"Crisis of Confidence"

"It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man. It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes." (Psalm 118:8-9)

Jesus' Choice

<u>John 2:23-25</u> – (23) "Because of the miraculous signs Jesus did in Jerusalem at the Passover celebration, many began to trust in him. (24) But Jesus didn't trust them, because he knew human nature. (25) No one needed to tell him what mankind is really like." (NLT)

<u>1 Peter 2:23</u> – "When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly."

<u>Luke 23:46</u> – "Then Jesus shouted, 'Father, I entrust my spirit into your hands!' And with those words he breathed his last."

The Faithful & the Fickle

Mark 10:33 – "Listen," (*Jesus*) said, "we're going up to Jerusalem, where the Son of Man will be betrayed to the leading priests and the teachers of religious law. They will sentence him to die and hand him over to the Romans." (NLT)

Matthew 21:7-11 – (7) "They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. (8) Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. (9) And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!' (10) And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, 'Who is this?' (11) And the crowds said, 'This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.'"

Matthew 21:12-13 – (12) "And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. (13) He said to them, 'It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you make it a den of robbers."

Matthew 26:31 – "Then Jesus said to them, 'You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered."

Matthew 27:20-25 – (20) "Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. (21) The governor again said to them, 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?' And they said, 'Barabbas.' (22) Pilate said to them, 'Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?' They all said, 'Let him be crucified!' (23) And he said, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Let him be crucified!' (24) So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, 'I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.' (25) And all the people answered, 'His blood be on us and on our children!'"

People will Disappoint You, Jesus will not

"For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the LORD will take me in." (Psalm 27:10)

",,,And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:20)

Who Has Woe?

"Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help and rely on horses, who trust in chariots because they are many and in horsemen because they are very strong, but do not look to the Holy One of Israel or consult the LORD!" (Isaiah 31:1)

"He who trusts in his own heart is a fool, but he who walks wisely will be delivered." (Proverbs 28:26)

Confidence & the Coming King

"Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, 'The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever." (Revelation 11:15)

"Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called <u>Faithful and True</u>..." (Revelation 19:11)

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