

(Matthew 26:46-56; Mark 14:42-52; Luke 22:47-53; John 18:2:11)

Matthew 26

⁴⁶Rise, let us go! Here comes my betrayer!"

⁴⁷While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived. With him was a large crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and the elders of the people. ⁴⁸Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: "The one I kiss is the man; arrest him." ⁴⁹Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him.

⁵⁰Jesus replied, "Friend, do what you came for."

Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him. ⁵¹With that, one of Jesus' companions reached for his sword, drew it out and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

⁵²"Put your sword back in its place," Jesus said to him, "for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. ⁵³Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? ⁵⁴But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?"

⁵⁵At that time Jesus said to the crowd, "Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? Every day I sat in the temple courts teaching, and you did not arrest me. ⁵⁶But this has all taken place that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Mark 14

⁴²Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!"

⁴³Just as he was speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, appeared. With him was a crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests, the teachers of the law, and the elders.

⁴⁴Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: "The one I kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard." ⁴⁵Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him. ⁴⁶The men seized Jesus and arrested him. ⁴⁷Then one of those standing near drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

⁴⁸"Am I leading a rebellion," said Jesus, "that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? ⁴⁹Every day I was with you, teaching in the temple courts, and you did not arrest me. But the Scriptures must be fulfilled." ⁵⁰Then everyone deserted him and fled.

⁵¹A young man, wearing nothing but a linen garment, was following Jesus. When they seized him, ⁵²he fled naked, leaving his garment behind.

Luke 22

⁴⁷While he was still speaking a crowd came up, and the man who was called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him, ⁴⁸but Jesus asked him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"

⁴⁹When Jesus' followers saw what was going to happen, they said, "Lord, should we strike with our swords?" ⁵⁰And one of them struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear.

⁵¹But Jesus answered, "No more of this!" And he touched the man's ear and healed him.

⁵²Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple guard, and the elders, who had come for him, "Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come with swords and clubs? ⁵³Every day I was with you in the temple courts, and you did not lay a hand on me. But this is your hour - when darkness reigns."

John 18

²Now Judas, who betrayed him, knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with his disciples. ³So Judas came to the grove, guiding a detachment of soldiers and some officials from the chief priests and Pharisees. They were carrying torches, lanterns and weapons.

⁴Jesus, knowing all that was going to happen to him, went out and asked them, "Who is it you want?"

⁵"Jesus of Nazareth," they replied.

"I am he," Jesus said. (And Judas the traitor was standing there with them.) ⁶When Jesus said, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground.

⁷Again he asked them, "Who is it you want?"

And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth."

⁸"I told you that I am he," Jesus answered. "If you are looking for me, then let these men go." ⁹This happened so that the words he had spoken would be fulfilled: "I have not lost one of those you gave me."

¹⁰Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, cutting off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.)

¹¹Jesus commanded Peter, "Put your sword away! Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given me?"

Looking at the scriptures from a bird's eye view, they may look different but they fit in perfectly when you understand the writers.

I will give a brief of the writers of the four Gospels and the Bible not going too much deep.

Matthew: The writer Matthew is not the same Matthew who was one of the disciples (Apostles) of Jesus. If you see the style of writing of the Gospels according to Matthew, Mark and Luke are similar while the Gospel according to John is different. John was one of the Apostles while Matthew like Mark and Luke were teachers of the Word. Matthew wrote after studying many texts, like the sayings of Jesus, known as 'Q' and believed to have referred to the Writings of Mark who's Gospel was among the first, but naturally he too was inspired by the Holy Spirit while writing.

You will understand this from the scriptures of the misreporting of the incident of the Man with a legion of spirits. In the Gospel according to Mathew it is written as two not one, as written in the other Gospels. This error was purposely made to bring out the hidden truths on many factors. It was this text by which the Lord confirmed a few of the questions on the Church (Refer to my teachings - [Church - The Body of Christ] - [Solid Food]).

Mathew 8

²⁸When he arrived at the other side in the region of the Gadarenes, **two demon-possessed men** coming from the tombs met him.

Mark 5

¹They went across the lake to the region of the Gerasenes. ²When Jesus got out of the boat, **a man with an evil spirit** came from the tombs to meet him.

Luke 8

²⁶They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across the lake from Galilee. ²⁷When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by **a demon-possessed man** from the town. For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs.

Mark: Was the first to write the Gospel. Mark second name was John, he was the son of Mary and the cousin of Barnabas.

Acts 12

¹²When this had dawned on him, he went to **the house of Mary the mother of John, also called Mark**, where many people had gathered and were praying.

²⁵When Barnabas and Saul had finished their mission, they returned from Jerusalem, **taking with them John, also called Mark**.

In Acts, he was the reason of separation between Paul and Barnabas. At that time Mark was part of the team that helped understand the teachings of Jesus, this team included Luke, Silas, Barnabas,

Aristarchus, Demas, Peter and Paul. Most of the input to this team came from Paul who was directly taught by the Lord through an Angel.

1 Peter 5

¹²*With the help of Silas, whom I regard as a faithful brother, I have written to you briefly, encouraging you and testifying that this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it. ¹³She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you her greetings, and **so does my son Mark.** ¹⁴Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ.*

2 Timothy 4

⁹*Do your best to come to me quickly, ¹⁰for Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹**Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry.** ¹²I sent Tychicus to Ephesus. ¹³When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, **and my scrolls, especially the parchments.***

Acts 9

³*As he neared Damascus on his journey, **suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.***

⁸*Saul got up from the ground, **but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing.** So they led him by the hand into Damascus. ⁹**For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.***

¹¹*The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named **Saul, for he is praying.** ¹²**In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight."***

¹³*"Lord," Ananias answered, "I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your saints in Jerusalem. ¹⁴And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name."*

¹⁵*But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to carry my name before the Gentiles and their kings and before the people of Israel. ¹⁶**I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.**"*

¹⁹..... *Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. ²⁰**At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God.** ²¹**All those who heard him were astonished and asked, "Isn't he the man who raised havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on this name? And hasn't he come here to take them as prisoners to the chief priests?"** ²²**Yet Saul grew more and more powerful and baffled the Jews living in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Christ.***

Mark left the team half way, therefore his Gospel is incomplete.

Acts 15

³⁶*Some time later Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us go back and visit the brothers in all the towns where we preached the word of the Lord and see how they are doing." ³⁷**Barnabas wanted to take John, also called Mark, with them, ³⁸but Paul did not think it wise to take him, because he had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in the work.** ³⁹They had such a sharp disagreement that they parted company. Barnabas took Mark and sailed for Cyprus, ⁴⁰but Paul chose Silas and left, commended by the brothers to the grace of the Lord.*

The last scriptures of the last chapter, **chapter 16:9-20** of the Gospel according to Mark were added later and are not part of the original text (*put it in latter also by the plan of the Holy Spirit*).

Paul and Barnabas was later reconciled, this is projected in the letter of Paul to the Colossians and Philemon.

Colossians 4:10

¹⁰My fellow prisoner Aristarchus sends you his greetings, as does Mark, the cousin of Barnabas. (You have received instructions about him; if he comes to you, welcome him.)

Philemon 1

⁹yet I appeal to you on the basis of love. I then, as Paul—an old man and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus

²³Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends you greetings. ²⁴And so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas and Luke, my fellow workers.

Luke: Was the most dedicated among the three and this can be seen also in his writing. You will find the maximum revelations coming from the Gospel according to Luke. Not that the others were not led by the Holy Spirit, it was just that Luke was more inclined to the voice of the Holy Spirit and was more hard working.

He took up the work of writing on finding the incomplete and inaccurate work of Mark and Matthew. There were many so called Gospels that were written during that time but are not the works of the Holy Spirit.

Luke 1

¹Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, ²just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word. ³Therefore, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, it seemed good also to me to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.

It is also a belief that the Book of Acts is also written by Luke going by the first few lines. The word ‘Theophilus’ in Greek means ‘Lover of God’ and is in both books as introduction.

Acts 1

¹In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach ²until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen.

John: He was the most beloved among the Apostles as written by John himself. Since He was an Apostle, the style and basis of writing is very different to Mathew, Mark and Luke. John concentrated on the more basic blocks of life, acknowledging Jesus, His love, sacrifice, authority as human and as king, etc... Therefore you will find it as the most easy to read among the Gospels.

When I recommend a new person to the Bible I ask them to start with John going backwards to Matthew, then all the letters, the Old Testament and lastly the book of Revelations.

All the books in the Bible, both Old and New Testaments were not written only by the said persons but most of them had literally a school of students or disciples with them who helped them in their work. For instance John was uneducated therefore could not have written the Gospel himself. It is also pointed in some of the old manuscripts that the work was complete long after John died. The authors were the source, for God spoke or directed through them, the actual writers could have been their students or disciples.

Another example; as it is believed that in the book of Isaiah chapter 65 onwards was completed later by his students and not during Isaiah’s life.

All the four Gospels give different viewpoints of the truth, therefore necessary to know the complete truth. Now, as far as the so called Gospels which are not listed here? They may have some truth in them but were not found worthy by the Lord to be included in the Bible. It is not only the writer that matter also mattered the leading by the Holy Spirit and the if it fitted in the grand design of the Book of Instruction – the Bible.

For example the oldest book in the Bible is the book of Job. Now in the book of Job, Job who was also called to be teacher like Matthew, Mark and Luke talks about a book he has written in which great details of the kingdom of Heaven in given. This book has not been added in the Bible not because it did not hold the truth but because it did not fall in the purpose and plan of the Bible.

Job 19

²³Oh that my words were now written! oh that they were printed in a book!

²⁴That they were graven with an iron pen and lead in the rock for ever!

Like this the Bible also talks of many other books which are not part of the Bible.

If you understand the books, you will find it as a perfect composition of book for the salvation of man. They can be broadly divided into four categories.

Prophetic – Word of God given through prophecies
i.e. Books of Moses, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Zechariah, Ezekiel etc..

Disclosures – Written by teachers to give the understanding of the Kingdom of God or God's Word
i.e. Job, Daniel, Revelation, Ecclesiastes, Songs of Solomon, Sirach, Wisdom etc..

Historical – Give testimonies of prophecies being fulfilled; testimonies of walking with the Lord and also of disobeying the Lord.
i.e. Kings, Chronicles, Judges, Esther, Maccabees etc..

Apostolic – They too give the understanding of the Word of God but unlike Disclosures concentrate on the basic foundation building of the Church.
i.e. Letters of Paul, letters of Peter, Letters of John etc..

The Gospels are one set of Books that have a mix of all. The reason being they are on Jesus and Jesus had the complete image in Him. Therefore the Gospels give prophecies, give disclosures, give testimonies and also laid the foundation of the real Church.

Like the Gospels the book of Psalms too are a mix of books.

The whole Bible also called the Book of Instruction gives a complete picture and instruction from the start of this creation right till it being saved and receiving its rewards.

If you look at the whole Bible from a birds eyes view you will surprisingly see a simple image of God of which we are made (*read – [Solid Food] - Understanding the Bible*).

Coming back to Jesus being arrested, as the scriptures say even if they wanted they could not have arrested Jesus until the time had not come for the fulfillment of the scriptures. The history of this creation has already been written in the Bible. This does not mean just the Book of Revelation; in fact the Book of Revelation gives understanding to many scriptures that have already written in the Old Testimony and the Gospels. Therefore the writer (*John - not the Apostle*) warns of taking or subtracting anything from this book, for they have already been written in the previous scriptures and will be fulfilled. It does not mean that we can remove or add anything to the older books, the warning stands even for the other books.

Revelation 1

¹The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, ²who testifies to everything he saw—that is, the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Revelation 22

¹⁸I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book. ¹⁹And if anyone takes words away from this book of prophecy, God will take away from him his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

Jesus although allowed His disciples to carry swords, He did not really mean them to do so. Jesus spoke more in reference to the time when the Spirit of God would be taken away from mankind and mankind will be left to defend for itself.

There is a misunderstanding that in the era before Jesus when the temple of Jerusalem was broken down and defecated, the Holy Spirit of God was not at work. This is also the reason that some of the books (Apocrypha) written during that period are not considered by many Christians. The temple of Jerusalem is only a shadow of the real temple, like the Ark of Covenant is also a shadow. There were times when the Ark which had such glory attached to it, was in the hands of the heathens. But latter when it came back to the Israelites the Glory of God was again on it. So also even though the temple was broken it was only that the Face of God was turned away from His people and they were taken captive. There are many temples that have been built by Moses to Solomon and other Kings in the name of the Lord but they were only structures. The real temple is not made of stones, wood or gold but made inside the flesh and blood of man and the real Ark is the hearts of man in which lies the Word of God (Ten Commandments – tablets) and Living Guide (Aaron's walking stick which had budded to life). The dark era was a shadow of the times to come when really the Spirit of God will be taken away from man. Jesus was referring to this time where we would have to physically defend for ourselves.

Even during the times Jesus was on earth was the rule of darkness the rule of Light came only from the 15th century when the Word of God started working in all mankind. The rider of the White Horse is already out and at work since long – the King is here acknowledge Him and you will experience His Power. The times for reaping is high get out the large harvesting tools and machines and reap.

Revelation 19

¹¹I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war. ¹²His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. ¹³He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. ¹⁴The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. ¹⁵Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. ¹⁶On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written:

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

¹⁷And I saw an angel standing in the sun, who cried in a loud voice to all the birds flying in midair, "Come, gather together for the great supper of God, ¹⁸so that you may eat the flesh of kings, generals, and mighty men, of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, small and great."

Revelation 14

¹⁴I looked, and there before me was a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was one "like a son of man" with a crown of gold on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand. ¹⁵Then another angel came out of the temple and called in a loud voice to him who was sitting on the cloud, "Take your sickle and reap, because the time to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is ripe." ¹⁶So he who was seated on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the earth was harvested.

As beautifully put in the book of John, even today Jesus does that. When we as believers in Jesus Christ and have sinned, on the call for our punishment Jesus says “I am he”. Jesus has already taken all our sins and borne all our pain for us; therefore He is always ready to say “I am he”. Let us turn to Jesus Christ and take refuge in Him.