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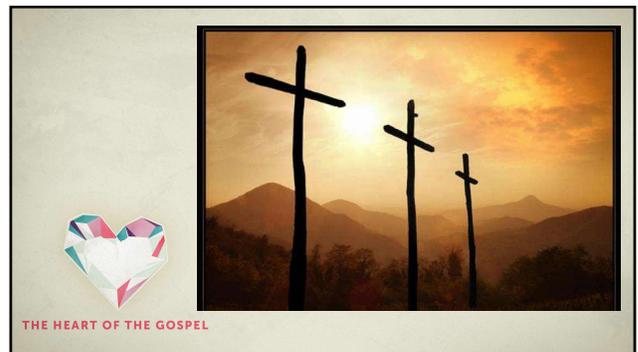
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- What made the murder of Jesus so horrendous?



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- What made the murder of Jesus so horrendous?
- It was the murder of the only sinless man that ever lived!



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Luke 22



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- What is Luke trying to teach us in this chapter?



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- What is Luke trying to teach us in this chapter?
- ✓ Nothing could stop Jesus from walking the path of suffering, sacrifice and death.



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- WHAT about the characters in this story, what can we learn from their response to Jesus?



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• Judas?



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• WHAT was Satan attempting to do in the life of Judas?

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Luke 22:3-5
Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was of the number of the twelve. He went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers how he might betray him to them. And they were glad, and agreed to give him money.

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Matthew 27:3-5
Then when Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he changed his mind and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." They said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself." And throwing down the pieces of silver into the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself.

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• Did this man KNOW who Jesus was?

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• Did this man KNOW who Jesus was?
• Did this man EVER accept the truth of who Jesus was?

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- Did this man **KNOW** who Jesus was?
- Did this man **EVER** accept the truth of who Jesus was?
- **NO**, this man was consumed with his material possessions!

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This unbeliever **DIED** in his sin!



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- **Peter?**



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- **WHAT** is Satan's plan in the life of this Believer?

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Luke 22:31-32
 "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail."

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Luke 22:55-57
 And when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat down among them. Then a servant girl, seeing him as he sat in the light and looking closely at him, said, "This man also was with him." But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him."

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Luke 22:58
And a little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not."

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Luke 22:59-60
And after an interval of about an hour still another insisted, saying, "Certainly this man also was with him, for he too is a Galilean." But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about."

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Luke 22:61-62
And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times." And he went out and *wept bitterly*.

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This Believer was *DISCOURAGED* by his failure!

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- The Disciples?



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- WHAT is Satan's plan for these Disciples as a group?

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Luke 22:24
A dispute also arose among them, as to which of them was to be regarded as the greatest.

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- **REALLY?**
✓ The day before Jesus dies and they are disputing over who is the greatest...really?

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This group is DISPUTING over something stupid at a critical time!

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- **WHAT** can we learn from this passage?

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- Satan's strategy for the **CHURCH** is to keep it **DISPUTING** over who is the greatest

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- **WHAT** is your response?

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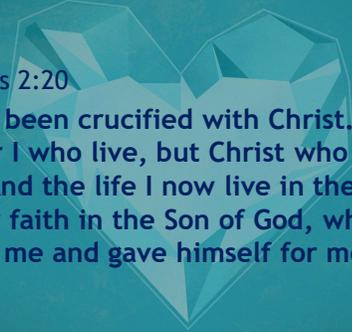
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- **WHAT** is your response?
 - ✓ Embrace Jesus as your Savior!
 - ✓ Recognize Discouragement is a weapon Satan uses!
 - ✓ Stay Gospel-focused to stay on mission!

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Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me

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