

For Further Study:

- "My Heart, Christ's Home" by Robert Boyd Munger
"Powers of Darkness" by Clint Arnold
"The Cross of Christ" by John Stott
"Outrageous Mercy" by William Farley

Small Group Questions

1. As you read through the passage above, what was the darkest point from your perspective?
2. If this was God's plan, are these people responsible for their actions?
3. Judas certainly gave the devil a foothold (*topos*) in his life, what other footholds did people give in this story give to the devil? Where does Satan try to move into your life?
4. Are there areas of your life where darkness seems to reign right now? What encouragement can you take from Sunday's message?
5. How did Jesus respond to these dark events? What do we learn from his response?

Notes:

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"When Darkness Reigns" (Luke 22: 47-23:25)

1. Jesus was betrayed by a friend (47-53)

- a. A sign of affection was used for defection
- b. He was arrested in spite of healing

2. Jesus was denied by a brother (54-62)

- a. Jesus' chief follower trailed way behind
- b. Peter's big faith gave way to fear
- c. Peter promised to lay down his life, and instead lied about faith

3. Jesus was mocked by his own creation (63-65)

- a. Mankind was made to magnify God, instead they are mocking him

4. Jesus was condemned by the guilty (66-23:25)

- a. Jesus was acquitted in trial, but condemned by an angry crowd