

Text: Luke: 22: 31-34

Introduction

A. Birth—Last Supper

B. Theological Whiplash

I. Satan Demands

A. The Lord Allows (Job 1; Luke 4)

B. The Decision is Made in Secret

i. Peter rebuts; Peter boasts, but the decision has been made.

II. He Will Be Sifted

- A. It is difficult, and it is painful.

- B. It is necessary.

III. Jesus Has Prayed

- A. He has a plan and a purpose
 - i. We don't know the details.

 - ii. Satan has a purpose. "Joseph"

IV. Application

- A. The wheat will be sifted. This is the LORD working out our salvation...

- B. Don't Hurry the Hurt.
 - i. Catherine of Aragon...

C. The Boast

- i. For Peter: A false self assurance is proven hollow.

- ii. For me: Confession...
 - a) I am no better. "There, but for the grace of God go I."

 - b) My faith is shaken.

D. Peter vs. Judas...

- E. Just as Jesus prayed, so we must also.
 - i. Have faith and compassion.

 - ii. Have hope.

Conclusion

- A. John 21:15-19

- B. Not because of us, rather despite us