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HOW TRUSTING **JESUS** TURNS IT ALL AROUND

39 Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him. **40** On reaching the place, he said to them, “Pray that you will not fall into temptation.” **41** He withdrew about a stone’s throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, **42** “Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.” **43** An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. ...

LUKE 22:39-62

44 And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground. 45 When he rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow. 46 “Why are you sleeping?” he asked them. “Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation.” ...

LUKE 22:39-62

47 While he was still speaking a crowd came up, and the man who was called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him, 48 but Jesus asked him, “Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?”

49 When Jesus’ followers saw what was going to happen, they said, “Lord, should we strike with our swords?” ...

LUKE 22:39-62

50 And one of them struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear. 51 But Jesus answered, "No more of this!" And he touched the man's ear and healed him.

52 Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple guard, and the elders, who had come for him, "Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come with swords and clubs? ..."

LUKE 22:39-62

⁵³ Every day I was with you in the temple courts, and you did not lay a hand on me. But this is your hour—when darkness reigns.” ⁵⁴ Then seizing him, they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest. Peter followed at a distance. ⁵⁵ And when some there had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter sat down with them. ...

LUKE 22:39-62

⁵⁶ A servant girl saw him seated there in the firelight. She looked closely at him and said, “This man was with him.” ⁵⁷ But he denied it. “Woman, I don’t know him,” he said. ⁵⁸ A little later someone else saw him and said, “You also are one of them.” “Man, I am not!” Peter replied. ⁵⁹ About an hour later another asserted, “Certainly this fellow was with him, for he is a Galilean.” ...

LUKE 22:39-62

60 Peter replied, “Man, I don’t know what you’re talking about!” Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed. 61 The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: “Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times.” 62 And he went outside and wept bitterly.

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**But this is your hour—when
darkness reigns.**

LUKE 22:53

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How do we respond to darkness?

Exhaustion



A background image of a starry night sky. The sky is dark blue and black, filled with numerous small, bright white and blue stars. On the right side of the image, there is a prominent, bright star with a soft, glowing halo, possibly a starburst or a bright star like Sirius.

How do we respond to darkness?

Exhaustion

Mockery

The background of the slide is a deep blue, starry night sky. A prominent, bright star with a soft, multi-colored glow (pink, orange, and yellow) is located in the upper right quadrant. The rest of the sky is filled with numerous smaller, distant stars of varying brightness and colors, creating a sense of vastness and depth.

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Mockery

Violence

A background image of a starry night sky. The stars are small, bright points of light scattered across a dark blue and black field. In the upper right quadrant, there is a larger, more prominent star with a soft, glowing halo, possibly representing a bright star or a distant galaxy core. The overall tone is serene and contemplative.

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Mockery

Violence

Denial



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Vision (the way of Jesus)

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**When he rose from prayer and went back
to the disciples, he found them asleep,
exhausted from sorrow.**

LUKE 22:45

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The disciples did not understand any of this. Its meaning was hidden from them, and they did not know what he was talking about.

JOHN 1:1

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Jesus asked him, “Judas, are you
betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?”

LUKE 22:48

“In any group of teachers and disciples, the disciple was never permitted to greet his teacher first, since this implied equality. When coming up, a disciple would greet other disciples first, and the teacher only last, showing deference in the appropriate cultural way. Judas’ signal, therefore, was not just a signal to the mob--it was a deliberate insult.”

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Rabbi Moses Ababah

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A silhouette of Jesus riding a donkey, with a follower walking beside him, set against a dark blue night sky filled with stars. In the background, a town with lit windows is visible on a hillside.

When Jesus' followers saw what was going to happen, they said, "Lord, should we strike with our swords?"

LUKE 22:49

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A night scene with a starry sky. In the foreground, two silhouetted figures are visible: one riding a donkey and another walking beside it. In the background, a town with lit windows is silhouetted against the dark sky.

**And one of them struck the servant of
the high priest, cutting off his right ear.**

LUKE 22:50

“And then there is the intense spike in recent years of partisan hatred, also known as polarization or negative partisanship. Since 2016, Democrats and Republicans have come to see one another increasingly as an existential threat. A Pew survey released in August showed that in 2016, 47% of Republicans believed Democrats were “immoral,” and that by 2022 that number had risen to 72%. Democratic voter belief that Republicans are immoral had gone from 35% to 63% in the same period.”

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But Jesus answered, “No more of this!” And he touched the man’s ear and healed him.

LUKE 22:51

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Denial

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LUKE 22:56-60

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**“Integrity is having the courage
to meet the demands of reality.”**

**INTEGRITY
HENRY CLOUD**

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“Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.”

LUKE 22:42

An angel from heaven appeared
to him and strengthened him.

LUKE 22:43

And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.

LUKE 22:44

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The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter.

LUKE 22:61

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“The beauty of it smote his heart, as he looked up out of the forsaken land, and hope returned to him. For like a shaft, clear and cold, the thought pierced him that in the end the Shadow was only a small and passing thing: there was light and high beauty forever beyond its reach.”

J.R.R. TOLKIEN
THE RETURN OF THE KING

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