

FACES IN THE CROWD  
Preparing For Passover  
Luke 22:1-13

We are in our 3<sup>rd</sup> week of our Easter Sermon Series, “*Faces In The Crowd*”.

**Week #1 – Jesus’ Triumphant Entry Into Jerusalem.**

- 2 disciples – the owner of the donkey / colt.
- A crowd of joyfully worshipping disciples.
- Some angry Pharisees.

**Week #2 – Jesus’ Last Sermon**

- Of all the topics Jesus could have chosen to speak on He chooses the hypocrisy of the religious leaders of His time.

So far, we have seen events in the life of Jesus, during what we call Passion Week, on Sunday, Tuesday, and today we move to Thursday, as He and the Disciples prepare to share the Passover Meal together.

- There were 3 Jewish Festivals that would require all Jewish men to come to Jerusalem (**Passover – Pentecost – Tabernacles**)
- Passover would be observed to commemorate the deliverance of Israel from Egypt.

This event is recorded for us in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke and it is Luke that gives us the most detail.

One of our natural instincts is to avoid danger.

- **Luke 9:51**
  - Jesus knew exactly what was going to happen to Him there.
  - Never ever forget that Jesus did this for me and you.

**The Setting – verses 1-2**

- What did leaven represent to the Israelite (sin).
  - *A little leaven gets into the whole loaf. (Galatians 5:9)*
    - ***NLT*– But it takes only one wrong person among you to infect all the others – a little yeast spreads quickly through the whole batch of dough!**
- The Chief Priest and the Scribes were seeking how they might put Jesus to death, but they were afraid of the people.

- No doubt, being good Jews, the religious leaders had ridded their homes of leaven, but they had not taken the leaven from their hearts.

### **The Traitor – verses 3-6**

- Judas was motivated (**money / disillusioned / power**) and energized by satan.
  - Just like God, satan is always looking for a vessel to use.
  - **Luke 4:13 (a more opportune time)**
  - **John 13:2 /27**
- Was he ever a true believer in Jesus Christ?
  - His sins had never been cleansed by the Lord.
    - **John 13:10-11**
  - He had never believed and received eternal life.
    - **John 6:64-71**
- Judas shows us how close a person can come to God’s Kingdom and still be lost.
  - **Matthew 7:21-29 (depart from Me.)**
- What would it take for you to betray your Master Jesus today?
  - **The example of Peter.**

### **The Faithful – verses 7-9**

- Peter and John
- Their task:
  - Get a lamb.
  - Take it to the Temple to be sacrificed.
  - See that that lamb was roasted.
  - Have the side dishes prepared (**unleavened bread, herbs**)
  - Wine for them to drink.
  - Peter and John were part of the Inner 3, no job too large, no job too small.

### **The Man – verse 10**

- Sometimes God will ask us to do the unordinary, the unusual, the strange.
  - The Bible is filled with men and women who God has spoken into their lives and ask them to do something that makes no sense to them.
  - Joshua and the Walls of Jericho.

- Women usually carried the water jars for their families.
- But on this day, it was man.
- By doing so, the Disciples knew he was the one they were looking for to get directions to the home where they would share Passover with their Master.

**The Homeowner – verses 11-13**

- Here is a man who does not have his name in Scripture but look what he does.
  - A large room.
  - It is furnished.
- Everything is ready for the Master to come.