

# Welcome



*Laings, Ohio Church of Christ, December 2nd, 2018*

## Those who will be serving in our worship today:

<b>Announcements</b>	Bill Thomas
<b>Song Leader</b>	Brian Tomlin
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Tom Frye
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Pete Eikleberry
<b>Sermon</b>	Andrew Beasley
<b>Lord's Table Leader</b>	Roger Starr
<b>Server</b>	Derrick Landefeld
<b>Server</b>	Charlie Tomlin
<b>Server</b>	Darin Landefeld
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Derrick Landefeld

**Laings  
Church of Christ**  
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**Times of Meeting:**

**Sunday**  
Bible Classes 9:45 AM  
Worship Services  
10:30 AM & 6:00 PM  
**Wednesday**  
Bible Classes 7:00 PM

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## Today's Sermons

### A.M.

"I Am The Thief"

### **Scripture Reading AM**

Luke 23:39-43

### P.M.

"What On Earth Should We Do?"

### **Scripture Reading PM**

Psalms 115:16-18

*You are invited back to all our services!!*

**Re-Examined: Luke 22:36 [by Wes McAdams]**

**The Context Leading Up to the Passage**

Luke 22 is all about the events leading up to Jesus' arrest: The chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to put Jesus to death (Luke 22:2). Judas consented to betray Jesus (Luke 22:6). Jesus took the Last Supper with His apostles, telling them of His coming death (Luke 22:7-23). Jesus told Peter, "The rooster will not crow this day, until you deny three times that you know me" (Luke 22:34). Everything leading up to verses 35-38 was about Jesus' coming arrest. It would be very out of place for Jesus to be talking at this point about things they would need for the Great Commission, which wouldn't happen for months. It seems more fitting that when Jesus told them they would need moneybag, knapsack, and sword, He was saying they would need those things that very night. They would need those things because of what was about to happen.

**Why They Needed Swords**

Most importantly, verse 37 tells us *why* the apostles needed swords that particular night. Jesus said, "For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me..." That first word, "for" is incredibly important. It is the Greek word "gar." **It ties verses 36 and 37 together and it assigns purpose.** The reason Jesus wanted His apostles to have swords that night was **so that a particular Scripture would be fulfilled.** The Scripture the swords would fulfill was Isaiah 53:12, "And he was numbered with the transgressors." After Jesus explained the purpose for the swords, the apostles said, "Look, Lord, here are two swords." And Jesus said, "It is enough." We might ask, "enough" for what? Enough for eleven men to protect themselves on separate missionary journeys? That doesn't make any sense. Two swords was not enough for later self-defense, but they were enough to serve the purpose He just explained, "That this Scripture must be fulfilled in me: 'And he was numbered with the transgressors.'" Jesus did NOT say they needed swords to protect themselves but because He was about to be treated like a criminal.

**Keep Reading the Story**

As soon as they finished the discussion about the swords, they went to the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus prayed and where a group of armed soldiers came to arrest Him. When the apostles saw that Jesus was about to be arrested, they asked, "Lord, shall we strike with the sword?" (vs 49). Without waiting for an answer, an apostle drew a sword and blood was spilled. The servant of the high priest had his ear cut off and he was standing there bleeding. Jesus intervened, saying, "**No more of this!**" And he touched his ear and healed him" (vs. 51). Read those words of Jesus again, "No more of this." No more fighting. No more bloodshed. In Matthew's account, Jesus makes a more general statement, "**All who take the sword will perish by the sword**" (Matthew 26:52). Then Jesus asked the leaders of the Jews an important question, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs?" (vs. 52). In other words, **you've come out here with weapons as if I was some sort of violent criminal.** The swords had served their purpose. **For those who chose to see Jesus as a criminal leader, a couple of swords amongst twelve men was enough for them to say, "See! He's a criminal."** But those who have eyes to see and ears to hear, know Jesus was not a man of violence nor a criminal. He was the One healing the pain caused by violence, saying, "No more of this."

**Conclusion**

Luke 22:36 is not about self-defense, but about prophecy fulfillment. How can I be so sure of that? Because Jesus *said* it was about prophecy fulfillment. And who are we to disagree with Jesus?

**Birthdays This Week**

**December 2nd**

Don Bayes

**December 4th**

Laset Powers

**Reminder**

**Today!**

*There will be a potluck following morning worship, and evening worship will immediately follow the potluck.*

**New Quarter**

*The new quarter starts today! Check to see if you teach!*

**Mens Business Meeting**

**December 9th**

*This will be the final business meeting for the year. Following evening worship.*

**For the Record:**

A.M. Sun. 11/25	62
P.M. Sun. 11/25	35
Wed. 11/28	11
Offering: \$1237.00	

***In Need of Prayer***

**Millie Haney**- cancer, daughter of Lloyd Henthorn  
**Pat McGuire** - US Navy.  
**Charlie Tomlin** - home, had a doctors appointment this past Wednesday at the Cleveland Clinic.  
**Larry Eikleberry** - home, undergoing chemo treatment weekly.  
**Marsha Keevert** - home, recovering from bone fusion surgery  
**Bill Thomas** - hip surgery and elevated heart rate.  
**Roger Starr** - recovering from successful back surgery

*Please update Andrew about those on the prayer list. They will be deleted after 4 weeks if there are no updates.*

***F.Y.I.***

- We are still collecting cancelled stamps. Please see Jean Coplan or place them in the container in the library.
- Please keep Jim and Robyn McGuire, and the group that they are travelling with, in your prayers. They are leaving for the Dominican Republic this week and will be taking school supplies to the underprivileged children there.
- Secret Sisters! Don't forget the annual ornament exchange is this **Tuesday, December 4th, at 6pm** at Glenda Thomas's home. Also, next Sunday evening following worship the ladies will be assembling the annual cookie trays.

***Please note the last person out of the church building please turn off all the lights. Thank you!***