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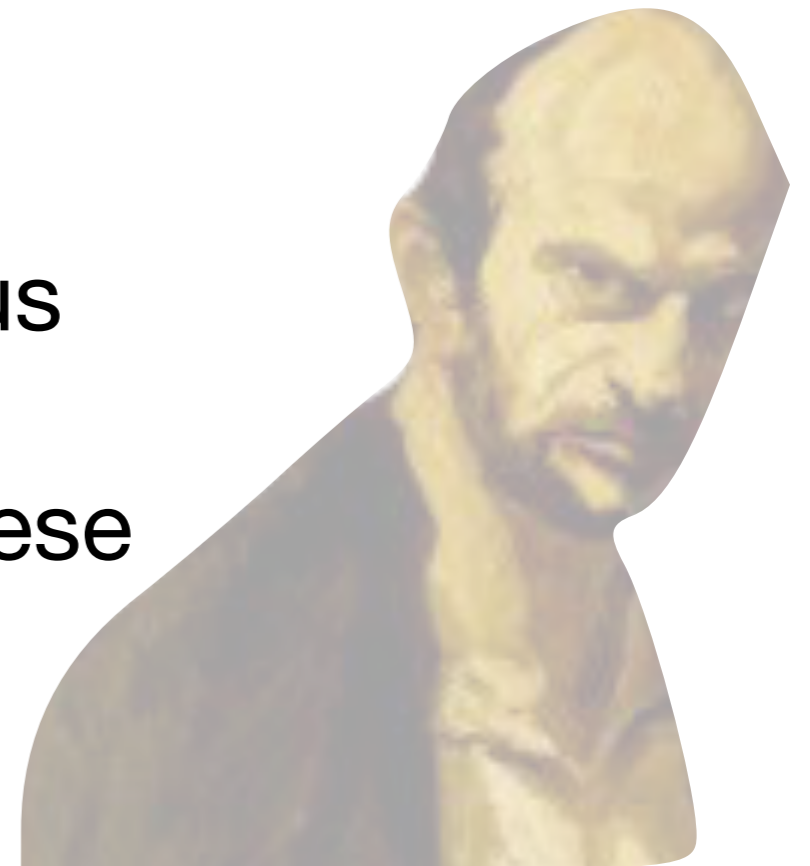
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They plot my death



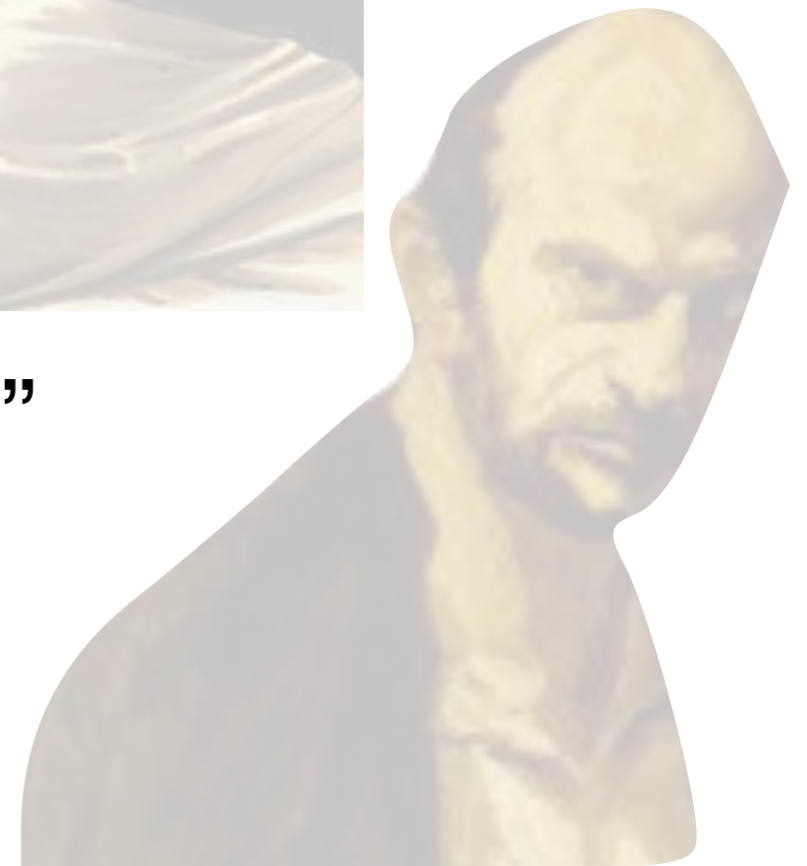
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The pleasures of God and fallen man in conflict

“I delight to do your will”

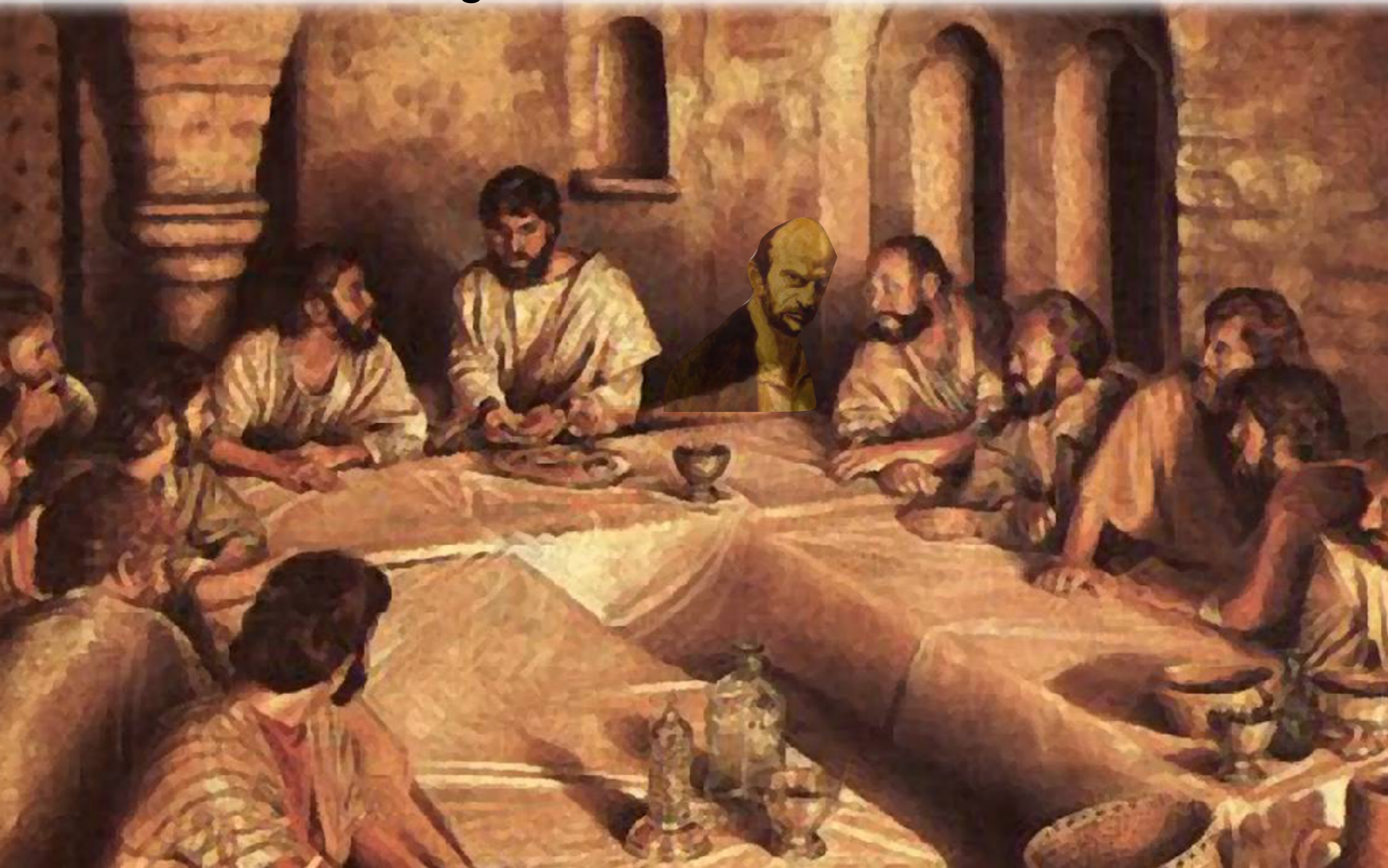


“They delight to do me harm”



Psalm 41

returning hate for love, the anti friend





Psalm 41

Despite Jesus having washed Judas feet
*"Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted,
which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel
against me"*

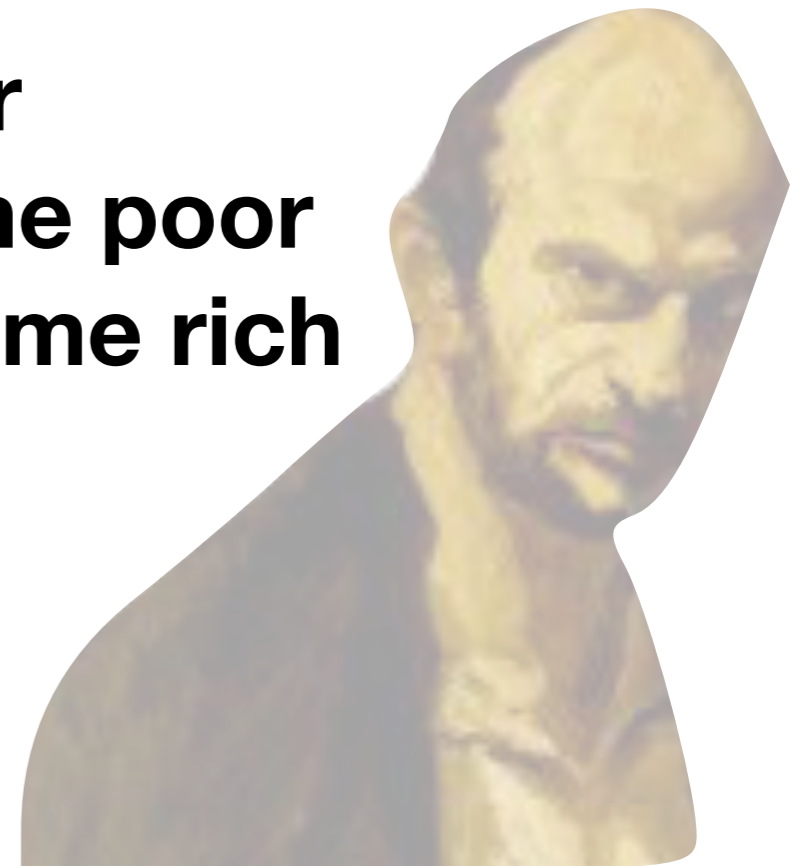




Psalm 41

**Ironically the Psalm has
'blessed are those who consider the poor'
and even the apostles thought Judas
went out to give money to the poor**

**but Judas did not consider
the one who was rich and became poor
that we in his poverty might become rich**



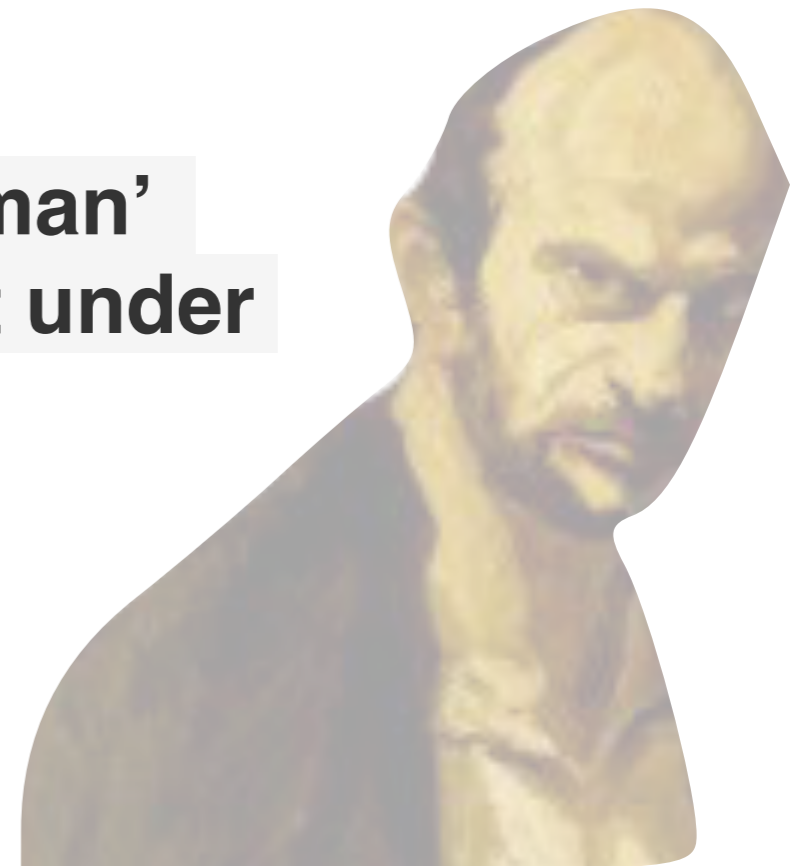


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An Irony

a poor man betrayed by a friend who shared bread then **used his heel against the poor man**

In Genesis 3 the **‘seed of the woman’ will crush the head of the serpent under ‘his heel’**



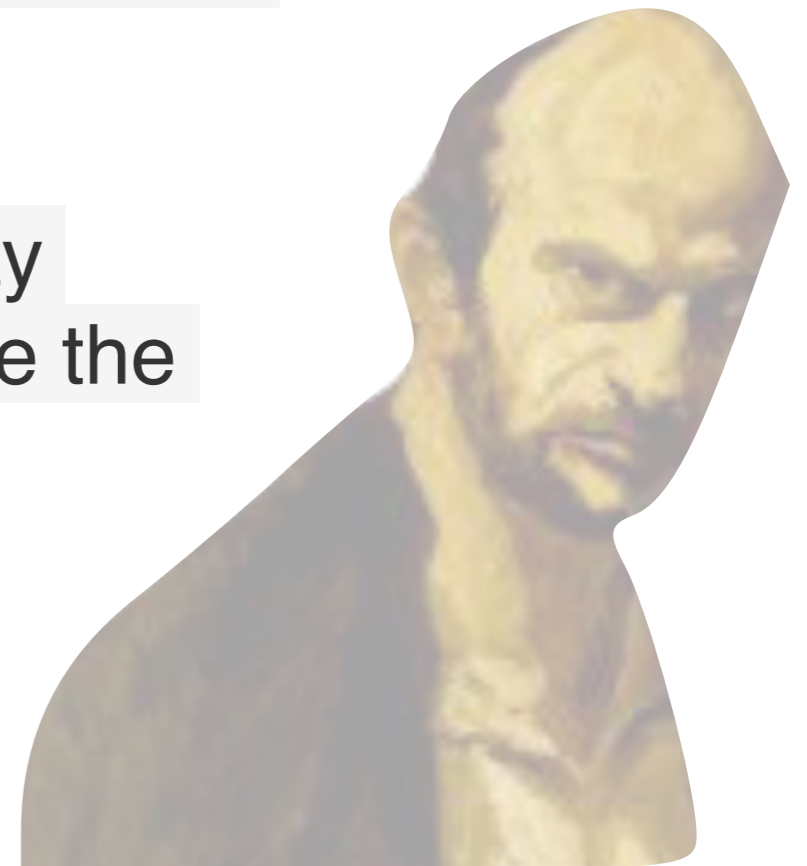


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A Contrast

John the Baptist said he was not worthy to stoop down and help Jesus with his sandals and that was true, but Jesus stooped down and washed their feet.

In his own strength Judas threw away treasures beyond imagination despite the miracles he saw with his own eyes.



Psalm 69

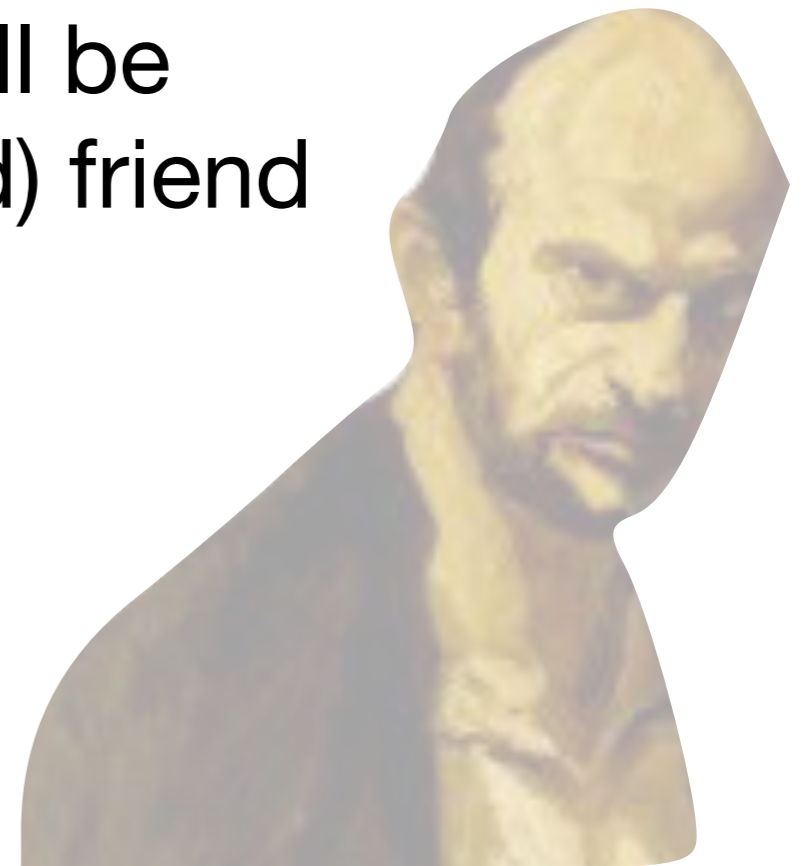
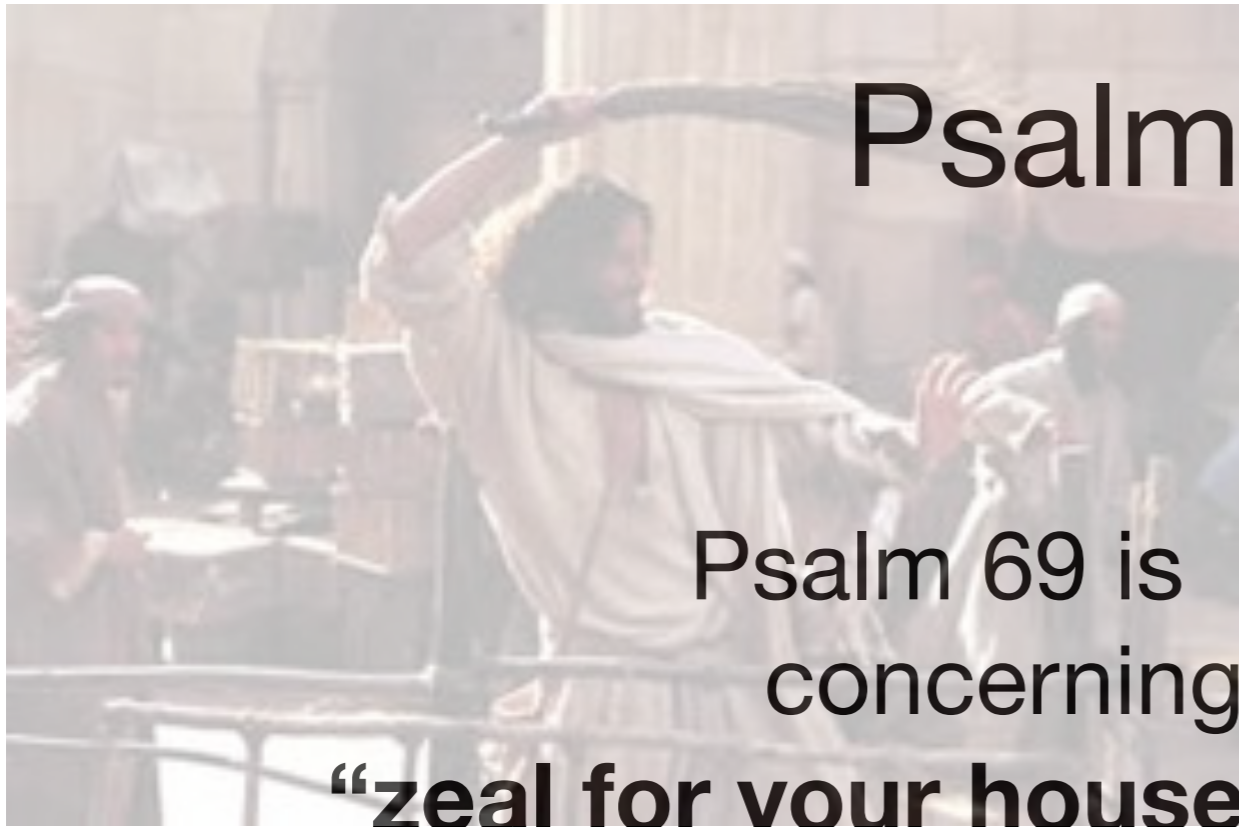


the place in the Psalms

Psalm 69

Psalm 69 is (mostly)
concerning Jesus

“zeal for your house consumes me”
and apparently the Messiah will be
and even opposed by a (so called) friend

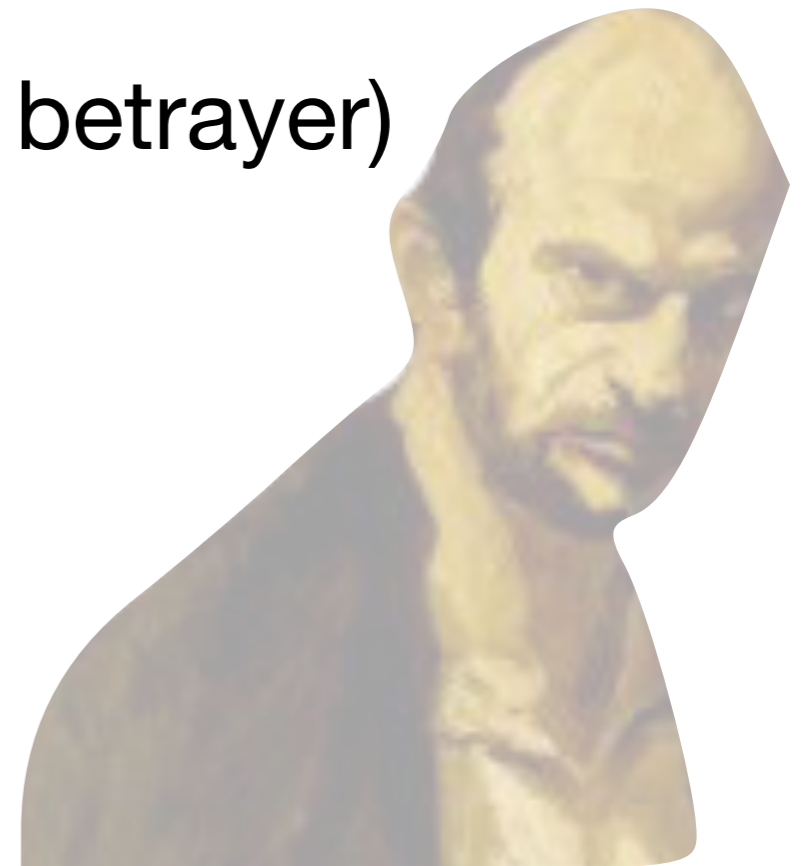


Psalm 69

A Messiah, rejected and betrayed

Zeal for your house consumed me (the Messiah)
treasuring rightly

His table became a snare (Judas the betrayer)
treasuring wrongly



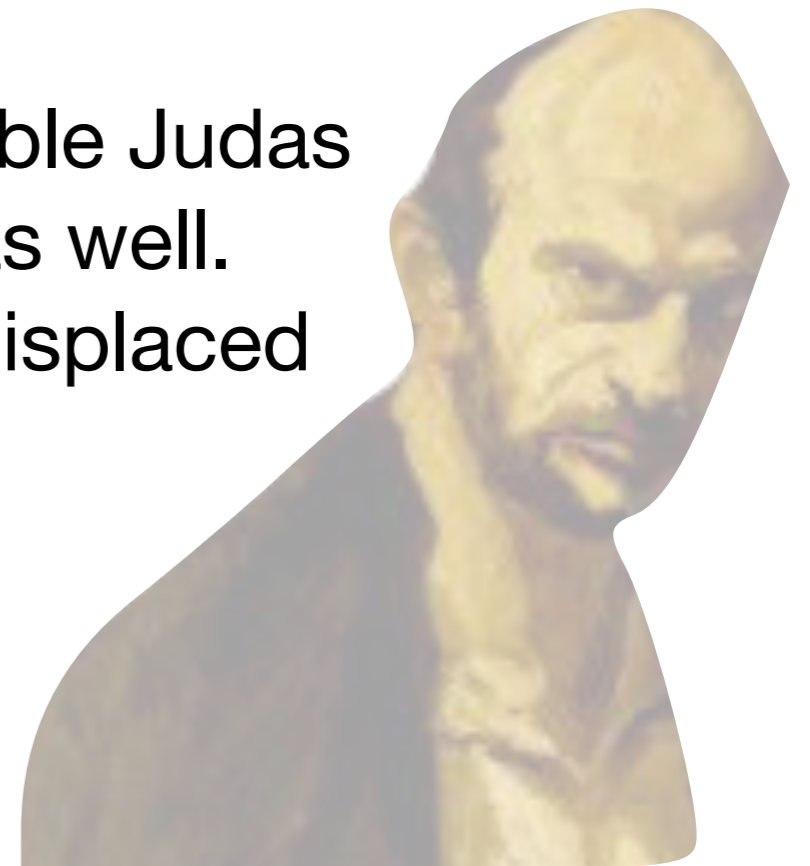
Psalm 69

Psalm 69:22-23

**May the table set before them become a snare;
may it become retribution and a trap.
May their eyes be darkened so they cannot see,
and their backs be bent forever.**

Psalm 69:22,23

Ironic that the table of the last supper is the table Judas is most associated with and his low point as well. But table could be generalized to his fallen misplaced desires for wealth over Jesus.



Psalm 69

May their (Judas) place be deserted and another take it

The Messiah's house, the church, will stand, not so
Judas'



Psalm 69

Even quoted in Romans

May the table set before them become a snare; may it become retribution and a trap.

May their eyes be darkened so they cannot see, and their backs be bent forever.

Psalm 69:22,23 quoted in Rom 11:9,10

But ... with a forward looking hope

Again I ask: Did they stumble so as to fall beyond recovery? Not at all! Rather, because of their transgression, **salvation has come to the Gentiles to make Israel envious. 12** But if their transgression means riches for the world, and their loss means riches for the Gentiles, how much greater riches will their full inclusion bring!

Romans 11:11-12

Jesus appears in these Psalms
but they are mainly about Jesus



Psalm 69:4 Those who hate me without reason
outnumber the hairs of my head;



Psalm 69:7

**For I endure scorn for your sake,
and shame covers my face.**



**Psalm 69:9 for zeal for your house consumes me,
and the insults of those who insult you fall on me.**



- Psalm 69:21 They put gall in my food and gave me vinegar for my thirst

Psalm 109



Psalm 109

Jesus a poor man of loving kindness

Judas a man devoid of loving kindness

chesed

Hesed and anti-Hesed?

lovingkindness, devotion



Psalm 109

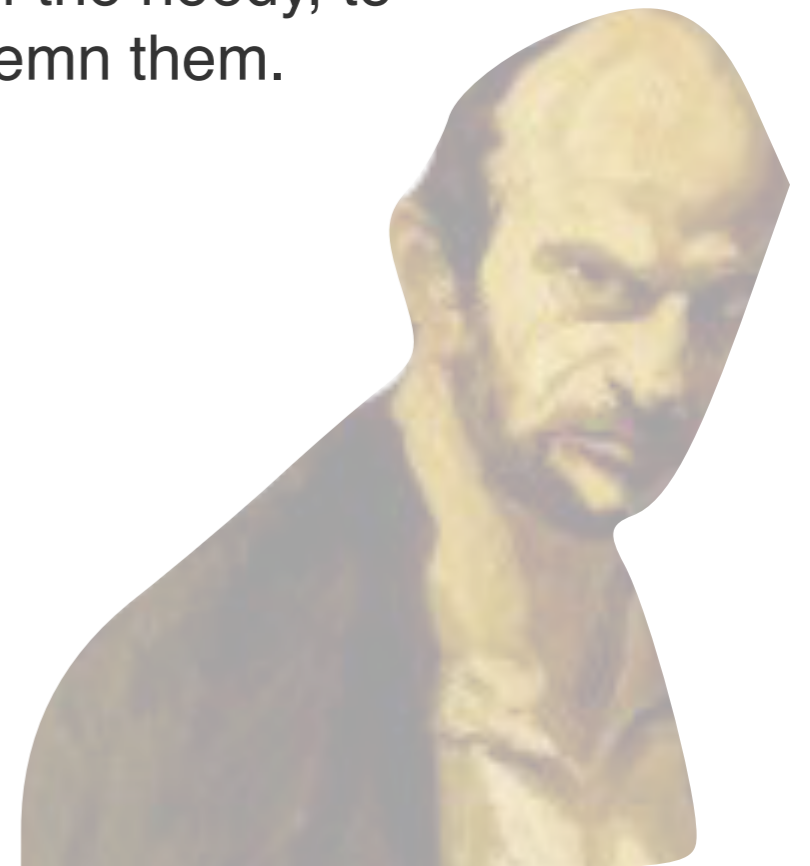
The accuser (Satan) stands at Judas right hand

Ps 109:6 Appoint someone evil to oppose my enemy;
let an accuser stand at his right hand.

God stands at the right hand of the poor man

Ps 109:31 For he stands at the right hand of the needy, to
save their lives from those who would condemn them.

Satan near to Judas
God near to Jesus



the place in the Psalms

Psalm 109

A fitting prelude to
the Melchizedek epic in Psalm 110

God is at the right hand of the poor man

(in Ps 109:31)

A man called to sit at the right hand of God

(in Ps 110 :1)

The juxtaposition points to the humiliation
and glorification of Jesus



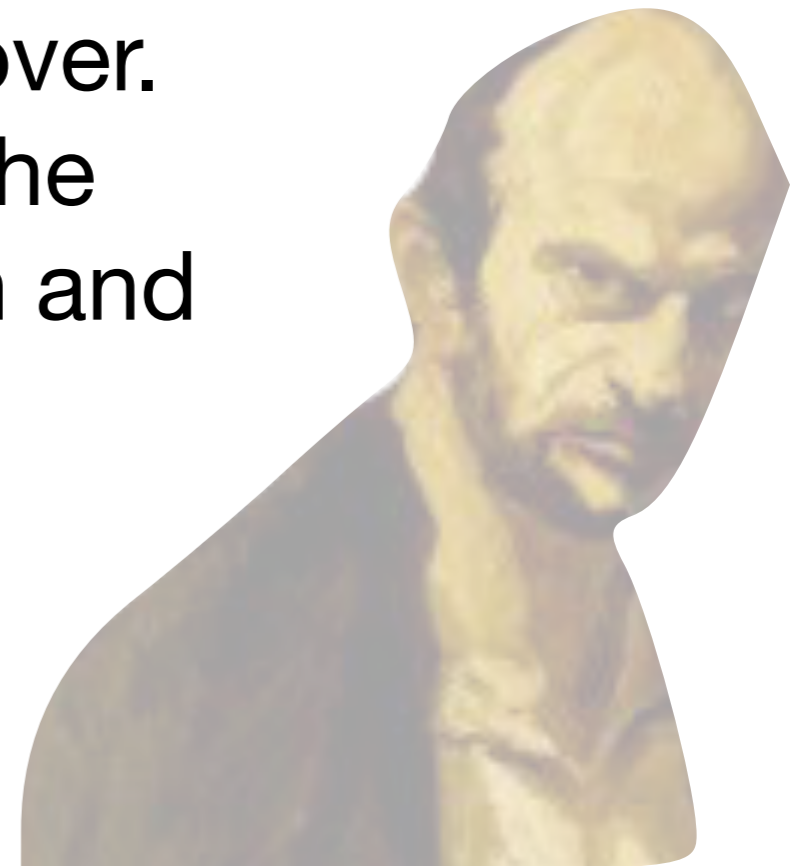
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Psalm 109

Psalms 109 and 110, Psalms concerning Judas and Melchizedek are prelude to the Passover songs in 113-118

That makes them a fitting prelude pointing to the ultimate Passover.

Judas betrayal was part of the holy week leading to the death and resurrection of Jesus



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Summary

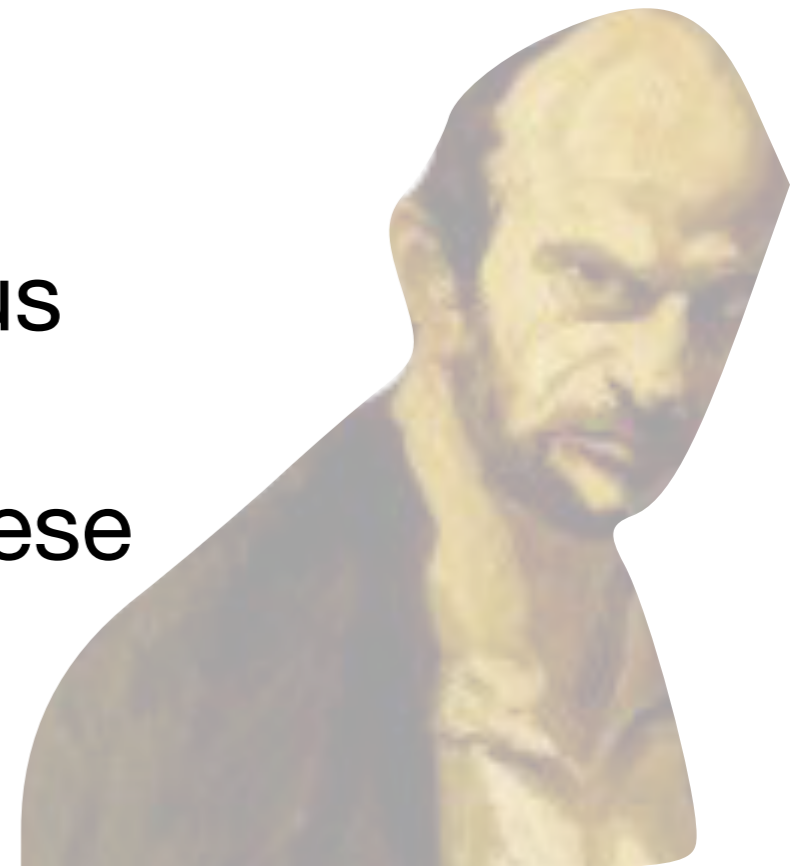
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