

# Message Notes

## When Darkness Reigns

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There is silence all around. The Baptist appears, and cries: “Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.” Soon after that comes Jesus, and in the knowledge that He is the coming Son of Man He lays hold of the wheel of the world to set it moving on that last revolution which is to bring all ordinary history to a close. It refuses to turn, and He throws Himself upon it. Then it does turn; and crushes Him.... The wheel rolls onward, and the mangled body of the one immeasurably great Man, who was strong enough to think of Himself as the spiritual ruler of mankind and to bend history to His purpose, is hanging upon it still. That is His victory and his reign.



~ Albert Schweitzer, *The Quest for the Historical Jesus* (London: Adam and Charles Black, 1910)

The Gospel of  
**LUKE**

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

# Anticipating the first Holy Week

## Luke 21:37-38

<sup>37</sup>Each day Jesus was teaching at the temple, and each evening he went out to spend the night on the hill called the Mount of Olives, <sup>38</sup>and all the people came early in the morning to hear him at the temple.

## Luke 22:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Now the Festival of Unleavened Bread, called the Passover, was approaching, <sup>2</sup>and the chief priests and the teachers of the law were looking for some way to get rid of Jesus, for they were afraid of the people. <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.

## Luke 22:14-24

<sup>14</sup>When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. <sup>16</sup>For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God.”

<sup>17</sup>After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, “Take this and divide it among you. <sup>18</sup>For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”

<sup>19</sup>And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.”



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<sup>24</sup>A dispute also arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest.

## Luke 22:39-46

<sup>39</sup> Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him. <sup>40</sup>On reaching the place, he said to them, “Pray that you will not fall into temptation.” <sup>41</sup>He withdrew about a stone’s throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, <sup>42</sup>“Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.” <sup>43</sup>An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. <sup>44</sup>And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.

## Luke 22:39-46

<sup>45</sup>When he rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow. <sup>46</sup>“Why are you sleeping?” he asked them. “Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation.”



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The question Jesus asked combined foreknowledge with an appeal for repentance: “Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?” (v. 48). It was a poignant appeal. “Judas, how could you have chosen such a sign? Could you not have employed another way? Are you so dead, so beyond feeling, that you would use a kiss?” As the old preacher Alexander Maclaren put it, “Thus to the end Christ seeks to keep him from ruin, and with meek patience resents not indignity, but with majestic calmness sets before the miserable man the hideousness of his act.”

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# Bring on the Revolution!

## *Peter's Attack*

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Peter's move was pure stupidity. He was playing perfectly into the hands of the temple mob. Thanks to Peter's impulsive violence, the authorities could now claim they had received an anonymous tip that Jesus and his armed followers were preparing for some guerrilla action. And when challenged, Jesus' gang had attacked the authorities. Most of them had been killed, and the rest were on the run. And Jesus? He was just a political subversive. Good job, Peter!

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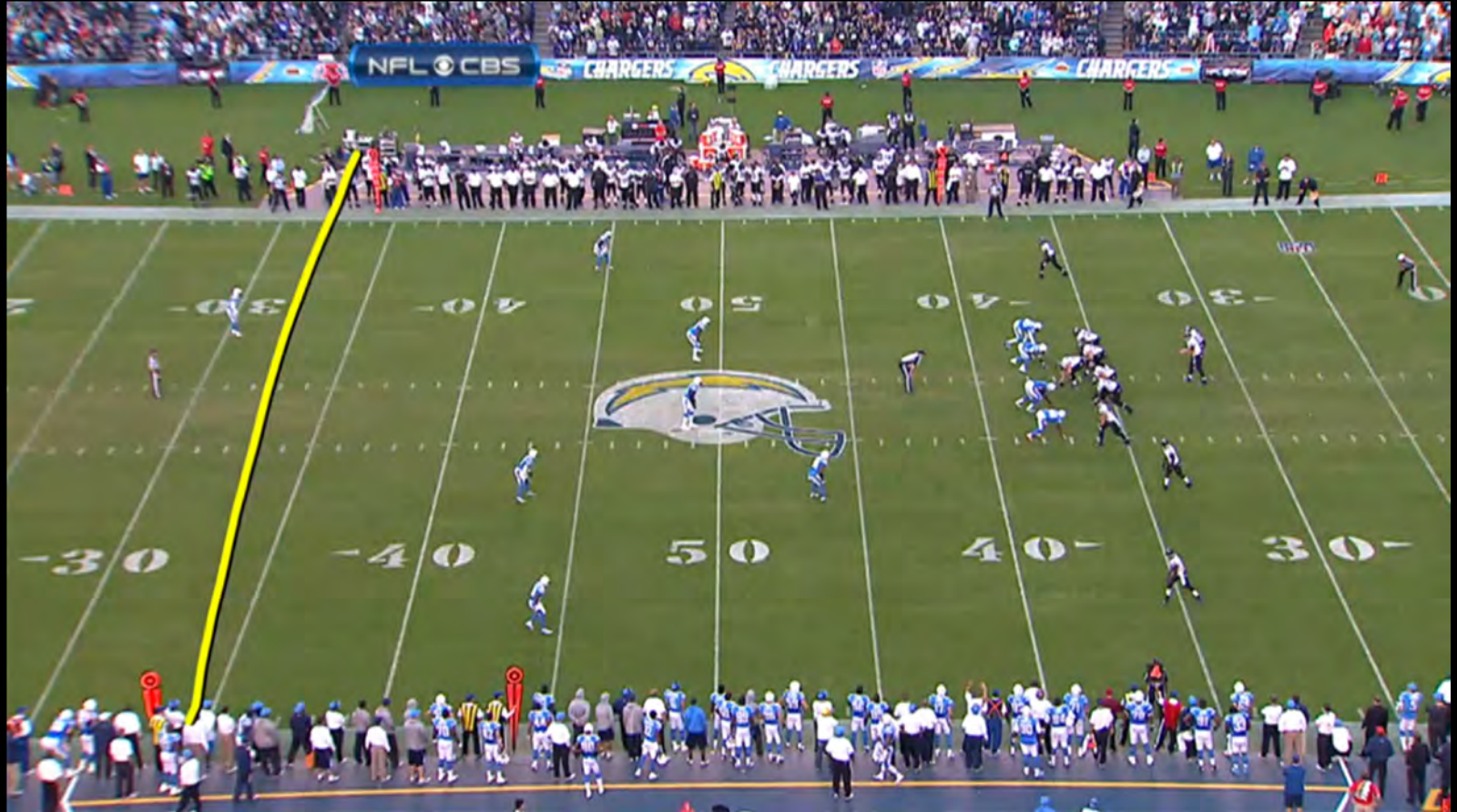
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### **Matthew 26:47-56**

<sup>47</sup>While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived. With him was a large crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and the elders of the people. <sup>48</sup>Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: “The one I kiss is the man; arrest him.” <sup>49</sup>Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed him.

<sup>50</sup>Jesus replied, “Do what you came for, friend.”

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Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him.

<sup>51</sup>With that, one of Jesus' companions reached for his sword, drew it out and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

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<sup>52</sup>“Put your sword back in its place,” Jesus said to him, “for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. <sup>53</sup>Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? <sup>54</sup>But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?”

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<sup>55</sup>In that hour Jesus said to the crowd, “Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? Every day I sat in the temple courts teaching, and you did not arrest me. <sup>56</sup>But this has all taken place that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

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## *John*

### John 18:1-12

<sup>1</sup>When he had finished praying, Jesus left with his disciples and crossed the Kidron Valley. On the other side there was a garden, and he and his disciples went into it.

<sup>2</sup>Now Judas, who betrayed him, knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with his disciples. <sup>3</sup>So Judas came to the garden, guiding a detachment of soldiers and some officials from the chief priests and the Pharisees. They were carrying torches, lanterns and weapons.



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<sup>4</sup>Jesus, knowing all that was going to happen to him, went out and asked them, “Who is it you want?”

<sup>5</sup>“Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied.

“I am he,” Jesus said. (And Judas the traitor was standing there with them.) <sup>6</sup>When Jesus said, “I am he,” they drew back and fell to the ground.

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<sup>7</sup>Again he asked them, “Who is it you want?”

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<sup>8</sup>Jesus answered, “I told you that I am he. If you are looking for me, then let these men go.” <sup>9</sup>This happened so that the words he had spoken would be fulfilled: “I have not lost one of those you gave me.”

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<sup>10</sup>Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, cutting off his right ear.  
(The servant's name was Malchus.)

<sup>11</sup>Jesus commanded Peter, "Put your sword away! Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given me?"

<sup>12</sup>Then the detachment of soldiers with its commander and the Jewish officials arrested Jesus...

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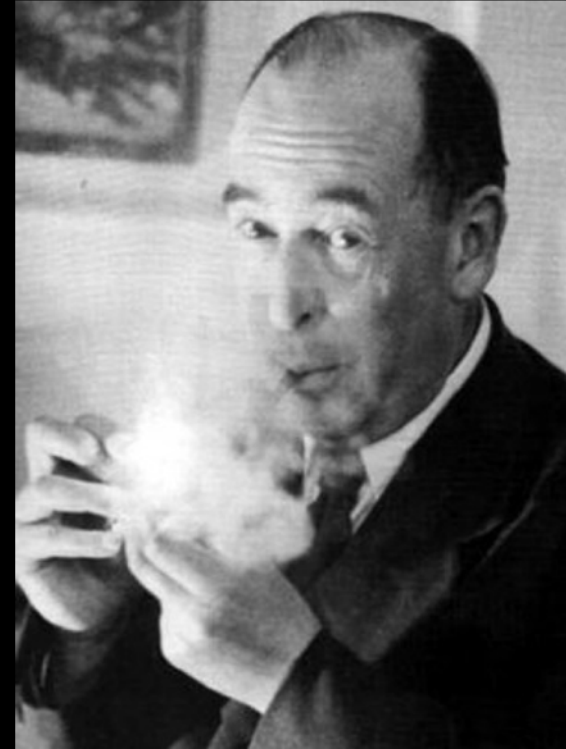
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“Imagine yourself as a living house. God comes in to rebuild that house. At first, perhaps, you can understand what He is doing. He is getting the drains right and stopping the leaks in the roof and so on; you knew that those jobs needed doing and so you are not surprised. But presently

He starts knocking the house about in a way that hurts abominably and does not seem to make any sense. What on earth is He up to? The explanation is that He is building quite a different house from the one you thought of - throwing out a new wing here, putting on an extra floor there, running up towers, making courtyards. You thought you were being made into a decent little cottage: but He is building a palace. He intends to come and live in it Himself.”

~ C. S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*



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