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"THE SON OF GOD IS REVILED BUT RESOLUTE"

For individual study or discussion

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SPEAKER: Brian/Frank

SERIES: Gospel of Luke

PASSAGE: Luke 22:63-71

RENEW: 31 Days of Prayer

DAY 25: Children

PRAYER: Gracious and loving Father, on this day we lift up our covenant children to you. Your Word reveals to us that your heart is for the smallest of those whom you have created in your image. For Jesus himself said in Luke 18, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Lord, we plead for your mercy on our covenant children who have yet to find eternal life in Jesus Christ. Draw each one to a saving knowledge of him, who was crucified for the forgiveness of their sins, and who rose again for their salvation. We pray that your living and active Word would become a sweet joy in our children's lives. Show them your faithfulness and steadfast love. Shine the light of your truth into their hearts to guide them in the paths of love and righteousness. Cultivate in our children a love for you that manifests the fruit of the Spirit to others. Grow them in compassion, mercy, endurance, patience, kindness, peace, and purity of heart. Through your Spirit's power, may our children love the very things you love and learn to obey your commands. Lord Jesus, lead our covenant children in the way of the Gospel day by day, so that it informs the way they think, feel, speak, and act. We pray for your protection over these, your beloved children. Preserve and uphold them by your powerful right hand. We boldly pray these things in the strong and matchless name of our gentle Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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In Luke 22, we witness the last hours of Jesus' ministry on earth. During those few hours, he institutes the Lord's Supper (vv. 14–23) and delivers his final warnings to his disciples (vv. 24–38). Soon after, Judas betrays him (vv. 47–53) and Peter abandons him (vv. 54–62). Jesus' situation continues to deteriorate, and things look bleak. In Luke 22:63–71, while arrested and detained, he suffers multiple beatings throughout the night. **But despite being reviled, the Son of God remains resolute.** As C.H. Spurgeon declares, "While He felt that blow, and was perhaps half staggered by it, the Master did not lose His composure or exhibit the least resentment...You have heard of the patience of Job, but it pales before the patience of Jesus."¹

Reviled: The mistreatment of Jesus that fulfills prophecy (vv. 63–65)

Verses 63–65 highlight the humiliation and torture Jesus endures during his arrest and trial. He is being mocked and beaten as if he is already condemned to death. Some 700 years earlier, the prophet Isaiah predicts the Messiah's intense suffering, "I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting" (Isaiah 50:6). The mistreatment of Jesus not only fulfills messianic prophecy, but as one pastor concludes, sets an example for us in our sufferings, "It is meant to deepen your relationship with Jesus, that you may 'know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death' (Philippians 3:10). As we follow His example, pain bonds us to our Savior as we allow it to do its inner, sanctifying, faith-building work."²

- Read 1 Peter 2:21–23. What example has Christ left for us to follow?
- Read Isaiah 50, 53, and Psalm 110. How are Jesus' sufferings and death all part of God's plan to redeem sinners and make a way for humanity to be reconciled unto himself? What stands out to you from these three passages?

Resolved: The response of Jesus that brings our comfort and his condemnation (vv. 66–71)

The response of Jesus throughout his mistreatment is one of resolve: "therefore I have set my face like a flint" (Isaiah 50:7). In due course, he will be dealt the final deathblow for our sins on our behalf. Therefore, his condemnation becomes our comfort. As J.C. Ryle concludes, "We see but half the truth if we see nothing but the cross and the first coming. It is essential to our own comfort, to see also the second coming and the crown. That same Jesus who stood before the bar of the high priest and of Pilate will one day sit upon a throne of glory and summon all His enemies to appear before Him! Happy is that Christian who keeps steadily before his mind, that word 'hereafter!'"³

- How could it please the Father to bruise the Son (Isaiah 53:10)? How could the cross have brought Jesus joy (Hebrews 12:2)?
- Read Psalm 2:7 and Luke 4:3, 9, 41. What did Jesus' accusers mean by the title *Son of God* when they asked their question (v. 70)? Given Jesus' merciful and healing ministry, how can we explain the religious leaders' hatred for Christ?
- As you consider today's passage, discuss how everyone is, at one point or another, on trial. Read James 1:12. How can we remain steadfast under trial?

¹ Spurgeon, C.H. *Our Lord's Trial Before the Sanhedrin*. February 5, 1882. <https://www.spurgeongems.org/sermon/chs1643.pdf>. February 26, 2025.

² Tautges, Paul. *You Are Called to Suffer with Christ*. January 19, 2022. <https://biblicalcounseling.com/resource-library/articles/you-are-called-to-suffer-with-christ/>

³ J.C. Ryle. *Expository Thoughts on the Gospels: Luke, Volume 2*. 1860, NY NY. Robert Carter & Brothers. 443–44.