

Digging Deeper Study

God's Kingdom Come – Worldly Elements

Week of August 23rd, 2026

Worldly Elements Matthew 26:57-27:10 Matthew 26:57-27:10 ⁵⁷ Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the teachers of the law and the elders had assembled. ⁵⁸ But Peter followed him at a distance, right up to the courtyard of the high priest. He entered and sat down with the guards to see the outcome. ⁵⁹ The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false evidence against Jesus so that they	“In essentials, unity; (1 Corinthians 12:12-13) in non-essentials, liberty; (Romans 14:1) in all things, charity.” (John 13:34) Sermon QUOTE Statement: The Devil is alive and well and he likes to move behind the scenes, unnoticed. But Jesus knows, and in Christ we can find victory in all areas of life. Opening Question: What is an area that Jesus has given you victory over? How did that process look for you? I. Read Matthew 26:57-63 1. Why is remaining silent so hard to do sometimes? What are things to look for in deciding whether or not to remain silent or not? 2. Why does the enemy deal with false testimony? 3. What was Jesus referring to with destroying the temple and rebuilding it in three days? Why did he not try to correct them? 4. How can Jesus be an example for us?
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could put him to death. ⁶⁰ But they did not find any, though many false witnesses came forward.

Finally two came forward ⁶¹ and declared, “This fellow said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God and rebuild it in three days.’ ”

⁶² Then the high priest stood up and said to Jesus, “Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?”

⁶³ But Jesus remained silent.

The high priest said to him, “I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.”

⁶⁴ “You have said so,” Jesus replied. “But I say to all of you: From now on you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.” ^v

II. Read Matthew 26:53-68

- 5. Why does Jesus finally answer them?**
- 6. Jesus quotes from Psalm 110:1 and Daniel 7:13-14. Why is this considered blasphemous if Jesus is applying them to Himself?**
- 7. How does the response of the High priest show he wasn't really seeking truth?**
- 8. Why does Jesus not lash out at the injustice He was facing? How can we learn from His example?**

⁶⁵ Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, “He has spoken blasphemy! Why do we need any more witnesses? Look, now you have heard the blasphemy. ⁶⁶ What do you think?”

“He is worthy of death,” they answered.

⁶⁷ Then they spit in his face and struck him with their fists. Others slapped him ⁶⁸ and said, “Prophecy to us, Messiah. Who hit you?”

⁶⁹ Now Peter was sitting out in the courtyard, and a servant girl came to him. “You also were with Jesus of Galilee,” she said.

⁷⁰ But he denied it before them all. “I don’t know what you’re talking about,” he said.

⁷¹ Then he went out to the gateway, where another servant girl saw him

III. Read Matthew 26:69-75

- 1. Why is fear such a big thing in our world?**
- 2. How does Peter learn from this experience? Why did he fail? How does change in the future?**
- 3. How can we learn from Peter and Jesus in this?**

and said to the people there, “This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth.”

⁷² He denied it again, with an oath: “I don’t know the man!”

⁷³ After a little while, those standing there went up to Peter and said, “Surely you are one of them; your accent gives you away.”

⁷⁴ Then he began to call down curses, and he swore to them, “I don’t know the man!”

Immediately a rooster crowed.

⁷⁵ Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken: “Before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times.” And he went outside and wept bitterly.

27 Early in the morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people made their plans how to have Jesus executed. ² So they bound him, led

IV. Read Matthew 27:1-10

1. How is the Chief priest response a picture of how Satan responds to people’s remorse.

him away and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

³When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. ⁴“I have sinned,” he said, “for I have betrayed innocent blood.”

“What is that to us?” they replied. “That’s your responsibility.”

⁵So Judas threw the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and hanged himself.

⁶The chief priests picked up the coins and said, “It is against the law to put this into the treasury, since it is blood money.” ⁷So they decided to use the money to buy the potter’s field as a burial place for foreigners.

⁸That is why it has been called the Field of Blood to this day. ⁹Then what

2. Why is Judas’ response to his remorse exactly what the Devil wants for us?

3. How is Jesus so different than Satan?

4. Why is delusion a weapon of Satan?

5. How can we combat delusion in this life?

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was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled: “They took the thirty pieces of silver, the price set on him by the people of Israel, ¹⁰ and they used them to buy the potter’s field, as the Lord commanded me.”	
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