The Seed of God's Word

Unit B3 - Lesson 6: Judas Betrays Jesus

Lesson Prayer

All-knowing God, you know our frailties and failings. You know how disloyal we can be and how short our attention is when it comes to doing what's right, reaching out to others, and holding fast to your Word. Grant us the gift of loyalty that comes from your Holy Spirit, that we would stand beside those in need, the innocent, and the vulnerable. We thank you for your gift of mercy in our lives. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

First Lesson: John 18:1-14

After the Last Supper:

1When Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples
across the brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which he and
his disciples entered. 2Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew
the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. 3So Judas,
having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief
priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and
weapons.

4Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward
and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" 5They answered him, "Jesus
of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him,
was standing with them.

6When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the
ground. 7So he asked them again, "Whom do you seek?" And they
said, "Jesus of Nazareth." 8Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he.
So, if you seek me, let these men go." 9This was to fulfill the word that
he had spoken: "Of those whom you gave me I have lost not one."

10Then Simon Peter, whaving a sword, drew it and struck the high
priest's servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant's name was
Malchus.) 11So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath;
shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?"

12So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews
arrested Jesus and bound him. 13First they led him to Annas, for he
was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. 14It
was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it would be expedient
that one man should die for the people.

Second Lesson: Jeremiah 23:1-5

1"Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my
pasture!" declares the LORD.

2Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the
shepherds who care for my people: "You have scattered my flock and
have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I
will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the LORD.

3"Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries
where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold,
and they shall be fruitful and multiply. 4I will set shepherds over
them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be
dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the LORD.

5"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise
up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal
wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

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