
I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD – Psalm 122:1

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Visitors Welcomed!

Order of Services

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 am
Worship Service 10:30 am & 5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm

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Evangelist: Guillermo Alvarez

And Pray For One Another – James 5:16

Please keep in your prayers those who are having physical troubles and those who are traveling. Also pray for the brethren that are shut-in:

Remember in your prayers:

**The Prayer Offered In Faith Will Restore
The One Who Is sick – James 5:15**



Northside Proclaimer

“What We Have... Heard We Proclaim To You...”

1 John 1:3

Welcome to the Northside church of Christ

Buy A Sword

Bryan Matthew Dockens

Those who oppose personal possession and carriage of defensive weapons would do well to familiarize themselves with the following exchange between the Lord and His apostles: “He said to them, ‘But now, he who has a money bag, let him take it, and likewise a knapsack; and he who has no sword, let him sell his garment and buy one. For I say to you that this which is written must still be accomplished in Me: ‘And He was numbered with the transgressors.’ For the things concerning Me have an end.’ So they said, ‘Lord, look, here are two swords.’ And He said to them, ‘It is enough’” (Luke 22:36-38).

“But now...” This phrase indicates contrast between conditions of the past and present. Immediately prior, Christ reminded His men of an earlier time “when I sent you without money bag, sack, and sandals” and they did not “lack anything” (35) because the message He sent them to proclaim was popularly received. Circumstances were in transition, however, and they would need to become more self-sufficient in material matters, including bodily safety, as the hospitality of the multitudes turned to hostility.

“He who has no sword...” Among His eleven apostles, the Master addressed those who were unarmed, implying that He actually expected the majority to have weapons. This would be similar to a school teacher talking to her class and singling out those who have no pencil. The anticipated default is to be fully equipped, but in the contingency that any present were lacking, they were herein addressed.

“Let him sell his garment and buy one.” According to Jesus, it is more important to be armed than clothed. There is a certain urgency expressed in the directive to rid oneself of attire in favor of gaining a weapon. Remaining defenseless was not a valid option.

“Here are two swords.” The men who kept company with the Lord were found to be in immediate possession of certain armaments. They did not need to buy any weapons because they already had them. Since there is no indication these swords were previously visible, they were most likely concealed.

“It is enough.” Two swords among eleven men was considered adequate because their purpose was defensive, not aggressive.

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