



REIGNITING
YOUR PASSION FOR CHRIST
A Study of the Gospel of Luke
THE LONGEST NIGHT LUKE 22:39-62

INTRODUCTION: All of us experience disappointment with other people. But the deepest hurt of all is when we are betrayed or abandoned by those closest to us. Jesus experienced both betrayal and abandonment in a single evening--the longest night of His earthly life. Through His experience we can learn some valuable lessons about how to respond to the inevitable pain that is inflicted by those closest to us.

I. The Temptation (Luke 22:39-46)

Luke 22:39 “And He came out and proceeded as was His custom to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples also followed Him.”

Luke 22:40 “And when He arrived at the place, He said to them, ‘Pray that you may not enter into temptation.’”

Luke 22:41 “And He withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, and He knelt down and began to pray.”

Matthew 26:38-39 ³⁸ “Then He said to them, ‘My soul is deeply grieved, to the point of death; remain here and keep watch with Me.’ ³⁹ And He went a little beyond them, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, ‘My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as Thou wilt.’”

Luke 22:42 “Saying, ‘Father, if Thou art willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Thine be done.’”

Luke 22:43-44 ⁴³ “Now an angel from heaven appeared to Him, strengthening Him. ⁴⁴ And being in agony He was praying very fervently; and His sweat became like drops of blood, falling down upon the ground.”

II. The Betrayal (Luke 22:47-53)

Luke 22:47-48 ⁴⁷ “While He was still speaking, behold, a multitude came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was preceding them; and he approached Jesus to kiss Him. ⁴⁸ But Jesus said to him, ‘Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?’”

Luke 22:49 “And when those who were around Him saw what was going to happen, they said, ‘Lord, shall we strike with the sword?’”

Luke 22:50 “And a certain one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear.”

Luke 22:52-53 ⁵² “And Jesus said to the chief priests and officers of the temple and elders who had come against Him, ‘Have you come out with swords and clubs as against a robber? ⁵³ While I was with you daily in the temple, you did not lay hands on Me; but this hour and the power of darkness are yours.’”

Matthew 26:52-56 ⁵² “Then Jesus said to him, ‘Put your sword back into its place; for all those who take up the sword shall perish by the sword. ⁵³ Or do you think that I cannot appeal to My Father, and He will at once put at My disposal more than twelve legions of angels? ⁵⁴ How then shall the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must happen this way?’ ⁵⁵ At that time Jesus said to the multitudes, ‘Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest Me as against a robber? Every day I used to sit in the temple teaching and you did not seize Me. ⁵⁶ But all this has taken place that Scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.’ Then all the disciples left Him and fled.”

III. The Denial (Luke 22:54-62)

Luke 22:33-34 ³³ “And he said to Him, ‘Lord, with You I am ready to go both to prison and to death!’ ³⁴ And He said, ‘I say to you, Peter, the cock will not crow today until you have denied three times that you know Me.’”

Luke 22:54 “And having arrested Him, they led Him away, and brought Him to the house of the high priest; but Peter was following at a distance.”

A. The First Denial (Luke 22:55-57)

Luke 22:55-57 ⁵⁵ “And after they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter was sitting among them. ⁵⁶ And a certain servant-girl, seeing him as he sat in the firelight, and looking intently at him, said, ‘This man was with Him too.’ ⁵⁷ But he denied it, saying, ‘Woman, I do not know Him.’”

B. The Second Denial (Luke 22:58)

Luke 22:58 “And a little later, another saw him and said, ‘You are one of them too!’ But Peter said, ‘Man, I am not!’”

C. The Third Denial (Luke 22:59-62)

Luke 22:62 “And he went out and wept bitterly.”

IV. Practical Principles From Jesus’ Longest Night

A. Don’t Be Surprised When People Disappoint You

B. Strengthen Your Relationship With God Before The Battle Begins

C. Failure Is Inevitable, But It Doesn’t Have To Be Final

Conclusion: