

BARTHOLOMEW

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When Jesus forced Judas' hand at the Passover meal and told him He knew he was going to betray Him it threw the religious leader's plans way off.

- wanted to wait until AFTER Passover (people gone)
- lost only inside man if didn't act (already paid \$)
- Hate pushed both on ahead instead of waiting

To UPPER ROOM, gone!
sharp enough to figure out - Gethsemane!
where slept each night ('home')

Me NOT SHARP ENOUGH

Just tired, confused, tired, too much thinking!
Still hung up on Him saying we'd deny Him!
How could He be so wrong about us???
I guess I was just thinking @ me that night

MY NAME IS BARTHOLOMEW

"Son of Tholomew" (Mt, Mk, Lk)
GOSPEL OF JOHN: NATHANIEL "gift of God"
Nathanael Bartholomew
CANA: hometown (Jesus' first miracle)

PHILIP, friend, brought to Jesus
student of scripture
sincere heart, but prejudiced
sought truth, believed without proof

PERSONALITY

hair uncombed, shoes untied
shirt hanging out in back
mystic dreamer - absent-minded
enjoyed life - not rush, not overly ambitions
not deceitful - rep for honesty, no hypocrisy

CALLED TO BE DISCIPLE

nothing recorded @ with Jesus

AFTER RESURRECTION

to Asia Minor with Philip

Roman Porcounsel's wife healed & saved

he ordered Philip & Bath crucified

Philip crucified, Bath escape to Armenia

Armenia: barbarian king Astyages had him:

-flayed alive

-beheaded

-cast into sea

TRANSITION

enough about me, back to Jesus

We knew Passover was over and the Feast of Unleavened Bread would be starting

We didn't know all that was to happen that night, though

Looking back it is obvious Jesus knew ...

AT THE END OF LAST SUPPER

Jesus' last words strange – didn't understand until later...

John 14:30 "I don't have much more time to talk to you, for the evil prince of this world approaches. He has no power over me, but I will freely do what the Father requires of me so that the world will know that I love the Father. Come, let's be going."

ON THE WAY TO GETHSEMANE

Sang when meal over, and as walking

songs used: Psalm 113 - 118

What thoughts did these verses bring to mind in Jesus?

What words of comfort?

*Psalm 113-114 Praise the Lord. Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord.*

*Let the name of the Lord be praised, both now and forevermore.
From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets,
the name of the Lord is to be praised.*

*The Lord is exalted over all the nations, His glory above the
heavens.*

Who is like the Lord our God, the One who sits enthroned on high,

*Ps 118:22-24 22 The stone the builders rejected has become the
capstone;*

23 the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

*24 This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad
in it.*

words brought back childhood memories of stories of God's
deliverance for His people

each had own thoughts as walked ...

quiet, still, peaceful night – world looked perfect

looked over at Jesus

what was He thinking?

JESUS TAUGHT US AS WE WALKED

Presently He started talking

passed some vines, used them to teach us

Vine and branches

LOVE to us reaffirmed once again

Stand faithful when opposed

Coming comforter – Holy Spirit

Victory in Jesus

We discussed these things back and forth

Some asked questions, Jesus answered

Kept walking slowly toward Mt of Olives

like Jesus in no hurry to get there, but HAD to

CROSSING THE KIDRON

cooler when we left city and went down to the crossing of
the Kidron

dry creek bed most of the year, bubbling stream in spring

noticed Jesus pause and watch the water flow

looked different - darker somehow

OF COURSE! The blood from ¼ million lambs!

Slaughter had already started

Really seemed to hit Jesus hard!

WHAT KEPT Him going?????

LOVE put our/your needs first again

Remembered the day, seemed like lifetime ago

John the baptized pointed & called Him

Passover Lamb, takes away sins of world

He Himself called self GOOD SHEPHERD

come to lay down life for the sheep

He must have been thinking the same thing Himself ...

PRAYED AS WALKED (John 17)

presently He started praying as He walked

This gave a little insight into what He was thinking

PRAYER FOR HIMSELF

"Father, the time has come. Reveal the glory of your Son so that he can give the glory back to you. For you have given him authority over every man and woman in all the earth.

PRAYER FOR DISCIPLES THEN

Now I am leaving the world, and leaving them behind, and coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your own care-all those you have given me-so that they will be united just as we are, with none missing. During my time here I have kept safe within your family all of these you gave me.

PRAY FOR YOU WHO ARE DISCIPLES NOW

I'm not asking you to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from Satan's power. They are not part of this world any more than I am. Make them pure and holy through teaching them your words of truth. As you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world,

ARRIVE AT GETHSEMANE

by the time we got to Gethsemane I was really TIRED

fasting all day, then big meal in stuffy room

now late at night, relaxed, tired

looking forward to getting some zzzzzzzz's

Gethsemane good place to rest

where Jesus had been sleeping lately

'GETHSEMANE' - "Olive Press"

place where people brought OLIVES & GRAPES

(show poster)

Garden resort from heat of Jerusalem

no crushing going on now - done in fall

Rich owner gave Jesus key, slept there

CAVE nicely cared for

OLIVE TREE = GOD'S REL TO ISRAEL

common, important tree in Israel

unfruitful trees cut down

Fruitful ones produce fruit for Master

Healthy ones send out shoots which become new trees

Holy Spirit symbolized by olive oil

Olive used for nourishment, healing, light = HS same

'Messiah' - "anointed One" - with Olive Oil

Believers would also have same Holy Spirit

When we entered the Garden we started looking for places

to roll up in our cloaks and sleep

It became obvious sleep was the furthest thing

from Jesus' mind though

Didn't realize until later what it all meant to Jesus
-crossing Kidron (red from blood of 1/4 mil lambs)
-knowing Judas & rel rulers on way, end near
 Good Shepherd going to lay down life for sheep
-needing our support all evening, especially then

All I wanted to do was get to GETHSEMANE and get some ZZZ

Jesus warned us "Pray that you will not fall into temptation."

 Took John, James & me with Him to one side

 NEEDED our support that evening

 Concerned @ us failing, sinning, too

LOVE for us motive wanting us to pray
 reason HE was going through this first place!

We could see it was AGONY for Him!

 Anticipation of all sins forever

 Terrified of hell

 Never experienced awfulness of sin (us for granted)

 Separation from Father unknown

Overwhelmed with grief, swept with unrest

 Felt like pressure of it would kill Him then/there

 Greatest battle fought by human being ever!

PLEA 1: REMOVE THE CUP

Went off a ways by self

 Had to face future alone

Fell to ground as if wounded, face downward

 Crying loud and deeply (Heb 5:7)

 Almost out of control

"My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from e. Yet not
as I will, but as you will."

 over and over

 Submissive to God's will, not own will

 Because **LOVED** us!!! you!!!

ANGELS APPEARED around Him!

- some drive back demons tormenting Him
- others to soothe, minister, comfort, peace

Then they withdrew and battle continued again, harder
Battle not removed, but strength given to withstand
(Paul and thorn in flesh)

Cold night, Jesus sweating

BLOOD mixed with sweat

so much pressure tiny capillaries in skin breaking

Looked at OLIVE PRESS nearby!!!

Loss of body fluids culminate on cross, thirst
early stages of dehydration, shock

DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT THE STRUGGLE WAS ALL ABOUT???

Cup = hideous sin, guilt, repelled by it!

-perfect, sinless, withdrew from sin, pollution

eternal pain, emotional pain, separation from God

+**love** for man, to have us with Him forever

“I’ll drink it so Eileen (etc) can live!”

Last I remember, I guess I dozed off (very tired!)

Next I know Jesus shaking, waking, warning us

Said we needed to pry for we’d be tempted, too

“Spirit is willing, body is weak”

Sure, I’ll pray, just let me rest my eyes a minute

Later found out what happened

PLEA 2: HELP ME DO YOUR WILL

Prayed same thing again

Committed to go thru with it, but shrank from it

Barely remember Him waking me 2nd time, too far out

PLEA 3: HELP ME DO YOUR WILL

Waiting before often worst time

Emotional pain worse than physical anyway

Something happened during this time

Angels, direct, ???

Jesus had the peace to go ahead

Prayed for us as we slept!

GETHSEMANE quiet, sounds of night (snoring)

think, meditate, Mary, heaven...

lights moving in distance, coming

hear muffled sounds far away

run? escape? easy to do

stayed to be arrested, picked place Himself

protect Mark's family, innocent in Jeru

Jesus the VICTOR, not the VICTIM

WOKE US UP, hard, very tired - coming soldiers and mob

JUDAS, ETC. ARRIVE

Judas: Satan-possessed, hate, greed

Religious Rulers: night arrest illegal, no charge

Temple police: 20 ± Jewish soldiers

Roman Soldiers & Officers: up to 500±

Armed mob: Afraid of Jesus' 'army' from Galilee

HE KISS

Judas: to front, ahead of others, as if alone!

ME confused, uncertain, didn't know @ Judas betrayal

Soldiers, rel rulers, mob confused me!

Jesus steps toward him to meet him

Judas: "Hello, Teacher. Glad to see you!"

Hug & kiss (deep, long, warm, loving)

on cheek (equals)

Jesus: "Friend, do what you came for."

("You aren't fooling me, but still *LOVE* you.")

Kiss a SIGNAL, others rushed up to us
ME surprised, confused, fully awake
JESUS in control of it all

"Who do you want?" (making them say it)

"Jesus of Nazareth" illegal: no charges, warrant

Others surprised -find Jesus easily

-admit Who He is

-seem unafraid

"I AM HE" - voluntarily turn self in (no trap)

I AM = YHWH

Immediately all stepped backwards & fell down

PINNED to the ground

Judas (Satan-indwelt) helpless, too!

Jesus still standing!

one single, unarmed, tired man take on

small army, win with one word!

*prove He voluntarily turned self in

*show power, ability to leave if wanted!

(one day all unbel bow before Him)

(judge whole world with a word)

Lets them up (could still be pinned there today)

Did this make any impact on them?

"Who do you want?" again, same answer

-no change in their hearts - ignore what happened

(YOU knocked down by Jesus, get up & do again)

-by own words say only Jesus, not disciples

"Then let these men go."

(Jesus running show, giving orders)

***LOVE* put their needs first again**

Satan wanted us dead, too (Job)

He knew we couldn't have withstood arrest

ATTACK WITH SWORD

Me confused, surprised, afraid - HAD to do something!

Me get knife from Passover, rush past Jesus, attack

Take on whole Roman army with table knife!

Missed head, cut off lobe of right ear

(good it was unarmed servant, not soldier)

Trying to give Jesus time to get away

Dangerous: almost started riot where us killed

-Jesus not die on cross for sins

-no disciples to spread word afterwards

Last time: "I won't let them kill You"

"Get behind me SATAN"

SATAN'S ATTEMPTS TO KEEP JESUS FROM CROSS

1. Abel killed, line cut off
2. Jews intermarry, end line
3. Moses & Egyptian boys killed
4. Line of David, Ahab kill all
5. Hamaan, Esther's time
6. Herod kill Jesus/Beth. babies
7. Offer kingdoms of world without cross (Tempt)
8. Multitudes make Jesus king (free food)
9. Nazareth, etc. - attempts to stone Jesus
10. Postpone crucifixion until after Passover
11. Peter - "I won't let them kill You!"

WHY: *Satan's doom sealed on cross

*Our salvation paid for on cross

Why indwell Judas to turn Jesus in?

Didn't know it would turn out this way!

Wanted Him dead any way, ASAP

Jesus saw through it right away, didn't fall for it!

Jesus: "Put away your sword. All who draw the sword will die by the sword. I will drink the cup the Father has given me."

Healed Malchus' ear (last miracle)

“Pardon him, he means well but doesn’t know what he is doing!”

Jesus to me: “Don’t you think I can call on my Father, and He will at once put at my disposal more than 12 legions of angels? But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?”

12 Legion = 80,000

1 angel killed 185,000 in Sennacherib’s army at one time, what could 80,000 do?

I felt bad enough as it was (failed)

Jesus saying I shouldn’t have tried! - Acted without thinking again...

Not just reprimand for me, though, but for all

JESUS IN CONTROL of it all!

“Am I leading a rebellion that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? Every day I say in the temple courts teaching, and you did not arrest me. But this has all taken place that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled.”

DISCIPLES FLED

I didn’t wait for any more, saw opening in back & was gone! out of there! (others same)

Completely forgot promise to not desert Him
Looked back for one last glimpse before behind tree

Knocked Jesus to ground, tying hands & feet with ropes chains

I ran and ran, didn't even realize I was crying
Pent-up emotion, fear, confusion, **love**, guilt
Tried not to think - @ self, @ Him

WHY did He do it?

So easily could have:

Not come to Gethsemane in first place

Walked away while we slept

Allowed all pinned to ground and left

Followed my lead and freed self in riot

Called angels to deliver Him

**Why didn't He? only one reason I could think of
He **LOVED** me, He **LOVED YOU!!!****

Do you feel that love?

Do you allow Him to show you that love today?

Do you thank Him for that love?

Have you thanked Him for going to the cross for you?

NAILS didn't hold Him there, just love for you & me

Do you love Him because He so loves you?

Do you love Him more than anything or anyone?

Even family? Even self?

PRAY SILENTLY

(Kneel)