

Lift up thyself, thou judge of the earth: render a reward to the proud (Joh 18:24-32)

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As mentioned in last week's study, it is we who have bound Christ in the letter at first, which kills Him within us ([2Co 3:6](#)). We send Him unto Caiaphas who represents the law of the court, the law of sin and death ([1Ti 1:9](#), [Rom 8:2](#)). This is "another Jesus" that we know at this stage in our walk ([2Co 11:4](#)).

[2Co 3:6](#) Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.

[1Ti 1:9](#) Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers,

[Rom 8:2](#) For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

[2Co 11:4](#) For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or *if* ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with *him*.

Caiaphas is the son-in-law of Annas and what we are being shown in type and shadow is that when Christ first enters into the temple which we are, His foes are of His own household ([Mat 10:36](#), [1Jn 4:17](#)).

[Mat 10:36](#) And a man's foes *shall be* **they of his own household**.

[1Jn 4:17](#) Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

This divided kingdom ([Mar 3:24-27](#)) was meant to be this way so that God's council could be fulfilled within this part of scripture and every generation from that point on which would have Christ enter into their spiritual

temple realizing the significance of this event ([Act 4:27-28](#), [Eph 1:11](#)). Our flesh is symbolically Caiaphas and Annas, and Christ is the only way to bring an end to the division which is in this temple by way of His death ([Eph 2:15](#)).

[Mar 3:24](#) And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.

[Mar 3:25](#) And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand.

[Mar 3:26](#) And if Satan rise up against himself, and be divided, he cannot stand, but hath an end.

[Mar 3:27](#) No man can enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he will first bind the strong man; and then he will spoil his house.

[Act 4:27](#) For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together,

[Act 4:28](#) For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done.

[Eph 1:11](#) In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

[Eph 2:15](#) Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, *even* the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, *so* making peace;

[Joh 18:25](#) And Simon Peter stood and warmed himself. They said therefore unto him, Art not thou also *one* of his disciples? He denied *it*, and said, I am not.

This is Peter's 2nd denial of Christ. His first denial is spoken to a damsel. Seeing there are three stages to Peter's denying Christ the first denial reminds us that while we are called and walking with Christ as Peter was, we are still denying Christ through the church (the damsel) by not keeping God's commandments ([Joh 18:17](#)).

[Joh 18:17](#) Then saith the damsel that kept the door unto Peter, Art not thou also *one* of this man's disciples? He saith, I am not.

This second denial occurs while Peter is warming his flesh with the comfort of the world (in shadow, the coal) which represents the yet to be compressed diamond that Peter is going to become by the grace of God ([Eph 2:8](#), [Tit 2:12](#)).

[Eph 2:8](#) For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God:

[Tit 2:12](#) Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

[Joh 18:26](#) One of the servants of the high priest, being *his* kinsman whose ear Peter cut off, saith, Did not I see thee in the garden with him?

There is a tremendous amount of supernatural recall occurring here, as Peter's flesh is confronted over and over by those who remember seeing him. We all start off like Peter cutting off the ear of others symbolizing taking away the understanding of others by our violent abuse of the sword (the word of God). God brings us in remembrance of our hypocrisy to the end that it will lead to our bitter tears of repentance for denying our Lord on every level ([Mat 26:75](#)).

[Mat 26:75](#) And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly.

Christ truly intends to make us a city set on a hill that cannot be hid, and even thou we are hid in Christ ([Col 3:3](#)) that does not mean that God does not have the world looking at what we are doing ([Mat 5:14](#)). The world is being witnessed to all along the way while we are in the court, and while we are in the temple. Peter at this stage is blaspheming God's name amongst the Gentiles ([Rom 2:24](#)).

Col 3:3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

Mat 5:14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

Rom 2:24 For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you, as it is written.

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And finally the third denial (of which we know the number three represents the judgement of our flesh) has him confessing that he is not one of His disciples G3101, and certainly not a **disciples**^{G3101} **indeed**^{G230} of Joh 8:31. This is the hard and undeniable fact of all flesh, it is deceitful and desperately wicked (Jer 17:9), and not able to do the honourable thing which it initially sets out to do (Mar 14:31, Joh 15:5).

Joh 8:31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, **If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;**

Jer 17:9 The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

Mar 14:31 But he spake the more vehemently, If I should die with thee, I will not deny thee in any wise. Likewise also said they all.

Joh 15:5 **I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.**

This process of denial is one that God will bring all men to witness to one day (Mat 4:4), which is why the cock crew twice to remind us that this is a witness of God's dominion over us as He shows us the beasts that we are (Ecc 3:18). "Immediately the cock crew" is a reminder that when God does set out to show us we are beasts, it is a quick work which He performs.

Mat 4:4 But he answered and said, **It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.**

Ecc 3:18 I said in mine heart concerning the estate of the sons of men, that God might manifest them, and that they might see that they themselves are beasts.

And what does the bible say about what this cock that crew twice?

Pro 30:31 and a rooster walking about among females confidently, and a he-goat taking *the* lead of a flock of goats, and a king delivering a public address to a nation. **ABP+**,

Pro 30:31 those proud roosters, those mountain goats, and those rulers who have no enemies. **CEV**

Pro 30:31 a rooster walking proudly, a goat, and a king among his people. **ERV**

Pro 30:31 the strutting rooster, the he-goat, and a king whose army is with him. **ESV**

The rooster is a symbol of our pride, and Peter in us is represented by this proud beast that we are.

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Also notable is the he goat of this proverb showing us that same pride and vanity within us, which Christ is sacrificed for as a sin offering:

Lev 16:15 Then shall he kill the goat of the sin offering, that *is* for the people, and bring his blood within the veil, and do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it upon the mercy seat, and before the mercy seat:

Dan 8:8 Therefore the he goat waxed very great: and when he was strong, the great horn was broken; and

for it came up four notable ones toward the four winds of heaven.

http://www.iswasandwillbe.com/Why_be_obedient.php

God does not force us to sin. He doesn't have to force us to sin. You don't force a dog to bark, a cat to meow, a rooster to crow or a man to lust after a woman

A dog barks willingly, a cat meows willingly, a rooster crows willingly and men volunteer to lust after women in their hearts. All of these things come from the heart. And this is how God created 'the heart.'

*Jer 17:9 The **heart is deceitful** above all things, **and desperately wicked**: who can know it?*

*Mat 15:19 For **out of the heart** proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:*

Joh 18:28 Then led they Jesus from Caiaphas unto the hall of judgment: and it was early; and they themselves went not into the judgment hall, lest they should be defiled; but that they might eat the passover.

We cannot go into this hall of judgment unless the Lord is within us ([Col 1:24](#), [Col 1:27](#)) judging us in this age ([1Pe 4:17](#)). In order for our ongoing judgment to be completed we need to eat the passover and drink the whole cup of His wrath ([Jer 49:12](#), [Rev 21:9](#), [Mat 20:23](#)) and understand that this means that we are to live by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. ([Mat 4:4](#), [Joh 13:8](#), [Heb 10:22](#), [1Co 6:11](#), [Joh 6:63](#), [Joh 6:51-53](#)).

[Col 1:24](#) Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church:

[Col 1:27](#) To whom God would make known what *is* the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

[1Pe 4:17](#) For the time *is come* that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if *it* first *begin* at us, what shall the end *be* of them that obey not the gospel of God?

[Jer 49:12](#) For thus saith the LORD; Behold, they whose judgment *was* not to drink of the cup have assuredly drunken; and *art* thou he *that* shall altogether go unpunished? thou shalt not go unpunished, but thou shalt surely drink *of it*.

[Rev 21:9](#) And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.

[Mat 20:23](#) And he saith unto them, **Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but *it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father.***

[Mat 4:4](#) But he answered and said, **It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.**

[Joh 13:8](#) Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, **If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.**

[Heb 10:22](#) Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

[1Co 6:11](#) And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

Joh 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, *they* are spirit, and *they* are life.

Joh 6:51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

Joh 6:52 The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us *his* flesh to eat?

Joh 6:53 Then Jesus said unto them, **Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.**

We start off with the passover, knowing Christ and him crucified (**1Co 2:2**), but the table that is not given to the court (the called but not chosen) is the hall of judgement (**1Pe 4:17**, **Heb 13:10**) and to go into that place without discerning the Lord's body is to be "**defiled**" as these scriptures remind us (**1Co 11:27-29**).

1Co 2:2 For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

1Pe 4:17 For the time *is come* that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if *it* first *begin* at us, what shall the end *be* of them that obey not the gospel of God?

Heb 13:10 We have an altar, whereof they have no right to eat which serve the tabernacle.

1Co 11:27 Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink *this* cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

1Co 11:28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of *that* bread, and drink of *that* cup.

1Co 11:29 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

Christ's words are that passover flesh and blood word that we must come to partake of (**Col 1:24**) and it is in acknowledging that we are guilty of the blood of Christ and changing our way of life by grace and faith (**Eph 2:8**) that we receive the life giving words of our Saviour and become a new creation within Him (**2Co 5:17**, **Mat 20:22**, **Jer 49:12**).

Col 1:24 Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church:

Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God:

2Co 5:17 Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Mat 20:22 But Jesus answered and said, **Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?** They say unto him, We are able.

Jer 49:12 For thus saith the LORD; Behold, they whose judgment *was* not to drink of the cup have assuredly drunken; and *art* thou he *that* shall altogether go unpunished? thou shalt not go unpunished, but thou shalt surely drink *of it*.

Joh 18:29 Pilate then went out unto them, and said, **What accusation bring ye against this man?**

They've got nothing on Christ, and neither do we at this stage in our walk so our flesh lies and falsely accuses Christ, and witnesses to the world that we are of our father the devil who was a liar from the beginning and had no truth in him (**Joh 8:44**, **Rev 12:10**, **Mar 15:3**).

Joh 8:44 Ye are of *your* father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

Rev 12:10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

Mar 15:3 And the chief priests accused him of many things: but he answered nothing.

This is the most natural thing for unconverted minds to do, especially with matters of the spirit, and the scriptures tell us that we will go out into the world with another Jesus, and another gospel and another spirit at first and then receive the true gospel only to be soon removed from that as well (**2Co 11:4**, **Gal 1:6**).

2Co 11:4 For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or *if* ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with *him*.

Gal 1:6 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:

Joh 18:30 They answered and said unto him, **If he were not a malefactor, we would not have delivered him up unto thee.**

Christ is a malefactor in the world's eyes [G2555 evildoer] as we are to the world for what we believe (**Mat 10:22**, **Joh 15:18**, **Joh 15:24**, **Psa 22:16** *ESV*).

Mat 10:22 And ye shall be hated of all *men* for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.

Joh 15:18 If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before *it hated* you.

Joh 15:24 If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father.

Psa 22:16 For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet--

We are sure that Christ is a malefactor, and we deliver Him up to be judged simply because we cannot receive His words and therefore He is a stumbling block of condemnation unto to our spiritual Jew within and foolishness to our inner Greek (**1Co 1:23**).

1Co 1:23 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;

For contrast God shows us what our flesh really is made of by letting the innocent be taken and the guilty set free (**Mat 27:26** , **1Sa 24:4** , **2Sa 24:14** and **Mal 3:5-6**).

Mat 27:26 Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered *him* to be crucified.

1Sa 24:4 And the men of David said unto him, Behold the day of which the LORD said unto thee, Behold, I will deliver thine enemy into thine hand, that thou mayest do to him as it shall seem good unto thee. Then David arose, and cut off the skirt of Saul's robe privily.

2Sa 24:14 And David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait: let us fall now into the hand of the LORD; for his mercies *are* great: and let me not fall into the hand of man.

Mal 3:5 And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in *his* wages,

the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger *from his right*, and fear not me, saith the LORD of hosts.

Mal 3:6 For I *am* the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

Joh 18:31 Then said Pilate unto them, Take ye him, and judge him according to your law. The Jews therefore said unto him, It is not lawful for us to put any man to death:

Joh 18:32 That the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled, which he spake, signifying what death he should die.

This situation is playing out according to the council of God's will so that the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled, which was to speak of his death at the hands of the Romans and the Jews (**Act 4:27**).

Act 4:27 For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together,

The manner of death which was written long ago and spoken of by Christ (**Deu 21:23**, **Joh 3:14**, **Mat 20:19**, **Mar 10:33**, **Luk 18:32-33**, **Mat 26:2**, **Joh 3:14**, **Joh 12:32**) was one that the Jews were not allowed to perform, which symbolically reminds us that while we are Jews in the court we cannot be crucified with Christ or be buried with Him in the baptism of His death at this point, not until we have the hope of glory within us (**Col 1:24**) not until we are brought into judgement and dragged to Christ, where the true Judge of all the earth renders the correct reward to our proud flesh.

Deu 21:23 His body shall not remain all night upon the tree, but thou shalt in any wise bury him that day; (for he that is hanged *is* accursed of God;) that thy land be not defiled, which the LORD thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance.

Joh 3:14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:

Mat 20:19 And shall deliver him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify *him*: and the third day he shall rise again.

Mar 10:33 *Saying*, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be delivered unto the chief priests, and unto the scribes; and they shall condemn him to death, and shall deliver him to the Gentiles:

Luk 18:32 For he shall be delivered unto the Gentiles, and shall be mocked, and spitefully entreated, and spitted on:

Luk 18:33 And they shall scourge *him*, and put him to death: and the third day he shall rise again.

Mat 26:2 Ye know that after two days *is the feast of* the passover, and the Son of man is betrayed to be crucified.

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Joh 12:32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all *men* unto me.

Col 1:24 Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church:

Psa 94:2 Lift up thyself, thou judge of the earth: render a reward to the proud.

Isa 26:9 With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: for when thy judgments *are* in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.