

Luke 22:47–53 (ESV)

*“The Passive Obedience
of Christ”*

⁴⁷While he was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss him, ⁴⁸but Jesus said to him, “Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?”

The Evil of Apostasy

Again, what are the exacerbating aspects of Judas’ betrayal of Jesus? How is our evangelism and sharing the gospel just the opposite?

⁴⁹And when those who were around him saw what would follow, they said, “Lord, shall we strike with the sword?”

The Folly of Our Will

As believers, our wills are/are being renewed in Christ (Rom. 12:1f). Are there times when we force our will before God’s? Note the catastrophes that have resulted when God’s people have chosen their will over God’s.

⁵⁰And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear.

⁵¹But Jesus said, “No more of this!” And he touched his ear and healed him.

What informs our will as we grow in Christ?

⁵²Then Jesus said to the chief priests and officers of the temple and elders, who had come out against him, “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs?

The Certainty of God’s Plan

God is sovereign, and in total control of this darkest point in human history! What prophesy, again, is being fulfilled, according to God’s plan, in verse 52? Jesus often referred to a adverse circumstance as not being “His hour”. Now His hour is at hand! How does this relate to the passive obedience of Christ?

⁵³When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness.”