As the train went by and all who looked out the windows, all they could see was a man holding a bar and tears running down his cheeks." This is what God did for us. Enough said.**

## CHAPTER 1

## THE UPPER ROOM

In Luke 22:7-14, we see that Jesus ordered Peter and John to go into the square and when they saw a **MAN** carrying a pitcher of water, to follow him. And he would lead them to where they would have the Passover feast. Now if you notice I typed man in bold, this is because this was a woman's job that the man was doing. If you go back to Genesis 24:11b "The time when women go out to draw water", some versions say that this is the work of women. But, if you read Genesis 24:11-22, you will notice that the servant of Abraham new that women came out, not men, to fill the water pitchers.

The first point I am trying to make is that this was a man not a woman.

Second, in Luke 22:10, Jesus said this man will be waiting for you. How, did this man know to wait? There is no mention of anyone entering the town and informing him they were coming.

Third, Peter and John were told to follow him and when they entered the house he entered, ask the owner of that house where is the guest room for the Teacher and his Disciples to have the Passover feast. And the owner of the house will show you a large, furnished, upper room.

Another reason it might have been a man that was waiting instead of a woman, could be do to that the city was so crowded for the Passover feast, that the two would have had a hard time finding a woman waiting for them out of all the other women. Where a man stuck out like an apple in a barrel of lemons. The reason the city was crowded could be found in Deuteronomy 16:5-6. God had commanded that the feast be celebrated only in one place. So everyone had to go to the city from all over the world to celebrate the Passover. Now imagine if every republican or democrat had to come to your town to vote for the president and had to stay for a week. How crowded would it be?

As you read on about the upper room, waiting, and how crowded the city was, you can see God at work.

Okay, we have a man doing the work of women, this man was waiting on Peter and John, and this man lead them to a house that had an upper room furnished and large enough for the twelve and Jesus. Look at a few more points:

1. The man carrying the pitcher could have been an angel or the Holy Spirit carrying a pitcher of water. In John 4:10 Jesus talks about the living water.
2. The owner of the house (we really don't know who this was), how many people even in the days Jesus walked would have turned over a furnished upper room. So, either they paid for this room and it was not recorded or the Spirit of God was at work. We know which it was, don't we?
3. You have to realize that during the Passover feast all available space was used by the families and friends or rented out. This is like coming to town during a Republican or Democratic convention, no space. But, here we hear of a room large enough and furnished just hours before and waiting for Jesus. Now, do you know who was at work here?

To help you understand the Passover go back to Exodus 11. You can see the Passover was when the last plague God brought onto Egypt passed over those who had placed the blood of the lamb over their door post. Here are some more interesting corollaries.

1. To be passed over that night by death and to live (if you were first born in the household) was only by the blood of a lamb. Jesus is the lamb for our salvation.
2. The blood over their door post protected them and saved their lives. The blood of Jesus saves our lives.
3. The placing of the blood over the door post was in a form of a cross, Jesus died on a cross.

I point these out because they have very deep meaning to us. The Passover was a shadow of what Jesus would do for us later and eternally. So, as Jesus went to the upper room He knew that he was the same as the sacrificed lamb that they were about to take part of in the Passover feast.

**For more about the Passover read Exodus 12:11-20, Deut. 16:2-12, II Chronicles 30:15-16, 35:1-11, I Cor. 5:7 and Hebrews 11:28.**

**Don't you know that Jesus had to have felt a little anxious about what was to happen? Here he is, about to die, and He is still directing the Apostles. Most of us, if we knew we only had 24 hours left to live, would be cringing in our boots. But, He was the servant to the end, more concerned about His disciples than Himself. He constantly showed the way, including trusting in God for His strength. He even trusting in God for the Man with the pitcher and the upper room.**

**We sometimes forget that Jesus was a man; a perfect man without sin. Jesus had to be man to understand what we go through with the temptations and worries and problems of the flesh. Yes, Satan tempted Jesus after the forty days in the desert (read Luke 4:2), but Jesus resisted Satan's temptations and showed us how we could as well in Luke 4:8-13. If we keep our eyes on the Lord and meditate on the word we will be able to resist temptation when it comes our way. So, as a man He had the Holy Spirit, just as we do today. He had studied the scriptures, as we should (He did it for years). So, there is nothing Jesus had that we do not have today. On that day, as He sent Peter and John out to prepare the upper room, don't you think Jesus was preparing Himself for what was about to happen?**

**He trusted in God the father, walked in the Holy Spirit, prayed and was obedient. So, out of 7 verses, we can see how God was going before him, either in the form of the Holy Spirit or with Angels to prepare the way for Jesus. That is what we should be expecting today. Don't you think that Jesus already knew what Judas was up to and realized that one of His hand picked 12 was about to betray Him? Especially when all Jesus had done to Judas was to show him love and the way to the Father. Wouldn't you be heart broken if one of your children was out behind your back trying to get you arrested? If you had done no wrong, wouldn't that be heart breaking? Well, that is what was going on, and through the Holy Spirit Jesus knew all that was happening or was about to happen.**

I wonder if Jesus, even though He knew what Judas was up to, didn't hope that Judas would change. You see, we all wonder why God allows children to die and bad things to happen to good people. Well, here is His Son, and He knew this was going on. But, God is a gentleman and can not force any of us to do what we don't want. He can not help, unless we believe in Him the same way we believe in the sun rising tomorrow. It is like the owner of the house with the upper room, don't you think this man was wanting to be of use to God? He probably had prayed as so many of us do, "God use me in what ever way You can." Due to this little prayer, don't you think that is how the upper room was waiting?

So, we have an angel or a form of the Holy Spirit carrying water, a God fearing house owner who was obedient, and two disciples who carried out the orders of Jesus to the letter. Due to all of this we have the Last Supper. The owner of the house could have refused and the disciples could have thought "right, there will be a MAN waiting for us". One of these two Disciples is Peter who denies knowing Jesus within the following 24 hours. This is the same Peter whom Jesus had to rebuke, when Peter had wanted to keep Jesus from His appointment with death in Mark 8:32-33. So, even still it was obedience that won out and this obedience comes from keeping our eyes on the Lord.

## Chapter 2

## The Last Supper

In Luke 22:15 we read that Jesus used the word “suffer” not “die”, so as I pointed out in the last chapter, He knew what was before Him. At least He knew there was going to be suffering. The next verse tells me that there will be eating in the next life, whether we need to or not. In verses 19-20 He reveals that His body will be given up for us and His blood spilt for us. The reason I am harping on this is that I have heard people say that Jesus did not know what was about to happen to Him. If He did not know all of the details, He had enough to realize He would suffer, His blood would be spilt, and His body would be broken.

Now in verse 21 we see that Jesus knew what Judas had done and was about to do. If you notice in verse 24, right in the middle of the Disciples wondering who would betray Jesus, they start arguing who is the greatest. Now imagine you are with your family and one of them is going to betray you, but the rest can only argue over who is the King of the Hill. This is like arguing over the possessions of a loved one before they die. Now, Jesus had gotten down and washed all of their feet (including the betrayer) showing them how to be a servant and how to be the greatest. Jesus realized that one of His was betraying Him. Jesus knew He only had hours left, and all His disciples could do was argue over who was greatest.

Would this not distress you? Would you go to the cross for such as these? He did, and He prayed for them. Can you see Jesus having to explain to His disciples again how they are to be greatest? Don't you think He may have had to shout to get over them, you know like with children when they are arguing to get them to listen. But, right after telling them they will sit on thrones in verse 30, He has to tell Peter to be on guard.

Either in a vision or through the Holy Spirit, Jesus was informed that Satan was trying his best to sift, get a hold of Peter. The key thing here is that Satan demanded to sift Peter, DEMANDED. So, is it possible that when this arguing started about who is the greatest, that Peter was, maybe, one of the main ones or the very one who started the argument? This allowed Satan a chance to demand that Peter be sifted. In verse 32 the Lord has just

**informed Peter he will turn away. Remember this later when we talk about Peter's denial of Jesus. After all Jesus has been through, now Peter is saying he'd follow Jesus to prison or death. And Jesus knowing what is about to happen, has to rebuke Peter again and realize that Peter and His disciples are about to leave and deny Him.**

**So, Jesus has one betraying Him, one about to deny knowing Him three times, at least 11 of them arguing about who is greatest, and all of them will leave Him in His darkest hour. And He realizing all of this still goes on to His appointment. This is love we can not fully understand, love that can not end, and will not fail. It continued all the way through all of this even to death. So what makes us think it is still not here today and wanting to help?**

**Now a few things I want to go over, first as most of you know they did not sit at a table as depicted in the Leonardo da Vinci painting of the last supper. In those days they reclined on couches propped up by pillows and ate. So, imagine 13 couches this will give you an idea of the furnishing and how large the upper room was. Also remember they were eating the lamb in celebration of the Passover. This had to have more meaning for Jesus, than any of us will ever realize.**

**The next point is that Jesus knew they were about to scatter like sheep without a shepherd. Because in verse 36 He tells them to be prepared. Here is Jesus with more concern for the Disciples. Remember what Jesus said to Thomas in John 20:29 "blessed are they who do not see, and yet believe" he of course was referring to those who believe in Jesus and have not seen Him. But, He is so concerned for the Disciples and they still did not believe. So why don't we who believe in Him, also believe He is concerned for us today? Is it possible that Satan has filled us with lies?**

**Anther matter I would like to point out is back in Luke 22:35 where Jesus refers to the disciples going out with nothing, and that they had no need of anything when they did. He took care of their needs because they were obedient and walked the walk they were told to walk.**

Now the main part we all know of the Last Supper is when Jesus broke bread and said, "Eat, this is My body broken and given for you. Drink this is My blood spilt, and given for you." The body was for our body's healing and the blood was for our salvation. He said, "Do this in remembrance of Me." He said this so we would not fall into temptation, become as the lost, or suffer as He did. If His blood covers us spiritually and saves us eternally, then His body is for our body and that could only mean healing. In Isaiah 53:5-10, it says that He would suffer for our sickness and illness. So, the next time you take communion, remember, you are healed by the stripes when you eat the bread, and when you drink the wine, remember that is your salvation, your eternal life through the blood He gave for you.

That is not all He did that night, He also prayed for all who believe in Him and He asked for us to be brought into union with Him and the Father as He was with the Father. Remember as you read this book, He could not have gone through all of this without His walk with the Father. He told us we could have that same walk; all we have to do is believe. As Jesus said in John 14:11, "If you don't believe in Me at least believe in the works that were done through Me." Now as you read this book, I say, "If you don't believe Jesus came for you and that you are important, then believe in what He had to do and don't make His death to be a death in vain as far as you are concerned." Read John chapter 17, especially verses 15-19 of John chapter 17. During all that was going to happen to Him shortly, here He is concerned with you and me and the Disciples, more than His sufferings. If this is not true Love, I don't know what is.

## Chapter 3

## The Prayer

As they left the upper room (as was customary for them) Jesus lead the way to the Mount of Olives. First of all, the feast and Last Supper took place after sunset, so by this time it was late. Some say it was after midnight; others say at midnight. Typically, a day for Jesus was always long. He would get up before sunrise and pray, then walk, teach, heal, and help those around him. By night fall He would pray again. But this day had to be especially long for Him. He had to deal with arguing disciples, a betrayal, one of His being sought by Satan, and He still had to be arrested and suffer. He was up at least 18 hours by the time He was arrested.

At the Mount of Olives, before He went to pray, He told the Disciples to pray they would not enter into temptation. Now, they knew how to do this. He had taught them the Lord's prayer. But, do you think they understood that He was referring to what was about to happen or was it still over their heads? Here He was asking His Disciples, His family, to stand with Him and pray just a little while. What did they do?

Jesus withdrew about a stone's throw from them (Luke 22:41), knelt down and began to pray. If you notice, He always knelt down. What do subjects of a kingdom do when they enter the presence of the king? They kneel and bow their heads to the king in respect. So, Jesus was showing that respect for His Father. If we can not humble our selves enough to kneel down before the Father, then how can we expect Him to do for us? But, guess what, He does any way.

Now the prayer Jesus prayed that night was subjecting Himself to the Father totally. He, at this point already had, but He was reconfirming that subjection and getting reassurance. Yes, He needed reassurance. What lay ahead was not an easy path for any man including the Son of God. Plus, the Lord did not pray once but three times. He came back after the first time and said "Peter, WHAT! Are you so utterly unable to stay awake and keep watch with Me for one hour?" (Matthew 26:40 Amplified). Now, we can see that the Lord came three times and found them asleep, because they

were so TIRED. On the second time back to the disciples He found them asleep. He did not wake them but returned to pray, and He prayed as He had the past two times (Matthew 26:40-45). He prayed (Luke 22:42) saying "Father, if thou art willing, remove this cup from me". If Jesus had left it at this point, I am sure the Father would have removed it. What was it that Jesus was asking to have removed? The next 12-18 hours, and to just bring Him home then.

So, Jesus was not all that excited about what was about to happen. Actually He was ready to leave it behind. He did not want to go through all of that any more than you or I would, but He was obedient to the Father. (Thank God) He added in His prayer "yet not my will, but Thy will be done." How do we know that the Father's will was for Him to go through this instead of sparing His own Son the pain ahead of Him? Because it is the will of God that not one should perish, but that all would be saved (II Peter 3:9).

If we look back at Abraham and Isaac in Genesis 22:7-13 we see how God had wanted to see if Abraham would sacrifice all for God. But God did not allow Abraham to sacrifice his son unto the Lord, but supplied a ram for the offering. Now, we see God not willing to allow man to die even if it meant the death of His Son. He gave what He would not allow anyone else to give. As I read this first part of the prayer Jesus prayed, I see how I should pray "Not my will, but God's will be done". Now imagine this ... it was probably a cool night, late (after midnight); Jesus is kneeling down praying at a rock; His Disciples are sleeping and the only light is from the moon, stars, and torches (if any) they brought. Here we have the Lord of our salvation, kneeling and praying and an Angel comes and strengthens Him for the ordeal ahead (spiritually). So, we can see by this that if we are strong spiritually there is nothing of the flesh that can not be over come by the spirit. If you notice in the next 12 - 18 hours Jesus was able to bear all that He went through. We can have this same inner strengthening, if only we believe and ask.

I don't think enough of us realize that Jesus was a man and what all He bore up under was as a man. He does not ask us to carry the load He did,

but to trust in Him and rely on Him to carry the load for us. We are to roll our worries and concerns over on to the Lord. As you can see here, that is just what Jesus was doing with His Father. He said not My will but Yours. Then the Father sent the Angel to strengthen Him. In the next verse (Luke 22:44) we see that this strengthening did take some time, because Jesus was agonizing. If you notice it was in His mind where He was in agony (amplified edition). That is where Satan attacks, the mind, by placing thoughts that are not right or should not be there (Romans 11:2).

If you read on, you can see how Jesus overcomes this battle, agony, by "praying very fervently". He did not kneel there and pray a prepared prayer. He did not give a long speech. He prayed as though it was real (because it was and still is real) and it was His weapon for this battle. He prayed until His sweat became like drops of blood dropping to the ground. When was the last time that you prayed to the point you actually did sweat out or bled out what ever was attacking you. This was not a mere prayer just for a man to have more or to be healed, but was a battle between the flesh and the spirit. I can just see Satan standing there trying to put all he can on Jesus in the flesh or in the mind, and Jesus fighting back in prayer between tears (Hebrews 5:7) and drops of sweat that were like blood. Jesus, was getting ready, He was praying up and preparing for the final ordeal.

Some of us go through life with such minor problems, but to us they are as big as Mt. Everest. Here is our Lord showing us how to overcome, pray. But, we spend more time complaining and worrying than getting in the presence of God and seeking His will for our lives. How selfish can we be, but the Lord then accepts us, helps us, and waits on us. Think about that for a minute. He waits on you. You have the creator of everything waiting on you. Then, when we turn to Him, he helps, strengthens us, and gives us peace. He ministers to us and all the while He is doing what is needed for us. He is handling our problems for us. Read Matthew 6:33, "But seek first His kingdom and his righteousness; and all of these things will be added to you". He was saying seek God, allow Him to teach you and show you the way, and while that is going on (while you are trusting Him for everything else), He is supplying not just your needs, but your wants as well. You can

not do this and receive this if you try to handle the problem yourself. If you don't give it to Him, then five minutes later you'll start thinking about how you can deal with it or handle it. If you give it to Him, you don't even think about it. Just think about the solution "GOD", not the problem (Thank you Brother Copeland for that phrase).

We are not sure how long the Lord prayed, but He prayed until everything was under control. He next got up and found the Disciples asleep from sorrow (Luke 22:45). If they were asleep from sorrow, don't you think they tried to stay awake and don't you think they stayed awake at least 1/2 an hour. In Matthew 26:40 Jesus says "Can't you stay watch with Me for an hour?" This was the first time He came back that He said an hour, so it may have been longer than an hour that He was in prayer. Either way the flesh over came the disciples and they fell asleep. This was their last time to be with Jesus before His resurrection. If you had a loved one you knew would die for sure in the next 24 hours, would you sleep or would you spend every minute you could with them? If the Disciples were so tired they could not stay awake, how about Jesus? Wasn't He up longer than them? Have you ever noticed how you seem to get even more sleepy when there is a lot to do and when you go into prayer?

The Disciples really didn't believe He was going to die or at least not for a long time. In the day Jesus walked the Jews were the same as the Jews of today, looking for a Messiah to come and physically rule over them. So, since the Disciples had not seen this happen yet they probably still were not sure. Later on in Luke 24 you can see that the Disciples were not believing in the return of Jesus. So, up to now Jesus has put up with a betrayer, a disciple that will deny Him, all of the rest turning away, He has washed their feet and prayed for them. What does He find but them asleep, not once, not twice, but three times, and at the time when He needed them the most.

How many times have you noticed that when you needed someone they were not there for you? Did you forgive them and forget it or did you get angry? He, did not count it against them. He just said, "Why are you a sleep?" Then He told them what they needed to do to avoid temptation. He

told them to pray. He did not get into strife or offense; He just loved and forgave and forgot. How do I know He forgot and forgave? Read Acts 2:1-5 and see what He sent to these that were asleep. Would you do that for someone with whom you had offense? Find books on the Holy Spirit and read them. This is the best thing you can receive and this was the difference between 3 years of 24 hours a day in association with Jesus and not believing, and after receiving not just believing but walking the same walk.

## Chapter 4

## The Arrest

Just as soon as Jesus had told the Disciples to pray, here came Judas to betray the Lord. Judas did this for 30 pieces of silver. Money was his god at that moment. Judas did not come alone; there was a Roman cohort (about 600 to a battalion so this was between 300 - 1,200). The Romans represented the known world, because at this time Rome was ruling most of the known world. Plus there were officers of the chief priests and Pharisees. They represented the religious world. So, you have the spiritual being arrested by the state and the religious. There were between 600 and 1,200 of them with torches, clubs, and swords to arrest one and that one only had eleven with him. Imagine all of these here to arrest one, to attack the eleven if need be, and arrest them as well. That is about a 100 to one. This is why I believe those who say it was about 1,200, who went out to arrest Jesus.

Now can you imagine 1,200 armed men. Most soldiers coming to handle a crowd of twelve were armed with two swords (Luke 22:38). This was not in the daytime where they may have had a crowd of followers, but early morning before anyone was awake. Don't you think that Judas told them there were only the eleven disciples and Jesus? So, why so many? Were they in fear of these twelve or just the one? Don't you think that the head of the Romans wondered what he and his men were doing there when he saw the few that were there. In John 18:4 "Jesus THEREFORE, KNOWING all the THINGS that WERE COMING UPON HIM, went forth and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" Jesus, knew and was ready for what was to come. He no longer was in agony over it! See what prayer can do.

Have you ever heard the saying "you would not know the truth if it came up and bit you"? Well, the multitudes that came out to arrest Jesus had just that happen to them. In John 18:6 "When therefore he said to them, "I AM He", they drew back and fell to the ground." They were not pushed by anyone or any seen force, but the force (hand) of God had pushed them down including Judas. Now, imagine if you were standing with all of these soldiers in armor and swords, clubs, and torches, and all of a sudden, for no reason at all, not just one but all 1,200 fell. They did not fall like

dominos, but all at the same time. It was like a hurricane force wind knocked them to the ground. Don't you think when all of those with all they carried and wore fell, that it was loud and would have taken some time to get back up? They still did not realize the truth and it had knocked them to the ground. That is as good as being bitten. Take a moment and imagine seeing 1,200 men, and not old men (men serving in the Roman army were probably an average age of 30) with full armor, and weapons falling and all of those torches hitting the ground. Wouldn't you be afraid if, all of a sudden out of nowhere, something unseen forced you back and then knocked you to the ground and one was left standing? Maybe they were too stupid to realize or they were so driven with hate.

What kept the torches from starting a fire when they were on the ground. We have all seen those old Smokey the Bear commercials that advertised how a spark would set a forest a blaze. Now you have hundreds of sparks, so, some of them had to get up and stomp out the ground and maybe some uniforms that were on fire. All of this had to take some time, and here is Jesus, just standing there waiting for them to get up. He could have left while they were down, but instead He stood over them watching. All He did was ask again who do you seek, and they said Jesus the Nazarene. Now read this carefully "Jesus answered, "I TOLD YOU THAT I AM HE;" If therefore you seek Me, let these go their way." Don't you think that when Jesus said "I TOLD YOU THAT I AM HE" that it was like saying, "Hey can't you hear?" or "What is wrong with you, don't you have ears to hear with?" What were the Disciples doing? Weren't they following Jesus? Is this Jesus giving the Disciples their chance to run in fear or walk away in faith that they would soon meet again. Jesus, I am sure hoped it was in faith, but it appears they ran in fear after Jesus was taken away.

Judas had told them that the one he kissed was Jesus. Even though Jesus could have left when they were down, He did not. He was waiting on them. Here they are and Judas thinking that Jesus might try to pass Himself off as one of the others to avoid arrest. Judas and the others felt they needed to have a way to show which one was Jesus. So, Judas kisses Jesus and Jesus says, "Judas, do you betray Me with a kiss?" When Jesus, asked

who do you come for, He knew, but wanted them to say. Here is an example of the Lord giving them their way out. He just caused them to fall and see the power, so maybe they could change their minds. He asked them again to give them a way out.

We are given the same thing with sin today (that is what they were doing SINNING), a way out. All we have to do is look to the Lord. In Psalms 1 it tells us what the reward is and how to avoid sin. Jesus was showing us that no matter what the circumstance, we always have a way out. In the Amplified version in Matthew 26:49 it says "And he (Judas) came up to Jesus at once and said, Hail (greetings, good health to you, long life to you), Master! And he embraced Him and kissed Him with [pretended] warmth and devotion." The point here is that the greeting was to wish good health and long life, when it actually was bringing suffering and death. The pretended warmth of affection that Judas showed, how many times have we experienced this same thing? This was by one of Jesus' twelve (family).

After all of this, the disciples seeing the power of God at work again, still not realizing that if Jesus didn't want to be arrested, He wouldn't be, took it in their hands and drew their swords and cut the ear off of one of the ones who had come to arrest Jesus (Luke 22:50). What does Jesus do? He tells them to stop and then heals the injured man (Luke 22:51). First of all the Disciples did not realize and second of all those there to arrest Jesus had to see this man's ear being healed. Then still, none of them realized Who they had their in their presence. They had eyes to see and ears to hear, but they could not see or hear (Mark 4:12).

In Mark 4 Jesus showed how Satan comes and takes our understanding and leaves us void, it is not God, it is us not protecting what we have (Mark 4:25). Jesus could not have been arrested if He did not wish to be. He had just had two times to leave and didn't. So, it was not them coming to arrest Him; it was Him allowing them to arrest Him. They could have come with a million and if Jesus did not wish it, they would not have gotten close. Jesus even testifies to this in Luke 22:52-53. He said, "And this hour and the power of darkness (Evil, Satan) are yours." He was turning them over to Satan, since they wanted that, instead of God the Father. They did not later

accuse Him of being a robber, even though that is how they came out to arrest Him (Luke 22:52). He even told them that if he requested twelve legions of angels from His Father, that He would get even more, that all of this had to happen to fulfill scripture. They hear the scripture and still after studying scripture, still don't recognize who He was. Don't you think if they knew who He was, they would be there not to arrest Him, but to join Him?

It is like the story Jesus told His followers about a certain poor man and rich man who died and the rich man asked Abraham to send the poor man back to the rich man's brothers to warn them so they would not end up in Hell as did he. Then Abraham responded that even the dead rising would not convince them, if they did not believe in Moses and the Prophets (Luke 16:19-31). Here was the only Man ever to raise the dead not once, but at least three times, heal all that came to Him, give sight to those born blind, and cast out demons, and they still did not know Him. I have said in the past that if I had seen all of this I would have believed, but without the Holy Spirit, I may have known it was a working of God, but I would not have known WHO was doing the miracles.

**They led Jesus off to the house of the high priest; but Peter was following at a distance (Luke 22:54). Up until now everyone followed Jesus as a teacher and now He was led off as a thief in the night. Here is Jesus being led off to suffer and all He has done is tell the truth, heal those He had come in contact with, and show any who would listen how to get to heaven. Here they are leading Him off as a thief; He has had no sleep in the past 20 or more hours; He has agonized in prayer, and been betrayed by one of His own. He knew Peter was following and about to deny he even knew Jesus. Now take a minute and think about this walk and how it could be agonizing if you did not know what is about to happen, but He knew what He was facing for the next 12-14 hours. Don't you think along the way some of those who came out to arrest Him were already taunting Him? The next time you fast and pray and think it is hard to go a day or more without food, remember Jesus and the fast He undertook in His last 24 hours.**

**Over the next hour to two, Peter waits around with Jesus in sight and denies knowing Jesus not once, not twice, but three times. Not to the same person each time, but to three different people (Luke 22:56-60). In Luke 22:60-61, after the cock crowed, "the Lord turned and looked at Peter". That means Jesus, knowing this was to happen, also had to listen to it as well. Here is the person to whom Jesus said, "You are a piece of the rock on which I will build my church."; went with Him every time He went somewhere, denying he even knows Jesus. Realize that another two hours has passed and Jesus is still awake, bound, and waiting on the chief priest and Pharisees to wake up. Peter realizing what he had done went out and wept bitterly. I heard Jesse Duplantis say that when that cock crowed it said, "Repent!" to Peter. After reading how he wept, I would have to agree that Peter went out and repented.**

**In Luke 22:63 "And the men who were holding Jesus in custody were mocking Him, and beating Him." Now the key word is "AND", so Peter must have seen this. How low do you think Peter felt after denying knowing Jesus? In verse 64 it tells us they put a blindfold on Jesus and hit Him and**

told Him to Prophecy who is the one hitting. Okay, again I am going to ask you to take a minute and think about what all Jesus has been through. He washes their feet. His disciples argue over who is the greatest when He tells them one of them would betray Him. When He prays He is in agony, and finds His Disciples fall asleep when He needs them. One of them betrays Him with a kiss. He is led off as a robber. He listens to another deny knowing Him. He is beaten and mocked (have you ever just stood there and allowed not just one, but many beat you?), then blindfolded and spit upon. All this time he has not slept for about 20-22 hours. He is waiting on those who accuse Him to wake up. We have all seen the Rodney King beating and the beatings during the LA riots on TV and were disgusted at what we saw. Now imagine Jesus, the Lord of salvation, who came here to save man, being beaten like those you saw on TV. This is not all that happened. In verse 65 it says, "And they were saying many other things against Him, blaspheming." Now, remember later on as you read the thing they accuse Him of and crucify Him for is Blasphemy. Here they are those who are in charge of His custody doing just what He was accused of, and they were not crucified. Can you imagine what those other things were that they were saying to Him?

If you have ever had the wind knocked out of you, you can imagine what one of those hits must have been like. These were not old men. They were not weak. They were soldiers. They were not pulling their punches. I can just see them pushing Jesus around between themselves and beating Him as they did and when that wasn't fun any more, they blindfolded Him and hit Him some more. How could anyone stand up to such abuse? The Rodney King beating was by only 4 police and lasted only a few minutes; but it produced permanent damage. Jesus was beaten and hit for hours! Then He went on to walk miles and be whipped and crucified. He knew all of this was to happen, but He was obedient to His Father for our sake. The only way He could have made it, was by the inner strength of the Holy Spirit and the prayer and strengthening done by the Angel that night. If someone spit on you, what would you do? If there was more than one doing it, what do you think that was like? We keep hearing today that verbal abuse can be worse than physical abuse. If that is so, Jesus took a

**double dose because in verse 65 it was too much or too ugly to print what they were saying to Jesus. He had to put up with this abuse for about 12 hours until He died.**

**Have you started getting the picture of how bad this last 24 hours was for Jesus and how much He had to go through for you and me? When you are tired, hungry, and cold, how do you act? Notice one thing so far; there is no mention of Jesus saying a word not even a yell, a scream, or a cry of pain. Believe it; He did suffer. He was a man and He felt pain. He had to so He could understand all that we could or do go through, but He is the Son of God, Divine and part of the Trinity. He could have said, "I have had enough, I am going home." But, He didn't. The next time you think it is too hard to go to church, don't have enough time to read the bible or pray, or that you know enough or have grown enough, remember what He went through for you. I don't write this to gross you out, but to make a point and that is, we should spend as much time as possible getting to know Jesus. That is not much considering what we get out of it, and what He did for us.**

## Chapter 6

## Sunrise

Here comes what must have been the hardest, standing before the men who proclaim to be the keeper of Gods Holy scripture, keepers of the faith. Here He is the Son of God, the Word made flesh (John 1:14). In John 1:1 it says " In The beginning (before all time) was the Word (Christ), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God Himself." So you have God on trial by men who profess to be God fearing men. Jesus has been beaten, abused, cold, tired, and hungry and He has to answer a charge that is absurd. And, they (Council of Elders) kept baiting Him trying to trip Him into some false accusation. But, when they asked are you the Christ (the Anointed one of God), all He said was, "you won't believe me, and if I ask you a question you will not answer me." He said from now on "The Son of Man Will Be Seated At The Right Hand of the power Of God". They asked, "Are you then the Son of God?" He answered, "YES, I AM." (being truthful). This was enough for them to want to crucify Him for Blasphemy, and just hours earlier their own guard were blaspheming. Here you have the whole council marching off to Pilate, the Governor of this region for Rome, and Jesus being led by them, and all they could do before Pilate was to lie about Him (accusing Him of subverting taxes). Even after Pilate questions Him, Pilate can not find anything wrong. At this point Pilate must have thought that the Jews were crazy. Here is a man, beaten and weary, and they are all afraid of Him, because of His words.

## Chapter 7

## The Crucifixion

Throughout this chapter I want you to take your time in reading. Once in a while just stop and meditate on what was going on back then. I do not write this chapter as I do to terrify anyone or to gross anyone out, But to show what Jesus went through for us and to help us understand just how loving and forgiving He is. Sometimes we need to see how much someone cares, before we care how much someone knows. Jesus cares. He proved it on the cross, and He knows the right way for you and me.

Before they took Him to Calvary, He was already put through a lot. Now they took Him, held him in place to nail what would be like a railroad tie (nail) through his wrist on each arm. The reason for the wrist is so the bone in the wrist would hold the arm up, the bones in the hand would shatter and after a while tear through the flesh. Plus in scripture it had to be fulfilled that not one of His bones would be broken. Imagine (look at your wrist) a hole through your wrist the size of a silver dollar. This was done again in the feet. Now imagine your legs bent so your feet would be put one on top of the other and a nail driven through your feet. We are not talking a house hold nail; we are talking a nail about the size of a silver dollar or maybe a little larger. These nails did not go in with one hit, they took at least a couple of hits to get in. Have you ever nailed nails into something? Have you ever missed and hit your thumb? Imagine, if they missed they hit His arms, hands, and feet. As sadistic as they were, do you think they made it as easy and painless as possible or as painful and drawn out as possible? How many of you don't like needles (shots)? Imagine a sadistic nurse, aiming and then throwing the needle and then coming over and forcing it in as far as possible and then turning it while it is in you until you yelled, yelled, yelled. You know there is no mention of Jesus yelling or crying (only crying for us).

They have him nailed to the cross and now they lift the cross up with Him on it and drop it in place. Don't you think that all of this movement was tearing at Him and had to hurt and when they dropped the cross in place

and hammered in the supports He felt all of that? Those minutes must have seemed like centuries. Now catch this, if those who crucified Him repented and accepted Christ and asked for forgiveness, He would have forgiven them and they would have been saved. So what is there in your life that is so bad, that He can't deal with. Now that Jesus is up on the cross, to add to it, one of the two criminals who were crucified with Him was hurling abuses at Him (Luke 23:39) saying if you are the King of the Jews save yourself. These are those He came to die for.

While the onlookers watched they sneered at Him (Luke 23:35). Sneered, that is like giving Him dirty looks, thumbing their noses at Him. They kept baiting Him saying "He saved others; let Him save Himself if this is the Christ of God" (Luke 23:35). The soldiers mocked Him, (you have seen children mock others, by parading around like one of the others). If that was not enough they offered Him SOUR WINE to drink. Now, think about it; it had to be like a side show. You have the rulers sneering, the soldiers mocking, one criminal hurling abuses. Add the pain from the whipping, the beatings, the nails, and hanging on a cross. Then to be offered sour wine. Jesus realizing this at the beginning asked His Father to forgive them. Jesus suffered more than He should have and for what? Those who were doing it to Him.

Don't we still do it to Him when we don't believe in Him, or ignore Him, or reject Him, or sin? He is forever waiting to forgive us. All we have to do is ask. What a price we have to pay, give up death and destruction for salvation. He paid the price and we can't let our pride down long enough to receive the gift. Then He gives us scripture, so we won't get caught up in condemnation as in Romans 8:1. How, much love can there be for a creation as shown that day by the creator. If you baked a cake and it got up and said no you can't eat me, I bet you would put it in it's place. This may sound ridiculous, but it is about the same difference between us and God, at least until we accept His Grace.

At about Noon (the sixth hour) darkness fell over the whole land until the 9th hour (3PM) Luke 23:44. If we look at Genesis 1:14-19, the fourth day when God created the sun for light of day and the moon for light at night. In

verse 3 what light is God talking about "Then God said, "Let there be light" this is during the first day. In verse 2 "and darkness was over the surface of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters". At first it was all water, but there was another darkness, not the same darkness as referred to in verse 18. If we look at the darkness in verse 2 as evil (Satan), then in verse 3 the light is Jesus. In John 1:4 "In Him was life; and the life was the light of men." Here we go again, not the light as in Genesis 1:18, but the light of Genesis 1:3. You may now be getting the drift; Jesus said in John 12:35-36 that He was and is the light. So, if Jesus, when He went to the cross, was without sin, and death only comes from sin (death is a result of sin), then how could Jesus die? He could not. So, He had to allow sin to come on Him to die. He came to die to save us from death. So, at Noon when sin came on Him, and being the light, He could not be the light while He had sin. Sin and light don't mix. Sin is from Satan (evil, darkness). So, allowing the darkness, sin, to come on Himself took the light out of the world. During that three hours as we are told by the prophet Isaiah in Isaiah 53:5-10 in verse 10 (Amplified) He has put Him to grief and made Him sick. Jesus bore every sin for us and under went a manifestation of all sickness, illness, and diseases. While He was undergoing this, no one could have stood and watched and handled seeing one person take on Leprosy, cancer, etc. Imagine watching a person in three hours having every sin, disease, sickness, and illness show on Him physically. His skin changed by peeling, boiling, changing colors, etc. Just imagine someone on the cross which already is painful enough, but going through all of this as well.

Just take a minute and meditate on what all He had placed on Him for those three hours and how long they must have been for Him. And especially since He was separated from the Father during this. Go look up the 39 known diseases (there are more but they all come from these 39) and imagine someone having to suffer with them. Even a minute would be too long. If you don't believe me, ask someone with cancer.

So, it was a blessing no one could see. Back then there were no flashlights and no one brought a torch. There was no need; it was midday. When He

**who is light takes on sin which is darkness, it removes the light. If there is no light, and light is God, there is no God. If separation from God is Hell, then that three hours was Hell on earth.**

**Take another minute and meditate on this. Hell on earth for three hours, the darkness was over the land. Remember in Genesis 1:2 the darkness was in the deep. That had to be the longest three hours in His whole life on earth. Now think about this in Luke 23:34 Jesus said "Father Forgive Them: for they know not what they doing." Think about how loving and forgiving He is and what all He had been through. He knew what was still to come.**

**Date: 1-15-99, Place: United Nations, News Flash: The World Church council met today with security advisors of the UN. As much as this reporter has been able to find out, it is about a Man named Jesus from Israel. The World Church is concerned because never before has anyone come along and stirred up as many people as He has. His teachings are very much against what most of the council members of the World Church believe in and teach. Due to this insurrection the World Church is trying to get the UN to arrest Him on charges of stirring up the masses against the World System (governments).**

**We now have an update from one of our field reporters who has found one of the followers of this Man called Jesus. In this update we have learned that Jesus speaks about His Father, how to find Him, and the only true way is through Him. As a reporter and not a religionist, I can't see what is so bad about someone talking about their father. There must be more than this, because I can not see what has gotten the World Church in an uproar.**

**We now have another report that says Jesus was reported healing people, casting out demons, and has raised someone from the dead. Well, it is another one of those faith healers and we all know what they want, our money. They set someone up in the audience, that person pretends to be healed, and then the faith healer takes up an offering. Well, it is about time the church does something about these charlatans. But, I think going to the UN is a little overboard. This is John Ritz reporting from BMSG in New York, signing off.**

**Date 1-17-99, Location: Tel Aviv, News Flash: today the UN security combined with the Tel Aviv police and the Israel Army surrounded this man called Jesus and eleven of His followers at about two AM in a garden just outside of town. There was minor resistance as the combined forces of 1,200 armed with M16's surrounded the group. One of our reporters reported that there was a minor disturbance when for no reason the police, the security council, and the army all were knocked down. The report goes**

on to say that when the three forces showed up to arrest Jesus, Jesus asked who they had come for and the leader of there forces had said we have come to arrest Jesus. At that point Jesus said "I AM HE" and for no reason all at the same time the forces drew back and collapsed all at the same time. We now have footage of this event. If you notice, when the three forces, fell some of the m16's fired by accident, but there are no reports of injury, except one who was shot afterward by one of the 11 supporters of Jesus. This must be wrong, because now no one can find anyone who is injured. If you notice, when the three forces fell, the only ones standing are the eleven and Jesus in the middle. All they seem to do is look at those who are on the ground.

We do have another report that says that the three combined forces new when and where to arrest Jesus, because of an inside informant. We are told this inside informant was with Jesus for most of the past three years and his name is Judas. Some of you may have heard of Jesus. He has been, for the past three years, in Israel teaching about His Father. He has been taped and shown on the news regarding some of the supposed healing He had done.

This morning at 2:30 AM the police and security forces and the army took Jesus to an abandoned military base where he is now under going intense interrogation by the heads of the World Church council for His alleged crimes. As soon as we learn what those are for sure, and any other information, we will inform you. This is John Ritz for BMSG in Tel Aviv signing off.

DATE: 1-17-99, PLACE: Military Base, TIME: 8:00 AM. "I am the head of the Council Jesus, and I need to ask you some questions. Is it true you say that you are the only way to God and any others are of Satan? And if so, how is it my religion and all of these other representatives of all the other religions are so blessed if you are the only way?" Jesus, "I am the only way and the true way to the Father!" Head of council, "Fellow council members, I believe we have heard enough. What He is saying is against everything we all stand for, and is blasphemy. I recommend we try Him on charges of conspiracy to over throw the government, through insurrection in the

church. All in favor say I. I count 12 Is, all against say Nay, I count 1 nay; majority rules, we will take Him before the UN security council to try Him and get them to pronounce the judgment and sentencing.

**DATE:2-1-99, PLACE UN, NEWS UPDATE:** Today the trial against Jesus took a total of 5 hours as the Israel and American government representatives sent Jesus back to the security council after they had sent Him to them for conviction and sentencing. After much heated debate, it is agreed that Jesus is to spend 17 years in prison in the USA. But, we hear this is not, enough for the World Church council. They were wanting a death sentence and are appealing the verdict. Some say Jesus will only spend 2 years at most in jail in America. Since the average for murder is 7 years, 2 years is a long time. But, the council is telling the UN that if they don't dispose of Jesus now, He will be out stirring up trouble again in less than two years. Some of the UN are starting to sway the way of the World Church council, just wanting to get this over with and get on with more important problems that are facing their governments. Also, did you notice the way Jesus looks, His color is bad and there are multiple bruises and cuts and lacerations all over His face and hands. The council is saying this happened during the arrest attempt. He resisted and they had to use force and in the process he fell and got hurt. We are still trying to find His followers for comments, but so far have not located any. We thought that the morning of the arrest we had one following the vehicles and outside the military compound, but he denied knowing Jesus at least three times.

First, of all the above may seem way out, but does it? Aren't Christians today being locked up in countries around the world due to their beliefs. Today, in this country, the average time a person serves for murder is 7 years, but, 2,000 years ago they crucified the Lord (murdered Him) for words. Before you write this chapter off, all I ask is that you think about what would happen if the Christ had come today instead of 2,000 years ago. Would He have just served time, or been crucified? Would He be known world wide due to TV? Would He be considered another TV evangelist or would we see Him for who He is?

**W**hen Jesus died on the cross and descended to hell, He had all of that sin with Him. When He was resurrected it was gone. So guess where He left the sins (sickness and diseases). It all came from Satan and Hell so it belongs there. Now if you lived in a well and it filled up with water, wouldn't you bail it out so you didn't drown in it? Well, in Hell they are drowning in sin (sickness and disease), don't you think they are bailing it out and guess to where they are bailing it out. Man was not made to have sickness, disease, and death, so to get rid of it believe in Jesus and send it back where it belongs, to Hell.

**J**esus, did not go through all of this in vain, first He did it to save you eternally. Second, He did not come to condemn you. If He did, he would not have died for you. Read Romans 8:1 "Therefore there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus". Also read Romans 8:31-39 and find out how you are more than a conqueror through Christ Jesus. So, do not allow your past to get in the way, you are dead as far as your past is concerned in Hebrews 8:12 "For I will be Merciful to their iniquities (SIN), And I will remember their sins no more." If God does not remember, why should you? That is just Satan trying his best to keep you tied up in your past. So, let go and serve the Lord and don't worry about tomorrow or yesterday. Just do what is right today. Treat each day as the **LAST DAY**, as if Jesus were coming today and you will do great. Remember the Lord did not die for a nobody; He died for you and He did not die for you to be guilty, but to be **FREE**. I pray that this book has helped and will help you. If it has, pass it on to someone else.

## **AFTERNOTE**

**I just want to share a few things I discovered in the bible.**

**First in Exodus 1:15-16 and Matthew 2:16 the Pharaoh of Egypt in Exodus and King Herod in Matthew both had babies (boys) killed. Out of both of these baby killings came a Messiah; in Exodus it was Moses and in Matthew it was Jesus.**

**In Genesis 6:5-7 and Genesis 19:1-25 the Lord destroyed the world due to wickedness (homosexuality & sexual perversion).**

**Now look at today...**

**In the past 30 years (through abortion) we have killed millions.**

**In the past 30 years homosexuals and sexual perversion have become a part of our lives.**

**So, we can expect destruction world wide and a Messiah (return of Jesus).**

**Now some say that the body of Christ has to be removed before tribulation because of the power of prayer. But, I like what Jesse Duplantis said. He said the Lord told him in so many words that if the believers were here when the antichrist showed up on the scene, we would be able to cast the demon out of him and that would mess up what the Lord had planned. If you don't believe these two statements read Mark 16:17 and this should prove the ability of believers to cast out demons. Through out scripture it is told that the antichrist would be a man, so he must be demon possessed if he is in league with Satan. This one I will let you look it up . . . does scripture say if the antichrist is an evil man, demon, possessed or both?**

**Here is a little history:**

**In 1948 Israel became a nation. In Isaiah it says "and they will become a nation in one day".**

**A. How is that possible?**

**B. B. Where in Isaiah does it say this?**

**Next in Matthew 24:32 the Lord says that when the fig tree (Israel) blossoms that will be the last generation. We know that Israel blossomed again in 1948. So How long is a generation?**

**Also in 1948 the US Supreme Court stated that there is a separation of church and state that needs to be maintained. This set the stage for the early sixties of barring bible study and prayer from schools and then later from all government installations.**

**A. What year did the banning of prayer and bible study happen?**

**B. Can you also see that as we banned God from other public and government places, there came the decline of our morals, increase of crime, violence, and sexual perversion?**

**One last point. Guess what year TV was introduced to the public and put on sale? If you said 1948, you were right. 1948 contained other memorable events, like the beginning of the cold war.**

**I don't mention the above facts to scare, but to show that something awesome is about to happen to believers and something terrible to those who don't believe. I know people say, "If God is so loving how can He allow anything to happen to any of His creation?" He doesn't. We do. We are given the freedom (free will) to choose. He is a gentleman. He only comes in when invited. Satan is the thief. He is the one who forces his way in. If you need more proof on how loving God is, look at what He did to answer all the prayers before the Gulf war. It rained, where it normally does not rain, uncovering mines of the enemy so our troops could disarm or walk around them. Winds shifted back towards Iraq so it could not use its chemical weapons. These are just a few. I have heard at least a 1/2 dozen more that are not explainable, except by divine intervention.**