

Certainty... in a world of doubt

The Gospel of Luke

desert breeze
community church

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"Darkness Creeping" [Luke 22:35-71]

Just as physical darkness can impair your vision, there is a spiritual darkness that can impair your spiritual vision (1Cor2:14; 2Cor4:4; Matt13:13). The incidents that happened in the physical dark (night time) in this text are going to show us how this condition of spiritual darkness can creep into our lives and what Jesus has come to do about it.

Darkness is Creeping In... v53

- ✓ **When we are sleepy rather than disciplined about our habits of grace (Complacency).** Vv39-40, 45-46; Rom12:11

- ✓ **When we follow Christ from a distance and warm ourselves at the fires of this world rather than the fires of God's love (Compromise).** Vv54-60; Ps1:1-3

- ✓ **When God is a means to an end rather than the end (Collaboration with the enemy).** Vv47-52; Job 1:9-11

- ✓ **When we mock God rather than trust Him in suffering (Criticism/Cynicism).** Vv63-71; 2Kings1; Luke18:32; Isa50:6

The Light of the Gospel of Christ Dispels Darkness...

Vv35-38, 41-44

- ✓ **Jesus took the ultimate darkness for you so that you could live in the light of the Gospel of Christ that will never go out.** Luke 24:44; 2Cor5:21

- ✓ **To the degree you believe it, is to the degree the darkness of your own heart will begin to lift.** 2Cor.4:6; John 8:12

- ✓ **Worldly repentance is sadness over the pain sin has caused me (Judas). Godly repentance is sadness over the pain sin has caused God (Peter).** Luke 22:31-32; Vv61-62; 2Cor7:10-11; Rom2:4

Growing Notes

- 1) Just as physical darkness can impair your vision, there is a spiritual darkness that can impair your spiritual vision (1Cor2:14; 2Cor4:4; Matt13:13). Explain. How do you know when darkness is creeping into your life?
- 2) Read Luke 22:35-71. How do you know when Darkness is Creeping in (review the four points and cross references)? Which one(s) are most convicting to you? How is this cycle of decline progressive in nature and interrelated: Complacency->Compromise->Collaborating with the enemy->Criticism?
- 3) How does The Light of the Gospel of Christ Dispel Darkness (review the three points and cross references)? How does knowing that Jesus took the ultimate darkness for us eliminate complacency, compromise, collaborating with the enemy and criticism/cynicism? What is God speaking to you? What are your next proactive steps in keeping darkness from creeping into your life? Pray.