

## Message Notes

### The Laid Down Preference of Jesus

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(taken from the New International Version)

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- a. *Do you look to the victory in Jesus in the midst of your trials?*
- b. *Do you lay down your preferences like Jesus?*

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The Gospel of  
**LUKE**

The Glory of The Cross  
Luke 19:45 to Luke 24:49

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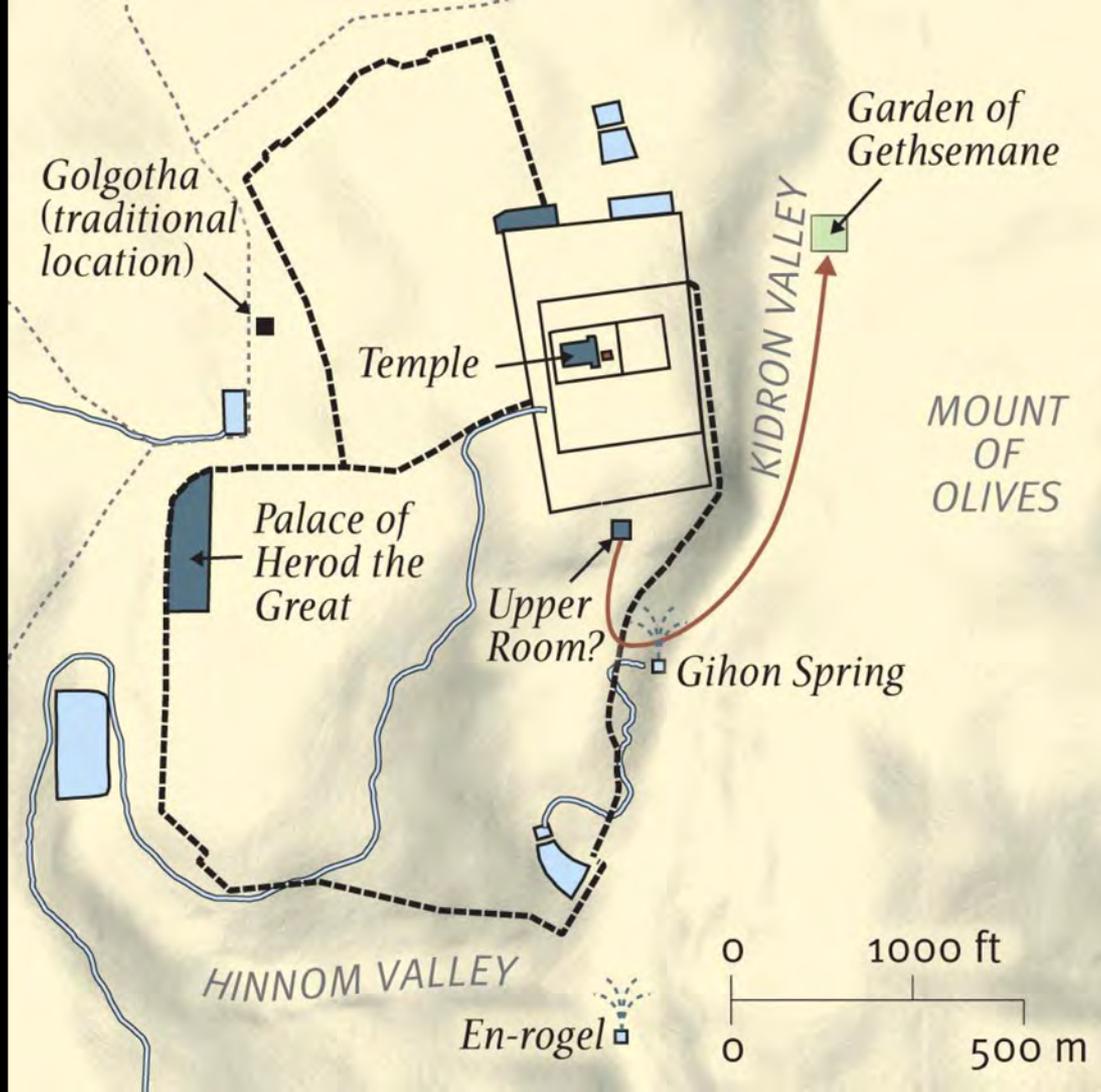
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<sup>3</sup>Then Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, one of the Twelve. <sup>4</sup>And Judas went to the chief priests and the officers of the temple guard and discussed with them how he might betray Jesus.

<sup>5</sup>They were delighted and agreed to give him money. <sup>6</sup>He consented, and watched for an opportunity to hand Jesus over to them when no crowd was present.

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He takes their interests so much to heart in His selfless love that He still makes time to urge on them the necessity of maintaining communion in prayer with God so that they may remain firm amidst the deluge of temptations soon to burst forth over them.

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<sup>31</sup> “Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. <sup>32</sup> But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”

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What is emphasized... is the narrator's intent to portray Jesus and the disciples in parallel, showing how each responds in the face of diabolic offensive. As in 21:36, so here and in the parallel of v 46, Jesus explains that one may faithfully persevere in time of testing through prayer. Especially when compared with 18:11, 13, where both Pharisee and toll collector stand to pray, Jesus' posture begs for comment... kneeling for prayer draws special attention to submissiveness in prayer as well as to the urgency or intensity of the prayer itself.

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## **Matthew 20:17-23**

<sup>17</sup>Now Jesus was going up to Jerusalem. On the way, he took the Twelve aside and said to them. <sup>18</sup>“We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death <sup>19</sup>and will hand him over the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life!”

## Matthew 20:17-23

<sup>20</sup>Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of him.

<sup>21</sup>"What is it you want?" he asked. She said, "Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom."

<sup>22</sup>"You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said to them. "Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?"

"We can," They answered.

## **Matthew 20:17-23**

<sup>23</sup> Jesus said to them, “You will indeed drink from my cup, but to sit at my right hand or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have prepared by my Father.”

## Acts 12:1-2

<sup>1</sup>It was about this time that King Herod arrested some who belonged to the church, intending to persecute them. <sup>2</sup>He had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword.

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Three times Luke refers to Jesus' prayer (vv 41, 44, 45), the final time to mark its completion. In parallel fashion, Luke had described Jesus as kneeling to pray and under physical stress while praying, but now he observes that Jesus arose from prayer. In these two ways, the Third Evangelist marks the end of the contest, the certainty with which Jesus has discerned the divine will, and the resolve with which he has embraced his divine vocation.

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