

# Sermon Discussion

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**Icebreaker:** What's the most unusual food you've ever tried, and did you like it?

**Luke: See Jesus – Luke 22:63–71**

## Sham Trial

1. Your trials don't change how you are. They reveal who you are
  - a. Jesus shows His true power by restraining His true power (63–65)
  - b. Jesus doesn't stoop to the level of His enemies (66–68)
  - c. Jesus stays faithful to His purpose (69–70)

## 6 Things To Keep In Mind When It Comes To Your Trials (Next Page)

2. Judging Jesus wrongly now means you'll be judged rightly later (Luke 22:71, Rev 20:11–15)

## Sermon Discussion:

1. When has God used a trial to bring to the surface something about you that you hadn't known was there or that you had been suppressing?
  - a. How did you respond when that unpleasant truth was pushed out? Were you quick to blame the situation and pressure causing it?
  - b. How did Christ lead you to repent or do you still need too?
2. Pastor Peter talked about the two different types of sorrow that Judas and Peter showcased over their sinful actions. One being a worldly sorrow that was full of emotion but without repentance and the other a godly sorrow that led to repentance. When is a time in your life where you have responded to your sin like Judas rather than Peter? How is repentance different from and greater than just being upset?
3. Pastor Peter said "Your trials don't change how you are. They reveal who you are." When have you seen that to be true?
4. What trial(s) are you facing now? As you recall how you're dealing with them, what have they revealed about you?
5. Recall a time when you were wrongfully accused or treated unfairly because of your faith. Review the "6 Things To Keep In Mind When It Comes To Your Trials." Which of those are you good at? Which of those do you need to grow in?
6. How does reading the final passage that Pastor Peter shared in Revelation affect you? How could you live with eternity in view more regularly? How are you intentionally seeking to plant seeds of the gospel to those around you?

## Missionary Prayer Spotlight – Rick and Lu (South East Asia)

- A couple that has been in their country for many years recently departed. Pray that God would use the seeds they planted to draw their friends to faith in Christ
- Please pray that as couples slowly leave the field God's Spirit would stir up more Christians to move to hard to reach places for the sake of the gospel.
- Pray that Rick and Lu's influence at their nearby church would bear productive fruit in reaching out to the community

## 6 Things To Keep In Mind When It Comes To Your Trials

1. Expect them.

**1 Peter 4:12** - <sup>12</sup>Beloved, **do not be surprised** at the fiery trial **when** it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.

2. Don't be afraid or angry.

**1 Peter 3:14** - <sup>14</sup>But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. **Have no fear of them, nor be troubled...**

3. Trust God and do what is right.

**1 Peter 2:15** - <sup>15</sup>For this is the will of God, that **by doing good** you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people.

**1 Peter 4:19** - <sup>19</sup>Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator **while doing good**.

4. Share your hope, and be kind when you do.

**1 Peter 3:15,16** - <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, **always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,** <sup>16</sup>having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.

5. Keep loving each other.

**1 Peter 4:8-10** - <sup>8</sup>Above all, **keep loving one another** earnestly... <sup>9</sup>Show hospitality to one another... <sup>10</sup>serve one another...

6. Remember how the story ends.

**1 Peter 5:10** - <sup>10</sup>And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.