

Luke: Heaven's Savior with a Human Touch
Preparing for the Worst
Luke 22:39-71
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1. Turn to God in **PRAYER**. Luke 22:39-40, 45-46

Luke 22:39-71 — 39 And he came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. 40 And when he came to the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation."

45 And when he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow, 46 and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation."

Turn to God in **PRAYER**.

2. Submit to God your **WILL**. Luke 22:41-44

41 And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, 42 saying, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done."

Hebrews 5:7 — 7 In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence.

43 And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him. 44 And being in agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

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3. Do good, even to your **ENEMY**. Luke 22:47-51

47 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, 48 but Jesus said to him, "Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?"

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. **51** But Jesus said, “No more of this!” And he touched his ear and healed him.

Luke 6:27–28 — **27** “But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, **28** bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.

4. Be honest about the **DARKNESS**. Luke 22:52-53

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.”

Ephesians 2:1–7 — **1** And you were dead in the trespasses and sins **2** in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— **3** among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. **4** But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, **5** even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— **6** and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, **7** so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

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5. Consider the consequences of **DENIAL**. Luke 22:54-62

54 Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest’s house, and Peter was following at a distance. **55** And when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat down among them.

56 Then a servant girl, seeing him as he sat in the light and looking closely at him, said, “This man also was with him.” **57** But he denied it, saying, “Woman, I do not know him.” **58** And a little later someone else saw him and said, “You also are one of them.” But Peter said, “Man, I am not.”

59 And after an interval of about an hour still another insisted, saying, “Certainly this man also was with him, for he too is a Galilean.” **60** But Peter said, “Man, I do not know what you are talking about.” And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed.

61 And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how he had said to him, “Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times.” **62** And he went out and wept bitterly.

When we are faced with the **WORST**, it’s helpful to consider the painful consequences of **DENIAL**.

6. Focus on the **END**. Luke 22:63-71

63 Now the men who were holding Jesus in custody were mocking him as they beat him. **64** They also blindfolded him and kept asking him, “Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?” **65** And they said many other things against him, blaspheming him.

1 Peter 2:20-24 — **20** For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. **21** For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. **22** He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. **23** When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. **24** He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

66 When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people gathered together, both chief priests and scribes. And they led him away to their council, and they said, **67** “If you are the Christ, tell us.” But he said to them, “If I tell you, you will not believe, **68** and if I ask you, you will not answer.

69 But from now on the Son of Man shall be seated at the right hand of the power of God.”

Daniel 7:13-14 — **13** “I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. **14** And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

70 So they all said, “Are you the Son of God, then?” And he said to them, “You say that I am.” **71** Then they said, “What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips.”

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Pray...Submit...Do Good...Be Honest...Consider the Consequences...Focus on the End!

Let’s talk about preparing for the worst...

1. What was Jesus in the habit of doing, especially on the eve of major events (v.39)?
2. What is your habit when it comes to meeting with God?

3. What did Jesus tell the disciples to do to keep them from entering into temptation (v.40)?
4. What did Jesus ask the Father to do and what was He committed to do (v.42)?
5. What was the Father's response to the prayer of Jesus (v.43)?
6. Why was Jesus in agony on this night (v.44)?
7. How might we be guilty of betraying Jesus today (v.48)?
8. How do we respond when it comes to dealing with difficult issues today that shows we are very much like those first disciples (v.50-51)?
9. What do you think Jesus was saying with His look at Peter after the rooster crowed (v.61)?
10. What did Jesus say at His trial that at least from a human perspective, sealed His fate (v.67-70)?