

## Sermon outline notes: Luke Chapter 22 vv 24-46 The Servant of the Lord. Isaiah Chapter 53 vv 1-12

### Introduction

Jesus uses his final evening with his disciples to give them vital clues as to why his death is necessary and what his death is going to achieve. One clue is the Passover meal which Jesus transforms (we will study this next week), the other is Jesus reference to Isaiah 53.

### Isaiah 53

- Isaiah contains a number of songs which are known as 'The Servant Songs of Isaiah'.
- At times this servant seems to be a symbolic figure representing the people of God as a whole—see Isaiah 43 v 10 ; 44 v 1 ; 49 v 3.
- At other times the servant seems to assume a more personal and individual identity over against the rest of Israel— see Isaiah 53.
- Its clear this chapter 53 of Isaiah profoundly influenced the mind of Jesus. In Luke chapter 22 there are direct ( Luke 22v37/Isaiah 53v12) and indirect references to Isaiah 53.
- Jesus said ' This Son of Man must suffer' This 'must' is the must of inspired prophecy. Jesus is saying in Luke 22 that he is the suffering servant of Isaiah.

#### (1) The Meekness of the servants leadership vv 24-30

- Jesus' great contribution to ethics was not so much his emphasis on the importance of love in interpersonal relationships, but his emphasis he gave to humility, especially humility in leadership. This was totally radical, counter cultural, indeed revolutionary. Think about the Beatitudes, Jesus washing of feet, the use of children as an example.
- However his disciples failed to understand that in the Kingdom of God, the way up is always down and so here Jesus has to teach them afresh the true nature of great leadership.
- Key verse 27—'But I am among you as one who serves'.

#### (2) The agony of the Servants Prayer vv 39-42

- Jesus was no stoic—this situation that he was facing stirred up physical, mental, emotional and spiritual turmoil in him—v44 'And being in anguish'.
- Its clear that Jesus had a choice. In fact it was a choice that had repeatedly confronted him ever since his baptism: 'Which path shall I walk—the path of self assertion or the path of self surrender.
- What did Jesus see in that cup? It was not just suffering and death. It was sin and God's wrath against sin that he saw: Isaiah 53 v 6—'The Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.'

### Application

The prayer of surrender that Jesus prayed is the prayer that God is wanting from each of us. The mind that was in Jesus, the humble mind, the servant mind; that's the mind God wants to see in us. The same choice that confronted Jesus confronts you and me—self assertion or self surrender, rebellion or obedience, the ego- trip or servanthood.

### Points To Ponder

- (1) Share reactions to the sermon. Was there anything you disagreed with? Why? What points spoke powerfully to you?
- (2) Question 1. What is your image of a great leader?  
Question 2. What is your image of a great Christian leader?  
Question 3. Does the introduction of the word Christian in question 2. materially affect your answer? or is your answer to question 2. similar to question 1.?
- (3) Read carefully 2 Cor 5vv17-21. Does verse 21 give us an insight into why Jesus prayed 'Father if you are willing take this cup from me'
- (4) Charles finished the sermon with the words 'Its not isolated acts of goodness that Satan's afraid of ; what throws him into terror is the prospect of lives committed to obedience.. So long as you don't pray 'Not my will but yours be done' Satan is happy. The prospect of surrendering our lives to the rule of God and praying the servants prayer for fills Satan with dread'. Would you agree?