

**Luke**  
**See Jesus**  
**“Kingdom Amnesia”**  
**Luke 22:47-53**

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**Luke 22:47-53** “While 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, <sup>48</sup> but Jesus said to him, ‘Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?’ <sup>49</sup> And when those who were around Him saw what would follow, they said, ‘Lord, shall we strike with the sword’ <sup>50</sup> And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear. <sup>51</sup> But Jesus said, ‘No more of this!’ And He touched his ear and healed him. <sup>52</sup> Then 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? <sup>53</sup> When 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.’”

Reader: This is the Word of The Lord.

Response: ***Thanks Be To God!***

**I. You need to remember Jesus’ Kingdom is not of this world!**

**Luke 22:50-51a** “And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear. <sup>51</sup> **But Jesus said, ‘No more of this!’**”

“Kingdom Amnesia” sets in when we allow our present realities to blind us to eternal truth.

**Luke 16:13** “No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

A. There’s nothing uniquely Christian about laying down your life for worldly causes.

**Matthew 26:52** “Then Jesus said to him, ‘Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword.’”

B. God hasn’t called you to take down those that oppose Him.

**Matthew 26:53** “Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and He will at once send Me more than twelve legions of angels?”

C. God has a plan.

**Matthew 26:54** “But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?”

**II. How you treat your enemies says more about you than how you treat your friends!**

**Luke 22:50-51** “And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear. <sup>51</sup> But Jesus said, ‘No more of this!’ **And He touched his ear and healed him.**”

**6 Ways To Align Yourself With  
Jesus’ Kingdom Instead Of The World**

1. You move towards your enemies when you’d rather move away.

**Romans 12:14** “Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.”

2. You strive for humble harmony instead of distant silence.

**Romans 12:16** “Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight.”

3. You do what is good according to God’s wisdom instead of your own.

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**Proverbs 14:12 & 16:25** “There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.”

4. You treat people honorably even if they dishonor you.

**Romans 12:17** “Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.”

**1 Thessalonians 5:15** “See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another **and to everyone.**”

5. You strive for peace instead of waiting on someone to move first.

**Romans 12:18** “If possible, **so far as it depends on you,** live peaceably with all.”

6. You surrender and let God keep score.

**Romans 12:19** “Beloved, **never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God,** for it is written, ‘Vengeance is Mine, I will repay, says the Lord.’”

**Luke 6:32-36** “If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup>And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup>And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. <sup>35</sup>But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for He is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. <sup>36</sup>Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.”

### III. The best demonstration of love for enemies is God’s love for you.

**Romans 5:6-8** “**For while we were still weak,** at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup> but God shows His love for us in that **while we were still sinners,** Christ died for us.”

#### Questions for Personal Reflection and/or Community Group Discussion:

1. When is it hardest for you to align yourself with Jesus’ Kingdom instead of the world’s?
2. Pastor Peter said, “There’s nothing uniquely Christian about laying down your life for worldly causes,” “God hasn’t called you to take down those that oppose Him,” and “God has a plan.” Which of these statements is most helpful for you to remember today? Why?

3. Pastor Peter said, "How you treat your enemies says more about you than how you treat your friends." What do you think of that statement? Do you agree or disagree?
4. Review the "6 Ways To Align Yourself With Jesus' Kingdom Instead of the World." Which of those have you done? Which do you need to do?
5. As Pastor Peter preached about loving your enemies, who came to mind? What is one step can you take this week to love him/her better than you have thus far?