

Unsearchable Riches

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Matt 26:47-61

47 And while He was still speaking, behold, Judas, one of the twelve, with a great multitude with swords and clubs, came from the chief priests and elders of the people.

48 Now His betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "Whomever I kiss, He is the One; seize Him."

49 Immediately he went up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed Him.

50 But Jesus said to him, "Friend, why have you come?"

Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and took Him.

51 And suddenly, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword, struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear.

52 But Jesus said to him, "Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword.

53 Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels?

54 How then could the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must happen thus?"

55 In that hour Jesus said to the multitudes, "Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs to take Me? I sat daily with you, teaching in the temple, and you did not seize Me.

56 But all this was done that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled."

Then all the disciples forsook Him and fled.

57 And those who had laid hold of Jesus led Him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled.

58 But Peter followed Him at a distance to the high priest's courtyard. And he went in and sat with the servants to see the end.

59 Now the chief priests, the elders, and all the council sought false testimony against Jesus to put Him to death,

60 but found none. Even though many false witnesses came forward, they found none. But at last two false witnesses came forward

61 and said, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.'"

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- [We all experience injustice.](#)

Jesus was God. Jesus was perfect. Jesus was faultless. Jesus was innocent.

If it happened to someone like Jesus, it will happen to us no matter how well we live our lives.

People will do things to us that we do not deserve.

- We will be betrayed.
 - Our friends will desert us, sometimes intentionally and sometimes unintentionally.
 - We will be neglected.
 - People will not fulfill their promises to us.
 - We will be falsely accused.
 - We will be physically assaulted.
 - Even the best people we know will be guilty of social injustice against us.
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- Sometimes we may experience injustice because of our religion.
 - Sometimes we may experience injustice due to our nationality.
 - Sometimes we may experience injustice due to our social status.
 - Sometimes we may experience injustice due to our physical stature.
 - Sometimes we may experience injustice due to our gender.
 - Sometimes we may experience injustice because of our name.

Social injustice occurs because since the fall of man, mankind is born totally depraved, separated from God. The first act of injustice suffered by mankind was the murder of Able by his brother Cain. Because of the fall of man, even the best people we know will be guilty of injustice against someone.

During our journey, we will all experience injustice. Everyone say, "It is going to happen."

- [We will hurt due to injustice.](#)

Jesus was God and he was hurt by injustice. It was painful for Him. He was not immune to pain. He suffered in every way that we suffer even though He never sinned. Jesus went without food and had hunger pains. Jesus got tired. Jesus felt shame. Jesus felt embarrassment. Jesus felt grief. Jesus wept. Jesus felt rejection. Jesus felt betrayed. Jesus felt physical pain.

If it happened to someone like Jesus, it will happen to us. We will be hurt emotionally. We will be hurt physically. At times, the pain may be so great we will want to die.

We will hurt due to injustice.

Everyone say, "Injustice is painful."

- [We can experience victory over injustice.](#)

Jesus showed us how to have victory to injustice.

1. [Jesus did not allow injustice to make Him bitter.](#)

Jesus did not condemn those that mistreated Him. Jesus did not show disrespect for those that mistreated Him. Jesus did not retaliate. Jesus did not call them names and spit back at those that spit on Him. Peter was an eye witness and he said...

1 Peter 2:21-23

21 For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:

22 "Who committed no sin,

Nor was deceit found in His mouth";

23 who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously;

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- Jesus put off bitterness by forgiving those who mistreated him.
- Jesus went the extra mile for them.
- Jesus turned the other cheek to those that mistreated Him.
- Jesus prayed for His heavenly father to bless them.
- Jesus gave up His life for them and blessed them.

Jesus experienced victory over injustice because He did not allow injustice to make Him bitter.

2. Jesus did not allow injustice to make Him hopeless.

Jesus overcame depression. Jesus overcame despair. Jesus overcame self-pity.

Jesus overcame depression by trusting in His heavenly father's promises for His future. He said to a thief on the cross next to Him, "today you will be with me in paradise." Jesus believed the promise in Psalm.

Psalm 16:8-11

8 I have set the Lord always before me;

Because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved.

9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices;

My flesh also will rest in hope.

10 For You will not leave my soul in Sheol,

Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.

11 You will show me the path of life;

In Your presence is fullness of joy;

At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

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Jesus clung to the promises of God. Jesus experienced victory over injustice because He did not allow injustice to make Him hopeless.

3. Jesus did not allow injustice to defeat Him.

Jesus did not give up. Jesus did not check out. Jesus did not bounce. Jesus kept His eyes on the goal. Jesus fulfilled God's plan for His life. Jesus understood that the injustice He was

experiencing was a part of the fulfillment of His heavenly father's plan for His life. Jesus kept referring to the scriptures and the prophets.

- From Psalm 41:9 Jesus knew He would be betrayed by a friend.
This prophecy was written in 1000 B.C.
- From Zachariah 11:12-13 Jesus knew He would be betrayed for 30 pieces of silver.
This prophecy was written between 520-518 B.C.
- From Zachariah 13:7 Jesus knew that He would be arrested by armed men and that His disciples would scatter.
This prophecy was written between 520-518 B.C.
- From Psalm 22:16 Jesus knew He would be numbered with transgressors.
This prophecy was written about 1000 B.C.
- From Isaiah 53:7 Jesus knew He should be silent before His accusers.
This prophecy was written between 701 and 681 B.C.
- From Isaiah 50:6 Jesus knew He would be beaten and spat upon.
This prophecy was written between 701 and 681 B.C.
- From Psalm 22 Jesus knew what He was going to suffer in His execution.
This prophecy was written about 1000 B.C.
- From Isaiah 53:4-6 Jesus knew He would die for our sins.
This prophecy was written between 701 and 681 B.C.

Jesus did not give up because He knew that what was happening to Him was a fulfillment of scripture.

Jesus experienced victory injustice because He did not allow injustice to defeat Him.

We can experience victory over injustice. We can win over bitterness, hopelessness, and defeat. We can forgive. We can have hope in God's promises for our future. We can finish God's plan for our life according to the scripture.

When we suffer injustice, what is God's plan for us according to the scripture.

God's plan is for us to be like Jesus.

Romans 8:28-29

28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

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2 Corinthians 3:18

18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

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Romans 13:14

14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.
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James 1:2-5

2 My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. 4 But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

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In making us like Jesus, God is restoring His original plan for mankind. We were created in the image of God. That is our destiny in Christ!

God uses injustice to accomplish His plan. There is a devil. There are evil people. Sometimes evil people are rulers over us.

Just like God allowed the devil, evil people, and evil rulers to assault Jesus to accomplish His plan for Jesus, God will allow the devil, evil people, and evil rulers to assault us to accomplish His plan for us!

Does God cause it? No, the devil, evil people, and evil rulers cause it. But God is sovereign. God allows this suffering to fulfill His plan in us and through us.

God sees our whole life from beginning to end. God sees what needs to happen for His plan to be accomplished. Like Jesus, when it happens to us, God sees there is no other way to accomplish His plan.

We don't have to like it. Jesus did not like it. He prayed for another way to fulfill the plan. But there was no other way to fulfill the plan for His life. Jesus entrusted Himself without any reservations to His heavenly father. His final words on the cross were, "Into thy hands I commit my Spirit." These final words were how He lived His life. And there will be many times that there is no other way for God to fulfill His plan in us but injustice. The only way up is through. Everyone say...

"The only way up is through!"

We can experience victory over injustice. Everyone say, "We Can!"

So, what is in it for us if we follow Jesus and rise above social injustice?

Think about what is in it for us if we don't. What happens to bitter, hopeless, defeated people? They have brief moments of satisfaction but their lives are characterized by brokenness. Broken people break people. Hurting people hurt people. No matter how much worldly success broken people experience, it is never worth it. And then there is eternity.

If we follow Jesus, Jesus promises to manifest His presence in us and through us. Jesus promises His power to produce the fruit of the Spirit in us. Jesus promises that we will

never out give God's supply. Jesus promises answer to prayers. Jesus promises our life will be a light. Jesus promises eternal life. Jesus promises to satisfy our soul and the desires of our soul. Jesus promises an abundant life.

And what about those people that we love that experience injustice? The best thing we can do for them is to teach them to follow Jesus.

If we have been given the authority by God to protect them, we should protect them. I don't have the authority to protect your children. I could report you to those who do have the authority but I don't have the authority to come into your home and protect your children. If I claim authority God has not given me, I am being proud.

God gives authority to government, to church leaders, to parents, and to business owners. If God has not given me authority to protect, I can and should speak up for others.

If we have the authority to speak up for victims of injustice, we should speak up for them.

If we have the authority to help victims of injustice escape, we should help them escape.

Jesus does all these things for those who follow Him even though we deserve God's judgment.

- He used His authority to protect us from judgment.
- He constantly speaks up for us.
- He delivers us from death.

To be like Jesus, is to do for others what He has done for us!

The best thing we can do for others who are suffering from injustice is teach them to follow Jesus.

You cannot respond like Jesus to injustice unless you are connected to Jesus. When you receive Jesus, you become the temple of His Spirit. You are one with Jesus. You are united with Jesus. You become a member of His of His body. You become a child in His family. You become a citizen in His kingdom. You join His church which is compared to a bride. You become the heir of everything that is His; His righteousness; His identity; His power; His riches. You need more than good intentions to deal with injustice the right way. You need Jesus!

To receive Jesus, you must be willing to stop doing life your way and start doing life His way. This is called repentance in the scriptures.

Invitation

- Will you receive Jesus?
- What injustice are you experiencing right now?
Will you follow Jesus? Will you be like Jesus?