

# EASTER

## MYTH OR REALITY?

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### *A Hopeful Prelude to the Cross*

Luke's intention in writing his letter was to provide historical certainty.

**Luke 1:1** Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us, **2** just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us, **3** it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, **4** that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught.

Jesus approaches his crucifixion with divine purpose and confidence.

1. Judas' betrayal sets in motion the very thing Jesus came to accomplish. (22:1-6, 21-22)

**Luke 22:3** 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.

**Luke 22:21** But behold, the hand of him who betrays me is with me on the table. **22** For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!"

2. Jesus models what his new covenant people will look like. (22:7-30)

**Luke 22:19** And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." **20** And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

**Luke 22:25** And he said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. **26** But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. **27** For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves.

3. Jesus warns his disciples of the coming opposition. (22:31-38)

**Luke 22:31** "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, **32** but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers."

4. Jesus prays for the Father's will, despite the looming agony. (22:39-46)

**Luke 22:42** saying, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done."

5. Events that Jesus foretold come to pass. (22:47-58)

a. Judas' Betrayal

**Luke 22:47** While he was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss him, **48** but Jesus said to him, "Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?"

b. Peter's Denial

**Luke 22:61** And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. 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." **62** And he went out and wept bitterly.

6. Jesus focuses on His future glory in the midst of ridicule.

**Luke 22:63** Now the men who were holding Jesus in custody were mocking him as they beat him. **64** They also blindfolded him and kept asking him, "Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?" **65** And they said many other things against him, blaspheming him.

**Luke 22:66** When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people gathered together, both chief priests and scribes. And they led him away to their council, and they said, **67** "If you are the Christ, tell us." But he said to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe, **68** and if I ask you, you will not answer. **69** But from now on the Son of Man shall be seated at the right hand of the power of God." **70** So they all said, "Are you the Son of God, then?" And he said to them, "You say that I am." **71** Then they said, "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips."

## SONGS

"King of Heaven" - Jason Ingram, Paul Baloche

"I Am Set Free" - Leslie Jordan

"Build My Life" - Brett Younker, Karl Martin, Kirby Kable,  
Pat Barrett, Matt Redman

"Oh Praise the Name" - Dean Ussher, Marty Sampson, Benjamin  
Hastings

## BUDGET

GIVING LAST WEEK: \$30,617.00  
WEEKLY NEED: \$34,979.00

YTD GIVING: \$392,993.00  
YTD GENERAL NEED: \$419,748.00