

Who is the Jesus  
whom we seek?

Is the Jesus we seek the Jesus  
according to revelation, or the  
Jesus according to our desire  
and intention?

## Luke 22:45-47

45 And when He rose up from prayer and had come to His disciples, He found them sleeping because of sorrow.

46 And He said to them, Why do you sleep? Rise and pray lest you enter into temptation.

47 And as He was yet speaking, behold a crowd! And he who was called Judas, one of the Twelve, went before them. And he drew near Jesus to kiss Him.

45 Après avoir prié, il se leva, et vint vers les disciples, qu'il trouva endormis de tristesse,

46 et il leur dit: Pourquoi dormez-vous? Levez-vous et priez, afin que vous ne tombiez pas en tentation.

47 Comme il parlait encore, voici, une foule arriva; et celui qui s'appelait Judas, l'un des douze, marchait devant elle. Il s'approcha de Jésus, pour le baiser.

# John 18:1-27

- 1 Having spoken these words, Jesus went out with His disciples over the winter stream Kidron, where there was a garden. He and His disciples entered into it.
- 2 And Judas who betrayed Him also knew the place. For Jesus oftentimes went there with His disciples.
- 3 Then Judas, having received a band and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, came there with lanterns and torches and weapons.
- 4 Then Jesus, knowing all things that were coming upon Him, went out and said to them, **Whom do you seek?**

- 1 Lorsqu'il eut dit ces choses, Jésus alla avec ses disciples de l'autre côté du torrent du Cédron, où se trouvait un jardin, dans lequel il entra, lui et ses disciples.
- 2 Judas, qui le livrait, connaissait ce lieu, parce que Jésus et ses disciples s'y étaient souvent réunis.
- 3 Judas donc, ayant pris la cohorte, et des huissiers qu'envoyèrent les principaux sacrificateurs et les pharisiens, vint là avec des lanternes, des flambeaux et des armes.
- 4 Jésus, sachant tout ce qui devait lui arriver, s'avança, et leur dit: Qui cherchez-vous?

- 5 They answered Him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus said to them, I AM! And Judas who betrayed Him also stood with them.
- 6 Then as soon as He had said to them, I AM, they went backward and fell to the ground.
- 7 Then He asked them again, Whom do you seek? And they said, Jesus of Nazareth.
- 8 Jesus answered, I have told you that I AM. Therefore if you seek Me, let these go away;

- 5 Ils lui répondirent: Jésus de Nazareth. Jésus leur dit: C'est moi. Et Judas, qui le livrait, était avec eux.
- 6 Lorsque Jésus leur eut dit: C'est moi, ils reculèrent et tombèrent par terre.
- 7 Il leur demanda de nouveau: Qui cherchez-vous? Et ils dirent: Jésus de Nazareth.
- 8 Jésus répondit: Je vous ai dit que c'est moi. Si donc c'est moi que vous cherchez, laissez aller ceux-ci.

- 9 (that the word might be fulfilled which He spoke, "Of those whom You have given Me, I have lost not one of them").
- 10 Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. And the servant's name was Malchus.
- 11 Then Jesus said to Peter, Put up your sword into the sheath. The cup which My Father has given Me, shall I not drink it?
- 12 Then the band, and the chiliarch, and under-officers of the Jews together seized Jesus and bound Him.

- 9 Il dit cela, afin que s'accomplît la parole qu'il avait dite: Je n'ai perdu aucun de ceux que tu m'as donnés.
- 10 Simon Pierre, qui avait une épée, la tira, frappa le serviteur du souverain sacrificateur, et lui coupa l'oreille droite. Ce serviteur s'appelait Malchus.
- 11 Jésus dit à Pierre: Remets ton épée dans le fourreau. Ne boirai-je pas la coupe que le Père m'a donnée à boire?
- 12 La cohorte, le tribun, et les huissiers des Juifs, se saisirent alors de Jésus, et le lièrent.

- 13 And they led Him away to Annas first, for he was father-in-law to Caiaphas, who was the high priest that year.
- 14 And Caiaphas was he who gave counsel to the Jews, that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.
- 15 And Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. That disciple was known to the high priest, and he went in with Jesus into the court of the high priest.
- 16 But Peter stood at the door outside. Then the other disciple went out, the one who was known to the high priest, and spoke to her who kept the door and brought Peter in.

- 13 Ils l'emmenèrent d'abord chez Anne; car il était le beau-père de Caïphe, qui était souverain sacrificateur cette année-là.
- 14 Et Caïphe était celui qui avait donné ce conseil aux Juifs: Il est avantageux qu'un seul homme meure pour le peuple.
- 15 Simon Pierre, avec un autre disciple, suivait Jésus. Ce disciple était connu du souverain sacrificateur, et il entra avec Jésus dans la cour du souverain sacrificateur;
- 16 mais Pierre resta dehors près de la porte. L'autre disciple, qui était connu du souverain sacrificateur, sortit, parla à la portière, et fit entrer Pierre.

- 17 Then the girl who kept the door said to Peter, Are you not also one of this man's disciples? He said, I am not.
- 18 And the servants and officers who had made a fire of coals stood there, for it was cold. And they warmed themselves. And Peter stood with them and warmed himself.
- 19 Then the high priest asked Jesus of His disciples and of His teaching.
- 20 Jesus answered him, I spoke openly to the world. I always taught in the synagogue and in the temple, where the Jews always resort, and I have said nothing in secret.

- 17 Alors la servante, la portière, dit à Pierre: Toi aussi, n'es-tu pas des disciples de cet homme? Il dit: Je n'en suis point.
- 18 Les serviteurs et les huissiers, qui étaient là, avaient allumé un brasier, car il faisait froid, et ils se chauffaient. Pierre se tenait avec eux, et se chauffait.
- 19 Le souverain sacrificateur interrogea Jésus sur ses disciples et sur sa doctrine.
- 20 Jésus lui répondit: J'ai parlé ouvertement au monde; j'ai toujours enseigné dans la synagogue et dans le temple, où tous les Juifs s'assemblent, et je n'ai rien dit en secret.

- 21 Why do you ask Me? Ask those who heard me what I have said to them. Behold, they know what I said.
- 22 And when He had spoken this way, one of the officers who stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, Do you answer the high priest so?
- 23 Jesus answered him, If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil; but if well, why do you strike Me?
- 24 Then Annas had sent Him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

- 21 Pourquoi m'interroges-tu? Interroge sur ce que je leur ai dit ceux qui m'ont entendu; voici, ceux-là savent ce que j'ai dit.
- 22 A ces mots, un des huissiers, qui se trouvait là, donna un soufflet à Jésus, en disant: Est-ce ainsi que tu réponds au souverain sacrificateur?
- 23 Jésus lui dit: Si j'ai mal parlé, fais voir ce que j'ai dit de mal; et si j'ai bien parlé, pourquoi me frappes-tu?
- 24 Anne l'envoya lié à Caïphe, le souverain sacrificateur.



- 25 And Simon Peter stood and warmed himself. Then they said to him, Are you not also one of his disciples? He denied and said, I am not.
- 26 One of the servants of the high priest, being kinsman to him whose ear Peter cut off, said, Did I not see you in the garden with him?
- 27 Peter then denied again. And immediately a cock crowed.
- 25 Simon Pierre était là, et se chauffait. On lui dit: Toi aussi, n'es-tu pas de ses disciples? Il le nia, et dit: Je n'en suis point.
- 26 Un des serviteurs du souverain sacrificateur, parent de celui à qui Pierre avait coupé l'oreille, dit: Ne t'ai-je pas vu avec lui dans le jardin?
- 27 Pierre le nia de nouveau. Et aussitôt le coq chanta.

# Matthew, Mark, Luke

- Are synoptic gospels
- « Synoptic » comes from the word « syn » which means « same, » and « optic » which means « seen »
- Therefore, « seen in the same way, » or « seen together »
- The same point of view
- Many of the same stories, often in the same sequence, and similar wording.

# The gospel of John

- A book of divine revelation
- Not of narrative and chronology, or history
- A book of cases to reveal God to us
- Few narratives of what Jesus did
- Much of Jesus' speaking in John is not recorded in the synoptic gospels
- Much of Jesus' speaking in the gospel of John, contrary to His speaking in the other gospels, is not concerning His work
- But rather His person, His nature, His relationship with the Father, and His purpose or desire

# A build up of events

- The Lord's Table
- Peter's insistence that he would never deny Jesus, even if everyone else did
- All the disciples confirming that they would never deny Jesus
- Jesus takes Peter, James and John to the garden of Gethsemane to watch and pray
- Jesus prays to the Father
- The disciples fall asleep
- Jesus charges them to « watch and pray that they enter not into temptation »
- It is at this moment that Jesus is apprehended by the soldiers

Who is  
Jesus?

Whom do  
you seek?

Jesus of  
Nazareth

- Is Jesus from Nazareth?
- Is He Jesus of Nazareth?



I am

- Jesus did not deny that He was of Nazareth
- But He did not say “I am He.”
- In Greek, the “He” is omitted
- Simply “I am”

Exo 3:13 And Moses said to God, Behold, when I come to the sons of Israel, and shall say to them, The God of your fathers has sent me to you, and they shall say to me, What is His name? What shall I say to them?

Exo 3:14 And God said to Moses, I AM THAT I AM. And He said, So you shall say to the sons of Israel, I AM has sent me to you.

# He is

- Everything is not
- I am not
- Everything that is not must fall backwards
- He is everything I am not
- I must know Him as I am

# Whom do we seek?

- Do we seek Jesus according to our desires, our expectations?
- Jesus asked this question, not only to the soldiers, but to the disciples, to us
- The Jesus whom we seek for our own gain will be easily denied by us

Often we  
seek Jesus to  
arrest Him, to  
capture Him

If we do not know God's desire,  
we will deny Jesus

- Peter was not willing that Jesus drink the cup that the Father had given Him, that is, to go to the cross
- Peter had staked all his hopes on Jesus defending Himself till the end
- At this point, seeing that Jesus did not resist, Peter lost all hope in the Jesus he thought he knew

Who is the  
Jesus we  
think we  
know?



- Peter did not deny Jesus because he was afraid of getting caught and arrested
- Peter was not chicken
- Nor was he a coward
- Rather he had lost his hope in the Jesus he thought he knew
- Jesus had disappointed him

- If Peter had known Jesus as the I am, he would have stayed with Jesus and testified concerning Jesus
- Why do you ask Me? Ask those who heard me what I have said to them. Behold, they know what I said.

- Many times we do not testify for Jesus, not because we are afraid of people
- But because we do not know who Jesus really is
- The Jesus whom we seek is not the Jesus according to revelation, but the Jesus according to our thought and desire

- Peter had to be exposed
- We also need to be exposed so we can seek Jesus according to who He is
- Peter had the biggest failure
- But he also received the biggest help
- The more we seek Jesus and are willing to be exposed, the more we are blessed

# How can we know Jesus?

- Through prayer and through the word
- Rise and pray lest you enter into temptation (Luke 22:46).

# Prayer

- When we lose hope or become disappointed, many times we do not pray
- The disciples slept in the garden of Gethsemane because they were sorrowful
- They did not stay with Jesus
- Peter was strong in himself to defend Jesus with the sword
- However, he was actually weak
- It is when we are weak that we need to pray the most
- To know Jesus as the I Am