

## KINGDOM PEOPLE CHURCH

### EASTER MESSAGE April 2019

#### Introduction

Hallo and welcome everyone, My name is Taps and I am one of the Elders here. I am excited about bringing today's word. We have a few scriptures to go through so please get your bibles out and turn to:

#### Read Luke 22:47-62

Luke 22:47-62 New International Version (NIV)

Jesus Arrested

47 While he was still speaking a crowd came up, and the man who was called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him, 48 but Jesus asked him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"

49 When Jesus' followers saw what was going to happen, they said, "Lord, should we strike with our swords?" 50 And one of them struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear.

51 But Jesus answered, "No more of this!" And he touched the man's ear and healed him.

52 Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple guard, and the elders, who had come for him, "Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come with swords and clubs? 53 Every day I was with you in the temple courts, and you did not lay a hand on me. But this is your hour—when darkness reigns."

Peter Disowns Jesus

54 Then seizing him, they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest. Peter followed at a distance. 55 And when some there had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter sat down with them. 56 A servant girl saw him seated there in the firelight. She looked closely at him and said, "This man was with him."

57 But he denied it. "Woman, I don't know him," he said.

58 A little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them."

"Man, I am not!" Peter replied.

59 About an hour later another asserted, "Certainly this fellow was with him, for he is a Galilean."

60 Peter replied, "Man, I don't know what you're talking about!" Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed. 61 The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: "Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times." 62 And he went outside and wept bitterly.

#### 1: Man vs The Life Giver

Scene One:

This passage for me sets the tone for what Jesus had set out to do, not only in the moment leading to his death but God's plan from the beginning.

Looking closely at this scripture Jesus shows his true nature, he is a life Giver and Restorer. He is the Lord of all but no one sees it! Not even his disciples at this point.

**1:** Jesus is betrayed, A man's ear was cut off, he restores this and called an end to fleshly wars. This was not an earthly battle.

**2a:** Peter denies him 3 times as he had predicted but he did not disown him. Grace was poured out here He knew he was going to be betrayed but still had a meal with the enemy.

**b:** sometimes we must realize that miracles do not Always bring substance to our faith. We may say if God could only do this for me, or cover that then I will never doubt him. Believe in Him for who he is.

-Peter did not in the moment seem to remember the 5000 fed or the walking on water. Denying Christ is something we do daily and naturally, if it happened to Him, it could happen to the best among us. Where do you stand?

#### 2: The Cross

The story continues in Luke 23:26-49, Jesus is obviously not found guilty but the people demand that he be crucified in place of a known criminal. The sentence is death, and death on the cross.

Jesus took on Sin and death punishment on our behalf.

The Crucifixion of Jesus

26 As the soldiers led him away, they seized Simon from Cyrene, who was on his way in from the country, and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. 27 A large number of people followed him, including women who mourned and wailed for him. 28 Jesus turned and said to them, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children. 29 For the time will come when you will say, 'Blessed are the childless women, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' 30 Then

“they will say to the mountains, “Fall on us!”  
and to the hills, “Cover us!”[a]

31 For if people do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

32 Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. 33 When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. 34 Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”[b] And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

35 The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.”

36 The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar 37 and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.”

38 There was a written notice above him, which read: this is the king of the jews.

39 One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”

40 But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? 41 We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.”

42 Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom [c]”

43 Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

The Death of Jesus

44 It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, 45 for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. 46 Jesus called out with a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.”[d] When he had said this, he breathed his last.

47 The centurion, seeing what had happened, praised God and said, “Surely this was a righteous man.” 48 When all the people who had gathered to witness this sight saw what took place, they beat their breasts and went away. 49 But all those who knew him, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Footnotes:

[Luke 23:30](#) Hosea 10:8

[Luke 23:31](#) Some early manuscripts do not have this sentence.

[Luke 23:42](#) Some manuscripts come with your kingly power

[Luke 23:46](#) Psalm 31:5

## How do you view the cross?

There are two perspectives that are portrayed by the two men who were also crucified with Jesus.

- a) The one denied his Kingship despite the evidence at hand and pronounced eternal death to himself

- The guy whose ear was replaced continued on duty to arrest the Life Giver!

- b) The other accepted him and believed and was saved right there and then

- But those who were walking free mocked him and challenged him to free himself if he was a true messiah.

**“the cross displays the awfulness of human sin, God’s dreadful judgment, His amazing love, and His amazing Savior.”**

## THE RESSURECTION

Luke 24vs 1:12

At the core of the Christian Faith is the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. Without it, there is no Gospel! Jesus came to earth, lived a life of faith, was betrayed and crucified on the cross. He died and on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day, he rose again in Power. Victorious. He ascended to heaven and he will truly come back for his own.

The Easter message therefore stands to remind us that we have to decide whom we will follow.

Our faith should never be based only on what we have experienced but the truth of the word of God.

We who were once dead are now alive in him, at baptism we have this symbol of dying with Him and rising again

When we die here on earth, we have hope that our resurrected Lord will raise us up again for eternity.

This was once off with both present and eternal benefits for believers.