



Today's Message

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Title: *Change and Certainty*

Text: Luke 22:35–38 (ESV)

³⁵ And he said to them, “When I sent you out with no moneybag or knapsack or sandals, did you lack anything?” They said, “Nothing.” ³⁶ He said to them, “But now let the one who has a moneybag take it, and likewise a knapsack. And let the one who has no sword sell his cloak and buy one. ³⁷ For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me: ‘And he was numbered with the transgressors.’ For what is written about me has its fulfillment.” ³⁸ And they said, “Look, Lord, here are two swords.” And he said to them, “It is enough.”

Introduction: During the Passover meal on the night before Jesus died, the disciples returned to their old dispute about which of them would receive the most honor in the kingdom. Jesus gently rebuked them and predicted his own betrayal by one of the Twelve and Peter's shocking failure. Perhaps these revelations left the disciples in quiet silence. Jesus finished the conversation with a look at how his death would change the nature of their future ministry.

I. Jesus reminded the disciples of lessons he taught them on their preaching tours. 35

- A. Jesus sent them without provisions. Cf. Luke 9:1-6, 10:1-12
- B. Yet, the Lord provided every need.

II. Jesus revealed that nature of their ministry was about to change. 36

- A. Now they must make personal preparations.
- B. And they must expect dangerous opposition.

III. Jesus explained the reason for the change, namely his death. 37

- A. Jesus died to accomplish the divine plan.
- B. Jesus was the Suffering Servant (cf. Isaiah 53).

IV. Jesus's disciples still didn't understand—yet. 38

- A. They misunderstood Jesus' words.
- B. Jesus ended the discussion.

Today's take-home truth: Jesus sends his followers into a hostile world to carry the message of grace and glory.