

Luke 22:1-6

1. Go back and review a few passages in Luke such as 5:17-31, 6:1-5, 7:36-50, 11:37-54 & 19:45-48 to get some background on the growing hatred of Jesus by the religious elite.
2. What do you think Luke means when he records, "Satan entered into Judas." Why do you suppose Judas was susceptible to such a terrible scenario?
3. Satan is not like God, he is not omniscient (all-knowing) nor is he omnipresent (everywhere at once). He is a limited and finite being and yet he did recognize that Jesus was the long awaited Messiah. What do you think he hoped to accomplish by using Judas as his pawn?
4. How do present day Christians guard against Satan trying to harm them? (See Ephesians 6:10-20 & 1 Peter 5:8-9)

Note to teachers:

Friends,

The subject matter of our enemy Satan is challenging for several reasons. First, there is a great deal of bad theology present about him in a variety of books and publications. Secondly, he has no interest in being brought out into the light for who he is. Confusion and darkness are his allies so he hates the clarity of the gospel. Finally, since he cannot have your soul (it is safe in Christ Jesus, see Romans 8:31ff) he will do all he can to discourage you and thwart your attempts to teach others the truth about him and his actions.

Therefore, please make sure you are very prayerful if you cover this topic. There is no reason for fear or anxiety but a thoughtful, prayerful approach to this lesson is absolutely necessary. Finally, if you have any doubts about how to handle this lesson please do not hesitate to call on me or one of the other pastors for assistance. I would be happy to visit your group if my schedule allows when you tackle this topic and I know Jeremy, Anton, Mike & Phil feel likewise.

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