

THE REALLY GOOD LIFE!

The Life of Christ Series

Gospel of Luke

Betrayed and Denied

Luke 22:47-62

"Betrayed"

(Luke 22:47-53)

⁴⁷ And while He was still speaking, behold, a multitude; and he who was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them and drew near to Jesus to kiss Him. ⁴⁸ But Jesus said to him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?" ⁴⁹ When those around Him saw what was going to happen, they said to Him, "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 answered and said, "Permit even this." And He touched his ear and healed him. ⁵² Then Jesus said to the chief priests, captains of the temple, and the elders who had come to Him, "Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs? ⁵³ When I was with you daily in the temple, you did not try to seize Me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness."

1. Judas betrays Jesus with a kiss. Outwardly he may be greeting Jesus as a friend, however he was a fiend. Have you ever been betrayed? How did that make you feel and how did handle that situation?
2. What were the disciples doing (v. 46) when Judas and the multitude arrive, and how did this affect their reaction (49-50) to the situation?
3. How were the disciples' action of drawing their sword courageous, but also foolish? Discuss.
4. What truths can you state about Jesus by v.51?
5. How did Jesus and his disciples react differently and why?
6. What lesson can you learn from these verses and how can you apply it to your life as a follower of Jesus?

"Denied Thrice"

(Luke 22:54-62)

⁵⁴ Having arrested Him, they led Him and brought Him into the high priest's house. But Peter followed at a distance. ⁵⁵ Now when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. ⁵⁶ And a certain servant girl, seeing him as he sat by the fire, looked intently at him and said, "This man was also with Him." ⁵⁷ But he denied ^[a]Him, saying, "Woman, I do not know Him." ⁵⁸ And after a little while another saw him and said, "You also are of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not!" ⁵⁹ Then after about an hour had passed, another confidently affirmed, saying, "Surely this fellow also was with Him, for he is a Galilean." ⁶⁰ But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are saying!" Immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. ⁶¹ And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had said to him, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." ⁶² So Peter went out and wept bitterly.

7. In Luke 22:33, Peter says, "Lord, I am ready to go with You, both to prison and to death", yet he denied Jesus three times. Why do you suppose he did this?
8. What were the different ways Peter denied Christ? In what ways to Christians deny Christ today? Have you ever denied Him?
9. It says that Peter, "followed at a distance". How do we tend to follow Jesus "at a distance"?
10. Jesus and Peter made eye contact which caused Peter to weep bitterly. Describe that moment. How do you think each of them felt? Do you think how Peter felt for Jesus affected how he served Him from this point on?