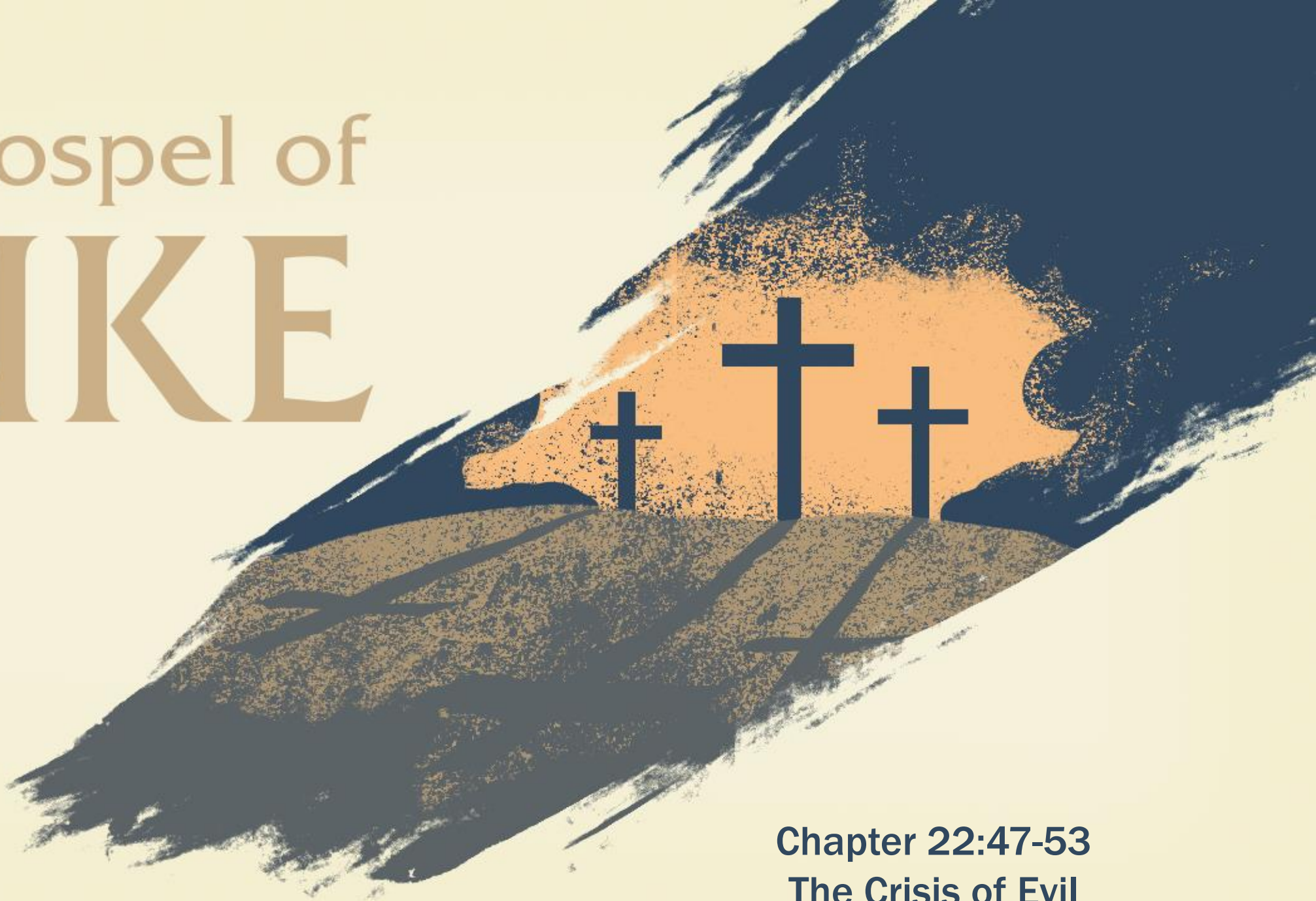


# The Gospel of LUKE



**Chapter 22:47-53**  
**The Crisis of Evil**

## Luke 22

<sup>47</sup> But even as Jesus said this, a crowd approached, led by Judas, one of the twelve disciples. Judas walked over to Jesus to greet him with a kiss. <sup>48</sup> But Jesus said, “Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?”



**SOMETIMES EVIL TRIES TO HIDE  
UNDER THE GUISE OF DOING GOOD**

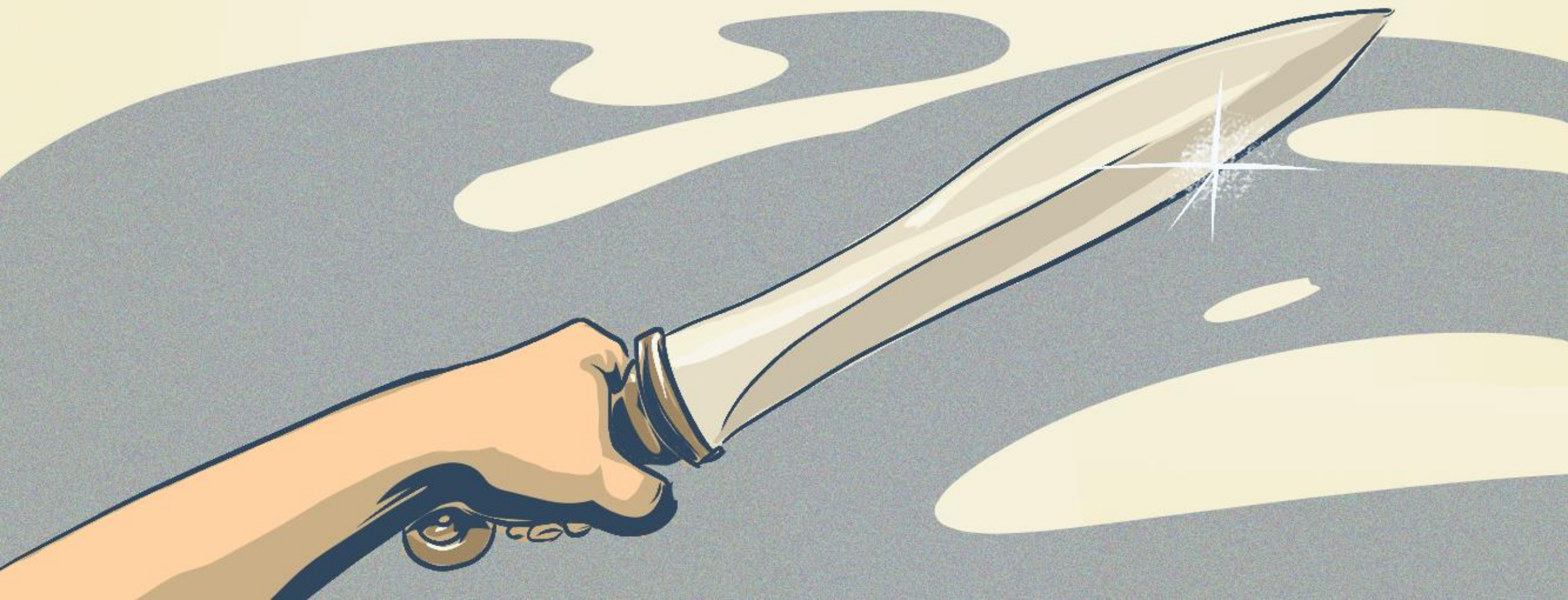


## Luke 22

<sup>49</sup> When the other disciples saw what was about to happen, they exclaimed, “Lord, should we fight? We brought the swords!” <sup>50</sup> And one of them struck at the high priest’s slave, slashing off his right ear. <sup>51</sup> But Jesus said, “No more of this.” And he touched the man’s ear and healed him.



**WHEN EVIL SEEMS TO WIN, WE CAN'T  
FIX THINGS THROUGH FLESHLY ZEAL**



## Luke 22

<sup>52</sup> Then Jesus spoke to the leading priests, the captains of the Temple guard, and the elders who had come for him. “Am I some dangerous revolutionary,” he asked, “that you come with swords and clubs to arrest me? <sup>53</sup> Why didn’t you arrest me in the Temple? I was there every day. But this is your moment, the time when the power of darkness reigns.”



**WHEN EVIL SEEMS TO WIN - IT IS ONLY  
TEMPORARY - GOD IS STILL IN CONTROL**



## Psalm 73

- 1 Truly God is good to Israel, to those whose hearts are pure.
- 2 But as for me, I almost lost my footing. My feet were slipping, and I was almost gone.
- 3 For I envied the proud when I saw them prosper despite their wickedness.
- 4 They seem to live such painless lives; their bodies are so healthy and strong.

## Psalm 73

<sup>5</sup> They don't have troubles like other people; they're not plagued with problems like everyone else.

<sup>6</sup> They wear pride like a jeweled necklace and clothe themselves with cruelty.

<sup>7</sup> These fat cats have everything their hearts could ever wish for!

<sup>8</sup> They scoff and speak only evil; in their pride they seek to crush others.

## Psalm 73

...<sup>12</sup> Look at these wicked people—enjoying a life of ease while their riches multiply.

<sup>13</sup> Did I keep my heart pure for nothing? Did I keep myself innocent for no reason?

<sup>14</sup> I get nothing but trouble all day long; every morning brings me pain.

<sup>15</sup> If I had really spoken this way to others, I would have been a traitor to your people.

## Psalm 73

<sup>16</sup> So I tried to understand why the wicked prosper.  
But what a difficult task it is!

<sup>17</sup> Then I went into your sanctuary, O God, and I  
finally understood the destiny of the wicked.

<sup>18</sup> Truly, you put them on a slippery path and send  
them sliding over the cliff to destruction.

<sup>19</sup> In an instant they are destroyed, completely  
swept away by terrors.

## Psalm 73

<sup>20</sup> When you arise, O Lord, you will laugh at their silly ideas as a person laughs at dreams in the morning.

<sup>21</sup> Then I realized that my heart was bitter, and I was all torn up inside.

<sup>22</sup> I was so foolish and ignorant—I must have seemed like a senseless animal to you.

## Psalm 73

23 Yet I still belong to you; you hold my right hand.

24 You guide me with your counsel, leading me to a glorious destiny.

25 Whom have I in heaven but you? I desire you more than anything on earth.

26 My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak, but God remains the strength of my heart; he is mine forever. ...

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