

LET NOT YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED!

Coronavirus-19 Health Guidelines

Stay home

- If you have a weak immune system or are feeling sick or have been in contact with someone that has been tested positive.
- Wash or sanitize your hands entering and leaving facilities.
- Social distancing of 6 Feet.
- Cover mouth and nose when sneezing or coughing.

DSBC Assembly Schedule:

- We will meet for Men's prayer, 1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month
- We will meet for the School of Biblical Theology 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month
- We will meet only once a week on Sunday (9:30-10:30am) Only one session.
- We will video stream Sunday's session and will be working on streaming additional weekly sessions.

Personal Note: The general reaction to the Covid-19 crisis was anxiety, hoarding, and fear. The media reacted to this reaction with a tag line - "**FACTS NOT FEAR.**" The problem with this tag line is that the facts are changing daily because it is a new virus.

How should the Spiritually Advancing Believer respond to this or any other crisis in life that he cannot personally control? We must trust the ONLY ONE who is in control! (Isa.46:10)

In our lesson text, Jesus taught His disciples five things about unsuccessfully dealing with a crisis' in life that resulted in a troubled and fearful heart (secondary negative volition).

1. **In our lesson text, Jesus was trying to get His disciples to face the reality that His teachings were compatible with Messianic Scriptures regarding His death, burial, and resurrection (Matt.16:22-23; 17:22-23; 20:17-19; 26:24-26, 55-56).**

During the last year of His ministry, Jesus had been warning them in advance, before the crisis hit (John 14:20, 25, 29, 31) (read).

2. **Jesus was teaching His disciples about managing crisis in life as stated in John 14:1 and restated in John 14:27.**

(John 14:1) "Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe in Me (Jesus Christ)."

(John 14:27b) "Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful."

Doctrinal principle: *All the disciples believed something else and made bad decisions from it.*

In John 13-14, the four disciple's response reveals why their hearts were troubled and fearful and would probably remain amidst the crisis.

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| 1 st | Peter | (John 13:36-14:4) |
| 2 nd | Thomas | (John 14:14-5-7) |
| 3 rd | Philip | (John 14:8-21) |
| 4 th | Judas (not Iscariot) | (John 14:22-31) |

3. At the Last Supper (John 13-17), Jesus taught on His leaving and the disciple's betrayal and scattering as part of those bad decisions (John 13:1-2, 21, 36-38).

After the Last Supper, they went to the **Mount of Olives** (Matt.26:30); and there Jesus gave them a three part challenge to put off Old Man Cosmos Diabolicus (Human Viewpoint) thinking and to put on New Man Divine Viewpoint thinking (Eph.4:22-24; **Matt.26:30-35**).

- **1st warning to disciples** - "Then Jesus said to them, 'You will all fall away because of Me this night, for it is written, '**I will strike down the shepherd**, and the sheep of the flock shall be **scattered**.'" (Matt.26:31; Zech.13:7) (500 years)
- **2nd instructions to disciples** - "But after I have been **raised**, I will go ahead of you to (Matt.26:32)
- **3rd warning to Peter** - "Truly I say to you that **this very night**, before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." (Matt.26:34)

Peter's response was in agreement with the rest of the disciples - "Even if I have to die with you, **I will not deny You**." (Matt.26:35)

They have all responded with **secondary negative volition** to the word of The Lord (Matt.26:31-32) as well as the Word of God (**Zech.13:7**). They have entered into a state of reversionism (You will all **fall away** from Me this very night! (Eph.4:17-24.)

4. Everyone who believes something to be true will live by it whether Old Man Cosmos Diabolicus (Human Viewpoint) thinking (Gal.4:3-7) [bondage] or New Man Divine Viewpoint thinking. (John 8:32)

The disciples of Jesus will be living Old Man Cosmos Diabolicus (Human Viewpoint) thinking in their lives this very night. Why weren't they willing to believe the Scriptural teaching of Jesus which was shedding spiritual light on their problem?

They had made up their minds to believe something that was in conflict with the teaching of relevant Categorical Bible Doctrine (CBD) facing them. They had to reject (Secondary Negative Volition) the truth taught to them by their Rabbi, Jesus in order to live in conflict with teaching of Jesus (this very night).

5. They believed this One Coming of Christ would establish the Millennial Kingdom. Not So!

- **They didn't believe there was a place for His death, burial, and resurrection in their Messiah theology.**
- **This resulted in Troubled and fearful hearts.**

They apparently had some vague Scriptures for their theology, but they never stated it. It was probably taught from the Pharisaical legalistic "Tradition of Elders" handbook (Mark 7:5-13).

- **No matter what Scriptures or parables Jesus used to teach them, they rejected it! (Isa.52-53, 61; Ps.16; 22; Luke 17:20-37).**
- **Just before Jesus ascended to heaven, He taught them one final time based on their question - "Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?" (Acts1:6-8/ read)**