

“3 Things to Know about Jesus”

What would Jesus want to change in our lives?

Luke 22:47-53

cp. Matt. 26:47-56; Mark 14:43-50; John 18:3-11

Jesus Cares about Our:

I. Motives - “drew near unto Jesus” (verses 35-36)

He sees us apart from the:

A. Crowds – “a multitude”

300-600 people in a band of men. Hundreds of people, yet Jesus was concentrated on the individual who was troubled – Judas

B. Ceremony – “drew near unto”

He comes to Jesus with the pomp and circumstance of “Master” as to act like this is somehow going to be a worshipful experience...His motive cancelled out his pageantry. It does not matter how wonderfully he performed the task if his heart was corrupt and full of deceit and disloyalty.

C. Caresses – “to kiss Him”

Action is good. Loving gestures are welcome. But love and devotion are more than just an expression. It is not the gift but the thought that counts. What do our thoughts say about us? Do we think loving thoughts about others? Do we really even care?

II. Methods - “smite with a sword?” (verses 37-38)

He wants us to depend on His:

A. Answers – “Jesus answered”

Prayer – wait for answers don’t just ask questions

- *Shall we smite with the sword?*
- *A few verses earlier, the disciples could not stay awake, perhaps they had their request all in and they were not use to waiting for answers*

B. Accuracy – “scriptures be fulfilled”

The Script

- *The scriptures concerning Jesus not losing any John 17:12*
- *The scriptures concerning Him being numbered with the transgressors – Luke 22:37, Isa. 53:12*
- *Zechariah 13:6-7, betrayal of a friend, scattering of the disciples*

- *His Crucifixion – in detail*

C. Actions - “He touched, and healed”

Healing, Leaving places better than we found them

- *Word for healed carries the idea of no scar. Perhaps a lesson that we should not be so concerned with making our mark.*
- *Jesus could have called 12 legions or 36 – 72 thousand angels to come and slaughter them. He chose not to use His power in destructive ways.*

III. Manners - “as against a thief” (verses 39-46)

His example is not to be:

A. Aggressive – “with swords and staves”

Swords and staves speak of intention to harm and suppress. How do others see us coming to them? Are we includers or excluders? Are we protecting or we provoking? Do we bring freedom or do we shackle them down with guilt and despair.

B. Anxious -- “but this is your hour”

Timing, He makes all things beautiful in His time. Are we more important than God’s plan? He is waiting patiently for the time to return and take back the reign of the whole earth. We must “be anxious for nothing” but by prayer and supplication ... letting the peace of God baffle us and others.

C. Anarchists – “nevertheless not my will”

Authority, Jurisdiction

confusion; chaos; disorder: Intellectual and moral anarchy followed his loss of faith

We still must live within the system even when we feel wronged. We should go ahead and suffer and count it a privilege. Jesus went through with the program, which included His mistreatment by authorities even when He was the ultimate authority. He always maintained a lawful manner and desires us to do the same.