

St. Mary's Holy Week Video Retreat: Day I – 2020

- I. **Introduction:** Events and Words of Luke Chapters 22 & 23
 - A. So Familiar. Too? Yes, if familiar means underappreciated,

- II. So We Explore, Once Again, God's Saving Love
 - A. We call it Paschal Mystery (Passover Mystery) – Enter Mystery
 - B. Hidden in Christ and events. Let's marvel at, be in awe of God!
 - C. And Examine our lives. What is? What must change, must be?
 - D. Providential being Deprived of Eucharist to Deepen that Faith

- III. Luke 22:1-13 Sets the Scene, Gives Themes, Clues,

Understand Catholic teaching on relations with the Jewish People

- A. Context of Passover (4x 1,8, 11, 13) (6 if Unleavened Bread 1, 7)
 - B. St. Paul: "*Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed*" I Cor 5:7
 - C. Exodus 12:1-14
- IV. First Passover Freedom from Physical Slavery to Egypt
 - A. Ours: Redemption from what? If not, no need of Savior & Cross
 - B. What in me needs to be redeemed? Changed? What must die?
 - C. *Your Jesus is the answer to a question I'm not asking.*

 - V. What's critical about the Passover Lamb?

7 When the day of the feast of Unleavened Bread arrived, the day for **sacrificing** the Passover lamb....

- A. What follows is "A Sacrifice not an Execution" (Hahn)
- B. And Sacrificial Meal
- C. This is Jesus' intention
- D. **Jesus is directing things (Go, Ask, they found as he said), HIS WILL!**

VI. There's Another Major Character (Not Pilate, Herod, Dismas)

3 Then Satan entered into Judas, the one surnamed Iscariot, who was counted among the Twelve, 4 and he went to the chief priests and temple guards to discuss a plan for handing him over to them

A. Battle between the KINGDOM OF GOD and kingdom of Satan

Paul: *For our struggle is not with flesh and blood but with the principalities, with the powers, with the world rulers of this present darkness, with the evil spirits in the heavens. (Eph 6:12)*

B. Jesus has been fighting, redeeming people from Satan throughout his ministry

C. Some modern people, scholars scoff, mock us – Primitive Myths

1. They've studied all the books of ancient cultures and psychology
2. Cantalamessa: *But Satan not interested in books, Rather Souls!*
3. For Proof look to saints (Pio, Kolbe, Therese)
4. Our Father: *"Deliver us from the evil one."*

(Luke 4:13 When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from him to await another opportunity (for another time)

Titus of Bostra: "Satan entered into Judas not by force, but finding the door open."
St. Bede: "Now many shudder at the wickedness of Judas, yet do not guard against it."

Coronavirus: We pray for protection from it, End of it, Healing from it, take steps, wash, distancing. And for holiness, heaven,? Protect against evil? Living in Grace?

IV. These days, some of us can approach life and faith naively

- A. All things good, all "lifestyles" fine, except what world thinks is bad
- B. I can receive communion
- C. We're not just like everyone else, Yet we want to be like everyone
- D. Is sin so bad? Is there sin?

V. What does need saving? A Savior? Just political or social things?

- A. So A lot of Soul Searching re faith, Obedience, the Lord...
- B. And so now tomorrow we move to the Last Supper

***Praised be Jesus Christ!
Now and Forever. Amen.***