



1. Understand _____ (v.1)

Luke 22:1 Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called the Passover. **2** And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to put him to death, for they feared the people. **3** Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was of the number of the twelve. **4** He went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers how he might betray him to them. **5** And they were glad, and agreed to give him money. **6** So he consented and sought an opportunity to betray him to them in the absence of a crowd. (ESV)

2. Trust _____ (vv.2-6)

3. Joyfully _____ (v.3)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Galatians 4:4-5**; **Titus 1:1-3** and **Romans 1:1-4**. What do you learn about God (and what difference should it make in your heart and mind) knowing that the timing of the first coming of Christ and his work of redemption was all planned and accomplished according to God's sovereign schedule?
2. Read **Acts 17:25-27**. What difference does it make to know that God's sovereign planning extends to your life?
3. Read **Isaiah 53:4-6** and **Acts 2:22-23**. Appreciating the great value of the work of Christ's redemption, how does this passage in Acts 2 help you get "bad circumstances" in perspective?
4. Read **Romans 8:28-30** and **James 1:2-4**. What are some of the challenges of taking these two passages to heart and trusting their truthfulness from day to day?
5. Read **Romans 8:31-37** and **16:20**. How can you live more assured of the ultimate victory over evil that has been secured for us by Christ? What kind of impact should this make on your daily life?

This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

June 3rd

2Chr. 10-12 & Jn. 13:18-38

June 4th

2Chr. 13-16 & Jn. 14

June 5th

2Chr. 17-19 & Jn. 15

June 6th

2Chr. 20-22 & Jn. 16:1-15

June 7th

2Chr. 23-25 & Jn. 16:16-33

June 8th

2Chr. 26-28 & Jn. 17

June 9th

2Chr. 29-31 & Jn. 18:1-23

June 10th

2Chr. 32-33 & Jn. 18:24-40

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. 16-15 – ***Suffering in a Broken World***

Msg. 14-17 – ***Lifelines: For Tough Times***

Msg. 10-19 – ***Looking for the Good When Things Go Bad***

Msg. 09-04 – ***Making Sense of the Bad in the "Good Book"***

Msg. 06-34 – ***Why Don't We Have to Keep All Those Old Testament Ceremonies?***

Msg. 08-59 – ***The Theodicy of God*** (a study on God's goodness & the existence of evil)

Msg. 11-55 – 11-66 – ***Angelology*** (a 12-part lecture-series on angels, demons, & Satan)

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Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Alcorn, Randy. ***If God is Good: Faith in the Midst of Suffering and Evil***. Multnomah Books, 2014.

Archer, G. ***The Book of Job***. Baker, 1982. 1019

Carson, D. A. ***How Long O Lord? Reflections on Suffering & Evil***. Baker Books, 1990.

Cosby, Brian H. ***Suffering and Sovereignty: John Flavel and the Puritans on Afflictive Providence***. RH Books, 2012.

Dickason, C. Fred. ***Angels: Elect & Evil***. Moody Press, 1975.

Fabarez, Mike. ***Lifelines for Tough Times: God's Presence and Help When You Hurt***. Harvest House, 2014.

Leyshon, David. ***Sickness, Suffering and Scripture***. Banner of Truth, 2008.

MacArthur, John. ***The Power of Suffering: Strengthening Your Faith in the Refiner's Fire***. David C. Cook, 2011.

Morgan, Christopher. ***Suffering and the Goodness of God***. Crossway, 2008.

Piper, John & Justin Taylor, eds. ***Suffering and the Sovereignty of God***. Crossway, 2006.

Poole, Garry. ***How Could God Allow Suffering and Evil?*** Zondervan, 1998.

Rhodes, Ron. ***Angels Among Us: Separating Truth from Fiction***. Harvest House, 2001.

Sproul, R. C. ***Surprised by Suffering: The Role of Pain and Death in the Christian Life***. Reformation Trust, 2009.

Watson, Thomas. ***All Things for Good***. (Puritan Paperbacks) Reprint. Banner of Truth, 1986.