

John 287 “*The Lord Jesus Is Prepared For Battle*” (And amazingly, He will remain in control throughout His ordeal) *John 18:1-3:Matthew 26:36-44*

During the Church Age, there continues to be angelic opposition to the plan of God because the Lord permits the angelic dispute to run its course throughout human history.

However, when Satan finishes his last and worst acts, he along with all God’s angelic enemies will be defeated at the Second Advent of Jesus Christ when the finale of Operation Footstool will be launched from Heaven against them; *Hebrews 1:13.*

Although Satan is the present ruler of this world, all things will be completely subordinated to the Lord Jesus Christ in God’s timeframe.

*To see Jesus Christ as the highest value in our lives is the beginning of His fantastic greater-grace life!*

From His mortal humanity at the Virgin Birth to His resurrected humanity followed by His ascension and exaltation, the metamorphosis of the Lord Jesus Christ portrays His total victory in the angelic spiritual warfare in panoramic fashion along with the ultimate triumph of regenerate man who is in union with Him forever more.

God’s purpose in sending Jesus Christ is directly related to our happiness and blessing in time and in eternity.

*The Cross not only broke the back of Satan but it also provided the basis for our entrance into the Plan of God and our living under optimum blessing from God; yes, even in the devil’s world!*

If we keep our eyes on our all-sufficient Savior through constant study of His biblical truth, we will avoid becoming entangled in Satan’s evil trap consisting of our trying to help him whitewash his disgusting backyard trash in this world!

And we will not be led astray by fixing our eyes on people by either creating false idols or giving in to deceptive disillusion.

It’s rather peculiar how the Jews and the Romans did not like each other at all but yet they’re joining forces here to make a high-profile arrest.

*Although we all are on Jesus’ mind during His passion, His incredible concentration at this time, centers around His and His Father’s relationship.*

If there were any other way for mankind to be rescued and reconciled to God, then the Father DID NOT hear and answer this prayer of Jesus!

The Lord Jesus was apparently so taken by the events to follow that He thought it might kill Him to even consider them.

Through it all, John emphasizes in this amazing story that Jesus remained in complete control .

*This will be the oddest arrest scene in history because the arrestee never loses His calm demeanor during the entire situation.*

What should be shameful, degrading, pathetic, dehumanizing and brutal, turns out only to demonstrate the mastery of the One Who has no equal, the Lord Jesus Christ, the King of kings!