

Morning Sermon March 8, 2015
“Different Ways for Different Days”
Luke 22:35-38

I. The way things were –

³⁵ **And He said to them, "When I sent you without money bag, knapsack, and sandals, did you lack anything?" So they said, "Nothing."**

In chapters 9 & 10 of Luke we read of Jesus sending out the twelve and sending out the seventy.

- 1. This was a time of popularity for Jesus, it was at this time He fed the five thousand, and He had big crowds following Him!*
- 2. In fact, we know this continued pretty much to this point, as the reason Judas was needed (as a betrayer) was because Jesus was not attainable with the crowds around.*
- 3. His disciples were casting out demons and healing people, they were popular too -*

“He gave them authority over all devils, to dispossess them, and cast them out, though ever so numerous, so subtle, so fierce, so obstinate. Christ designed a total rout and ruin to the kingdom of darkness, and therefore gave them power over all devils.” Matthew Henry

It was because of their healing, casting out demons and teaching of the Gospel that Jesus’ disciples had no need of money, knapsack, extra sandals etc... these were provided by the people they ministered to!
⁷ **"And remain in the same house, eating and drinking such things as they give, for the laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not go from house to house. (Luke 10:7 NKJ)**

II. The way things soon would be ...

." ³⁶ **Then He said to them, "But now, he who has a money bag, let him take it, and likewise a knapsack; and he who has no sword, let him sell his garment and buy one. ³⁷ "For I say to you that this which is written must still be accomplished in Me: `And He was numbered with the transgressors.' For the things concerning Me have an end." ³⁸ So they said, "Lord, look, here are two swords." And He said to them, "It is enough." (Luke 22:35-38 NKJ)**

Things were soon going to change from friendly to fierce and Jesus wanted His disciples ready for it!

1. Note there was a hint of this in the previous passage ---

³¹ **And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. (Luke 22:31 NKJ)**

Before they were casting out demons, soon it would SEEM Satan would have the upper hand.

2. There was a reason for this –

³⁷ **"For I say to you that this which is written must still be accomplished in Me: `And He was numbered with the transgressors.' For the things concerning Me have an end."**

A prophesied reason –

¹² **Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, And He shall divide the spoil with the strong, Because He poured out His soul unto death,**

And He was numbered with the transgressors,

And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors. (Isa 53:12 NKJ)

When He was popular, they were popular, when He would be numbered with the transgressors (CRIMINALS), so would they!

This goes along with what Jesus taught them in John 15 –

¹⁸ **"If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you.**

¹⁹ **"If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. ²⁰ "Remember the word that I said to you, `A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also**

persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also. ²¹ "But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me. ²² "If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. ²³

"He who hates Me hates My Father also. ²⁴ "If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would have no sin; but now they have seen and also hated both Me and My Father. ²⁵ "But *this happened* that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, `They hated Me without a cause.' (John 15:18-25 NKJ)

3. Different days, different attitudes toward Christ, meant a different strategy –

- A. *They could no longer count on people being happy with them and providing for them ...*
- B. *So now they would need their money, their knapsacks and even swords, for protection!*
- 4. *The things of Christ have an END, a climax, a point they are all pointing to and that end is the cross!*

III. What we should expect and desire –

1. We should expect persecution -

¹² **Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. (2Timothy 3:12 NKJ)**

This is true because we live in a world that hates the true God –

⁷ **Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. (Romans 8:7 NKJ)**

2. We should desire more and more of Jesus –

A. *Though it may mean giving things up -*

⁷ **But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ.**

⁸ **Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ (Philippians 3:7-8 NKJ)**

B. It definitely means giving up self-righteousness, it is by His cross we are saved – HUMILITY is key, we have no “righteousness” of our own -

⁹ **and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; (Philippians 3:9 NKJ)**

C. Ultimately, we would desire even the fellowship of His sufferings -

¹⁰ **that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, ¹¹ if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. (Philippians 3:10-11 NKJ)**

and when they had called for the apostles and beaten *them*, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹ **So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name. ⁴² And**

daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ. (Acts 5:40-42 NKJ)

IV. Application –

1. Be careful how you apply Scripture

A. *Some passages contain timeless truths –*

⁸ **The LORD is merciful and gracious, Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy. (Psalm 103:8 NKJ)**

B. *Other passages contain truth which applies to certain circumstances –*

³⁵ **And He said to them, "When I sent you without money bag, knapsack, and sandals, did you lack anything?" So they said, "Nothing." ³⁶ Then He said to them, "**But now**, he who has a money bag, let him take it, and likewise a knapsack; and he who has no sword, let him sell his garment and buy one.**

One time is different than another –

^{NKJ} **Ecclesiastes 3:1 To everything *there is* a season, A time for every purpose under heaven: ² A time to be born, And a time to die; A time to plant, And a time to pluck *what is* planted; ³ A time to kill, And a time to heal; A time to break down, And a time to build up; ⁴ A time to weep, And a time to laugh; A time to mourn, And a time to dance; ⁵ A time to cast away stones, And a time to gather stones; A time to embrace, And a time to refrain from embracing; ⁶ A time to gain, And a time to lose; A time to keep, And a time to throw away; ⁷ A time to tear, And a time to sew; A time to keep silence, And a time to speak; ⁸ A time to love, And a time to hate; A time of war, And a time of peace. (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 NKJ)**

2. Seek to be wise about your time –

¹² **So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. (Psalm 90:12 NKJ)**

3. Seek to be wise about the times –

This was a weakness of the Pharisees and Sadducees –

... You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot *discern* the signs of the times. (Matthew 16:3 NKJ)

¹³ **Consider the work of God; For who can make straight what He has made crooked? ¹⁴ In the day of prosperity be joyful, But in the day of adversity consider: Surely God has appointed the one as well as the other, (Ecclesiastes 7:13-14 NKJ)**

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