

We will begin the eighteenth lecture on the gospel of Luke. /Today we will begin with Luke chapter 22. /In verses 1-6, /Judas Iscariot agrees to betray Jesus. /The chief priests and teachers of the law made plans to kill Jesus.

/However, they were afraid of people more than God. /Judas Iscariot sold Jesus for thirty coins of silver. /At the time, thirty coins of silver was the price of one servant. /Jesus was told by one of His disciples at the price of a servant.

/In the passage, Judas Iscariot looked for a way to get rid of Jesus. /In this way, people seek opportunities to sin.

/In verses 7-13, /people prepared for the Passover. /On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, /Jesus sent Peter and John. /The Lord sent them to prepare for the Passover. /The disciples asked where they should make the preparations.

/Then Jesus replied. /He said, “As you enter the city, /a man carrying a jar of water will meet you.” /“Follow him to the house that he enters... /He will show you a large upper room, all furnished. Make preparations there.”

/God prepared the upper room in advance. /The disciples would meet the room when they obeyed Jesus. /When the disciples obeyed Jesus and went there, /they met a man with a jar of water.

/They followed the man and made preparations in the upper room. /The upper room belonged to John, also known as Mark. /He offered the room in his house with faith. /Then the disciples made preparations for the Passover there.

/In verses 14-23, /Jesus established Communion. /Jesus wanted to eat at the Passover. /Jesus wanted to offer Himself as a sacrifice offering to God as the Lamb of the Passover.

/In verse 15, Jesus wanted to sacrifice His body for us. /In verse 16, Jesus said, “For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God.”

/Fulfillment in the kingdom of God /means that Jesus will be sacrificed as the Lamb of the Passover. /The kingdom of God is a holy place. /In verse 18, Jesus said, “I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine.”

/In Matthew 26:29, Jesus said /He would not drink the fruit of the vine /“until that day when I drink it anew with you.” /“Anew” indicates wine. /It also refers to spiritual gifts.

/It is the gift of spiritually participating in Christ’s flesh and blood /in the spiritual world. /In Isaiah 55:1, /it said, “buy wine and milk.” /“Wine” symbolizes God’s spiritual gifts.

/Jesus said, “I will not drink again,” /which meant that Jesus would from then on share

spiritual gifts with His people. /Thus, Jesus would not drink wine in this world again.
/Jesus established Communion.

/The “bread” symbolizes Jesus’ body. /The wine symbolizes Jesus’ blood. /Hence, Communion is a remembrance of Jesus’ atonement. /The Holy Spirit is with those who participate in Communion with faith.

/Therefore, all who believe in Jesus spiritually participate in Jesus’ flesh and blood. /Yet, this does not mean that the bread is Jesus’ body. /Jesus’ body is not in the bread. /The bread only symbolizes Jesus’ body.

/Jesus also said, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood.” /The blood that Jesus shed on the cross /is the blood of the covenant of atonement. /The wine symbolizes the blood of Jesus. /That is why it says in 1 Corinthians 11:29 that we must not eat bread and wine at Communion without recognizing what they are.

/Eating and drinking without recognizing the body of the Lord is like eating and drinking judgment on oneself. /Therefore, one must be spiritually mature to recognize the body of the Lord if he wants to participate in Communion. /Only those who are prepared to participate in Communion must participate.

/We cannot participate in Communion if we sin and do not repent. /If we want to participate in Communion, /we must repent and be clean in spirit. /We must fearfully and faithfully prepare to participate.

/Children cannot participate in Communion because they lack discernment. /Only those who are baptized can prepare and participate in Communion. /Judas Iscariot, who sold Jesus, was also present. /However, Jesus gave Judas some bread and sent him out.

/Jesus carried out Communion after He sent Judas away. /However, the order is mixed up in the passage. /Jesus died on the cross /according to God’s plan.

/However, there was woe on Judas Iscariot for selling Jesus. /The difficulties and hardships that we believers encounter are all a part of God’s plan. /God allows this so that he could give us greater things.

/In verses 24-30, /Jesus explained who the greatest in heaven were. /Jesus was to soon die on the cross. /Still, even in such a situation, the disciples argued about who would be the greatest in heaven.

/In the world, those who have power oppress those who do not. /They control others with their power. /Powerful people are known as benefactors. /However, the great in the kingdom of God are those who serve.

/Whoever wants to be the greatest in heaven /must be like servants in the world. /Jesus said this in Matthew 20:28. /Jesus Christ served everyone when He was on earth. /Jesus

put down His glory and throne in heaven and came to this world.

/Then the Lord sacrificed Himself to shed His blood on the cross /to save many people from their sins. /Jesus served many people and sacrificed Himself. /Hence, the Lord would sit on the right hand of God in heaven, in the highest seat.

/When believers of Jesus serve others, they will be the greatest in heaven. /The disciples were always with Jesus during His hardships. /Therefore, they would sit and drink with Jesus in the kingdom of heaven.

/They would sit on thrones and judge the twelve tribes of Israel. /All who are well-trained will have heaven and authority. /Therefore, we believers must grow in faith through trials.

/We must be trained and become qualified. /Acts 14:22 says the following. /“We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God.” /We must be refined through trials. /We must also be gentle and equipped and not lacking. /Our spiritual abilities and character must be built.

/Jesus said, “sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.” /When we are trained and refined in this world, /God will use us valuably in heaven.

/In verses 31-34, /Jesus prophesied about Peter. /Jesus said, “Satan has asked to sift you as wheat.” /This meant that the devil would test him. /Just as wheat is thrown up into the air as it is sifted, /Satan would test believers.

/Jesus said, “But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail.” /Jesus hears believers’ prayers /and God makes sure that believers’ faith doesn’t fail. /Then why was Peter tested, and why did he deny Jesus three times?

/Did Peter’s faith fail? /However, when Peter denied Jesus three times, /he immediately repented afterwards. /This shows that Peter’s faith did not fail. /If Peter’s faith fell, he would not have repented.

/Repentance is done with faith. /Peter denied Jesus three times because /his original faith was weak. /However, when Peter wept and repented, /his faith became stronger.

/In verse 32, Jesus said, “And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.” /The Lord told Peter to strengthen his brothers after he repented. /Later, Peter repented with faith as the Lord said he would.

/Then Peter walked in faith before his brothers. /Peter strengthened his brothers’ faith. /In verse 33, Peter confessed. /He confessed with determination, “Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death.”

/Peter was determined, but he did not have skills. /Peter thought he was ready but he was

not. /Peter failed. /However, after he repented, /he received strong faith.

/In verses 35-38, /Jesus told them to sell their cloak and buy a sword. /Earlier, when Jesus sent His disciples out to evangelize, /He told them not to take staffs, bags, or extra tunic. /However, they lacked nothing. /It was a peaceful time then.

/That was a time when they would be welcomed. /They would not lack anything at the time when they preached the gospel. /Yet, now, it was a time of darkness. /It was a time of hardships. /It was a time when people wanted to kill Jesus. /Therefore, they needed to take a purse and a bag.

/It was a time when they needed to take a sword with them. /A purse is used to carry money. /A bag is used to carry food or daily necessities. /There is a spiritual meaning in this.

/In the midst of hardships and persecutions, /they were to keep their faith and not let their white clothes get dirty. /This means that we must prepare spiritual food to defeat whatever comes our way. /In verse 36, Jesus said, “if you don’t have a sword, sell your cloak and buy one.”

/The sword symbolizes God’s word. /This means that we must make God’s word our life. /God’s word must become our strength. /The “cloak” is a something like a coat. /This is not quite necessary.

/The cloak is worn to be mannerly and keep one’s formality. /Therefore, Jesus said to sell the cloak, /which means that we must sacrifice the things we don’t necessarily need. /We must sacrifice the things that we do not need as we walk down the road of life.

/However, the thing that we must have is God’s word. /We must sell our cloak so that we can follow God. /If we do not sell our cloaks, we cannot follow God’s word.

/What must we believers follow first in the Bible? /We must first pray. /We must keep Sundays holy. /We must give tithes.

/We must not eat food sacrificed to idols. /We must not lose conscience of faith. /Each believer must obey God’s will for him.

/Jesus said, “sell your cloak and buy one.” /This means that when we follow God’s word, we must do not with all that we are. /We must do it with all our hearts and strength.

/Now is the time when we need to sell our cloaks and buy swords. /We must sacrifice things that we do not need in our faith. /We must throw away things we need to throw away. /We must cut out things we need to cut out. /Then we must buy God’s word.

/When we do so, we can grow strong and our spirits can grow. /Then we can defeat all of the devil’s schemes with God’s word. /If we do not buy swords, we cannot defeat the

devil's schemes. /Then we will fall in times of hardships.

/In verse 37, Jesus said, "And he was numbered with the transgressors." /Jesus quoted Isaiah 3:12. /The prophet Isaiah prophesied that Christ would be treated like a sinner and die. /Jesus died like a sinner as the words of prophecy said He would.

/However, the disciples said, "See, Lord, here are two swords," and they showed Jesus their swords. /Jesus spoke of the sword in a spiritual way. /However, the disciples did not understand, but showed Jesus their swords.

/Then Jesus said, "That is enough." /This does not mean that the two swords were enough. /This meant that what they understood about the truth was enough. /Even though they did not yet know the spiritual meaning, /it was enough that they heard Jesus' words.

/In verses 39-46, /Jesus prayed on the Mount of Olives. /Jesus had the habit of praying at the Mount of Olives. /The Lord always went up the mountain to pray. /In the Last Days, we believers must also go up into mountains and to sanctuaries and pray.

/It is important that we form the habit of praying. /The Garden of Gethsemane was located to the west of the Mount of Olives. /Jesus' place of prayer was at the Garden of Gethsemane. /In verse 40, Jesus said, "Pray that you will not fall into temptation."

/We must pray if we do not want to be tempted. /We cannot overcome temptations if we do not pray. /Jesus was God's Son, /but He fasted and prayed for 40 days and defeated the devil's temptations.

/The Lord also defeated the cross through prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane. /However, the disciples did not pray. /Therefore, the disciples were not able to chase out demons even after they saw the transfiguration.

/The disciples also ran away when Jesus was arrested because they did not pray. /Peter denied Jesus when Jesus was questioned because he did not pray. /Here, Jesus knelt down and prayed.

/The Lord prayed in a humble manner before God. /We believers must also pray in this manner. /In verse 42, Jesus said, "take this cup from me." /This was not prayer asking God to take the cross from Him.

/Jesus' purpose in coming to this earth was to take up the cross. /Jesus told His disciples three times in advance. /The Lord knew that He would die on the cross, and then be resurrected in three days.

/However, there was not reason for Jesus to pray that the cross be taken away /when He knew that He would die on the cross. /Then what did Jesus mean here? /This meant that He would take up the cross, but He wanted relief from sufferings.

/The “cup” symbolizes sufferings. /The Lord prayed, “yet not my will, but yours be done.” /This is a prayer of obedience. /“Father, if it is your will that I receive all the sufferings of the cross, /I will receive it all.”

/Hebrews 5:7-8 says, /the Lord learned obedience through prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane. /In verse 43, it says, “An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him.” /Prayer of obedience to God’s will is true prayer.

/God hears these prayers. /God gives strength and help, and he answers these prayers. /We must pray in Spirit. /We must pray with strength that comes from God.

/When Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane, /He prayed to overcome sufferings. /It says, Jesus “prayed more earnestly.” /This was prayer that defeated the suffering of the cross.

/It says, “his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.” /This means that Jesus’ sweat and blood were mixed. /Jesus sweat. /This was sweat from praying with all His heart and strength.

/When Jesus prayed in Gethsemane, /He prayed with all His energy, /all His strength, /and with His life. /Jesus’ sweat was not normal sweat. /It was sweat that was as precious as His blood.

/It was prayer of power that would give Jesus victory from the suffering of the cross. /Jesus received the suffering of the cross in the place where He prayed. /The Lord was able to overcome His sufferings because of power given to Him by God.

/If we cannot gain victory with prayer in the place of suffering, /we cannot gain victory in the world. /The disciples fell asleep, exhausted from sorrow. /The disciples were very sad about the upcoming death of their Teacher.

/The disciples could not overcome this, and could not pray and fell asleep. /The disciples were overwhelmed with sadness because their faith was weak. /The disciples could not pray because they were physically tired. /They eventually failed.

/Therefore, Jesus asked, “Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation.” /Those who do not pray will be tempted. /They will not defeat the devil. /They will ultimately fail. /Only those who pray hard /can overcome temptations.

/In verses 47-53, /Jesus was arrested. /Judas Iscariot brought a crowd to arrest Jesus. /Judas Iscariot led the way into the Garden of Gethsemane. /Judas approached Jesus to kiss Him, as if he wanted to greet Jesus.

/This act of hypocrisy was loathsome. /However, Jesus had mercy on Judas and spoke to him. /“Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?” /In Matthew 26:50, /Jesus said, “Friend, do what you came for.”

/Jesus loved Judas until the end. /People attempted to seize Jesus with swords and clubs. / At that moment, Peter took out his sword and cut off the right ear of Malchus, a servant of the high priest.

/Then Jesus said all who draw the sword will die by the sword. /Then the Lord told him to stop. /Then the Lord touched Malchus' ear and healed him.

/In verse 51, Jesus said, "No more of this," /which meant that the disciples were not to defend themselves. /There were four reasons /for this. /First, /Jesus needed to be arrested and take up the cross as is written in the Bible.

/Second, this was God's cup for Jesus. /Third, Jesus would complete righteousness through this. /Fourth, all who draw the sword would die by the sword.

/Jesus taught every day in the temple. /Before the appointed time came, they could not arrest Jesus. /However, the time of darkness had come. /Therefore, they came with swords and clubs to arrest Jesus. /Everything happened according to God's providence and plans.

/In verses 54-62, /Peter denied Jesus. /Peter wanted to hear Jesus from the courtyard. /Peter snuck into the courtyard of the high priest. /Peter sat among people who had kindled a fire in the courtyard.

/The apostle John knew the high priest. /Thus, in John 18:15, /John was able to go inside. /Peter was merely an observer with others around a fire. /In verse 56, a servant girl spoke to Peter.

/She said, "This man was with him." /When Peter heard this, he denied this before all who were there. /Peter said, "I don't know him." /In verse 58, someone spoke to Peter /a little later.

/“You also are one of them.” /Then Peter said, “I am not,” and denied Jesus a second time. /In verse 59, another man spoke with certainty. /“Certainly, this fellow was with him, for he is a Galilean.”

/In Matthew 26:73, the man said, “your account gives you away.” /It is likely that Peter had an accent of a Galilean. /Peter denied Jesus three times. /In Matthew 26:74, /Peter cursed and swore to them.

/At that time, Peter's own life became his idol. /Then the rooster crowed. /In Mark 14:72, /it says that the rooster crowed twice. /Then Jesus turned and looked straight at Peter. /Jesus looked upon Peter with eyes of love.

/The light of Christ shone upon Peter. /Then Peter remembered what Jesus said, and he repented. /Peter was heartbroken and went outside and wept bitterly.

/Peter greatly upset that he denied the Lord three times. /Peter hated himself, and he surrendered his life, wept bitterly, and repented. /We can temporarily fall because we are weak.

/However, when Jesus encourages us, we can have hope as we think about His words and then repent. /Peter repented and stood back up, /and he became a valuable worker of God.

/In verses 63-65, /Jesus was mocked. /The soldiers who guarded Jesus mocked Him. /The soldiers blindfolded Jesus and beat Him. /Then they demanded, “Prophecy! Who hit you?”

/Jesus was insulted in this way. /The Lord was cursed at /to receive the wages for our sins.

/In verses 66-71, /the Lord was questioned by the council. /When the chief priests and teachers of the law gathered, /Jesus revealed that He is Christ. /Jesus did not reveal this to make them believe.

/The Lord testified that He is Christ. /In verse 69, Jesus said, “But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the mighty God.” /Christ sits at the right hand of God.

/Then the people asked again. /“Are you then the Son of God?” /Jesus clearly answered, “You are right in saying I am.” /However, the chief priests used Jesus’ words /as evidence to kill Jesus.

/Here we will conclude the eighteenth lecture on the gospel of Luke. /Thank you.