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FRIEND, WHEREFORE ART THOU COME?
Matthew 26:47-50

INT: Today's study: The Unanswered Question of Christ. Jesus asked many questions, but none more important. Perhaps never expected a reply. Wanted to make Judas think. What if He asked your heart that today? What reply give?

I. SOME REASONS WHICH DISPLEASED CHRIST.
   1. Some still come only for material benefits. All get.
      a. Sometimes just to please rest of the family.
      b. Perhaps just to stay in step with rest of town.
      c. Maybe to hold reputation up before others.
      d. Is there not a better reason than these??
B. Some sought Jesus just to see His miracles. All saw.
   2. Others come to see, be seen, marvel at results.
   3. Some to enjoy miracle of inspiration; give nothing.
   2. Disgruntled church members sometimes do this too.
   3. Jesus met all such with firmness and Godly Spirit.
   1. Members arrest Christ when arrest (stop church work)
      a. Loose talk will arrest growth in membership.
      b. Hypocritical kiss arrest membership attendance.
      c. Christ's influence arrested by talk to outsiders.

II. SOME REASONS WHICH PLEASED CHRIST GREATLY.
   1. Majority of present day audiences have this motive.
   2. They listen, believe, obey and enjoy salvation.R10:14
   1. Attendance and singing shows He's first with most.
   2. Honor Christ by reverence at Table, by giving also.
C. Others came to be healed by Him. Matthew 8:8. cC
   1. Will guarantee rest to those who come and enter into
   2. Bring headaches, weariness, problems for healing.
D. A few came to die with Him. John 11:16.
   1. Many of the Apostles paid with their lives. (Back)
   2. Jesus expects obedience even to that degree. Rev.2:10

INV: If others could die for Him, surely we can live for Him.
Our prayer: Some come to rededicate their lives. R-B.
Peter supposedly crucified.

Andrew crucified.

James killed in 44 A.D. by King Herod.

John natural death.

Philip natural death.

Bartholomew flayed and crucified.

Matthew?

Thomas Killed in India.

James died of brain concussion after beating.

Thaddeus crucified in Egypt.

Simon crucified in Judea.

Judas committed suicide.

John Baptist beheaded.

Steven stoned to death.

Paul stoned and finally beheaded.

Jesus died on a cross for remission of sins.