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*The Gift of God*





*“Are We On  
the Same Page?”*

Mark 14:43-72

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1. The Betrayal (43-52)
2. The Trial (53-65)
3. The Denial (66-72)

## Reminder...



- We can gain a much fuller picture from putting all four gospel accounts together
- However, each writer has a purpose in how he tells the story
- Mark (Peter) was very selective in what he included and left out

# The Betrayal



- Jesus saw Judas coming (41-42)
- Judas led a substantial group (43)
  - Their *signal*: a kiss on the hand (44)
    - *Fervent* show of affection (45)
  - Their fear: a fight or riot
    - Night; swords & clubs; “...under guard”

# The Betrayal



- When they laid hands on Jesus, Peter sprung into action (46-47; John 18:10)
  - Love and zeal!
  - Either he had really good aim, or...
- Jesus confronted their cowardice (48-49)
  - “a robber?” (cf. Isa. 53:12)

# The Betrayal



- “And they all left Him and fled” (50)
  - Just as He had said (27)
  - Jesus was totally alone (*humanly*)
  - Yet totally resolved to do the Father’s will

# The Betrayal



- What about 51-52?
  - Was this *young man* Mark?
    - Was the *upper room* at his mother's house? (cf. Acts 12:12)
    - Did Judas lead the mob there first?
    - Mark woke up and ran out after?

# The Betrayal



- What about 51-52?
  - Was this *young man* Mark?
  - Why include this?
    - “I was there!”
    - Or, Peter poking fun?
- The bottom line: everyone left Him

## So What?



- Have you ever been betrayed?
  - “Love your enemies” (Matt. 5:43-48)
  - “Do good to those who hate you” (Luke 6:27-36)
  - No paybacks (Rom. 12:14-21)
  - Trust God (1 Pet. 2:21-25)



## The Trial

- They led Jesus away to the high priest (53)
  - Caiaphas, son-in-law of Annas
    - Questioned by Annas first (John 18:13)
- The Sanhedrin met at Caiaphas' house
  - Well after midnight
- Peter followed (54)

# The Trial



- The whole trial was illegal!
  - Verdict was decided before the trial
  - Trial *before* charges? (55)
  - May not begin with reasons for conviction
  - All cannot argue for conviction
  - Prepared, false, inconsistent testimony

# The Trial



- The whole trial was illegal!
  - Should have been in the Temple
  - Must be held during the day
    - Conviction must wait till the next (15:1)
    - Not on the eve of Sabbath or festival



## The Trial

- “We heard Him say...” (58)
  - No record He said that (see John 2:19)
- “Do You not answer?” (60)
  - Why legitimize inconsistent lies? (61)
  - Silence cannot be used against you
  - See Isa. 53:7; Ps. 38:13-14



## The Trial

- “Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?” (61) [under oath - Matt 26:63]
  - The Christ (Messiah) could be a man
  - But *Son of God* -> deity (John 10:31-39)
- “I AM” (Ex. 3:14; John 8:58)
  - Ps. 110:1; Dan. 7:13 - (power & judgment)



## The Trial

- His claim was either true or false
  - They had already decided it was false
  - No further investigation or witnesses (63)
    - Lazarus? Peter & John?
- Then they mocked and beat Him (65)
  - Isa. 50:6; 1 Pet. 2:21-25

## So What?



- Follow Christ's example: entrust yourself to God (1 Pet. 2:19-25)
  - Is this the same Peter??? (Mark 14:47)
  - Still bold, but tempered (see Acts 4-5)

# The Denial



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# The Denial



- Peter was in the courtyard (54)
  - Recognized – denied it (#1) (67-68)
- Moved to porch, but didn't leave
  - Recognized – denied it (#2) (69-70)
    - But he stayed!



## The Denial

- Still out on porch?
  - Accused – denied it (#3) (70)
    - Called down curses & swore oaths (71)
    - “I do not know this man...”
- Peter remembered (see 29-31) and wept uncontrollably (72)



# The Denial

- What drove Peter to deny Jesus?
  - Cowardice?
    - He was willing to die for Jesus (31)
    - Took on the mob single-handedly (47)
  - Fear?
    - He followed, and stayed (54, 66-71)



# The Denial

- What drove Peter to deny Jesus?
  - Crisis? (8:27-38 – *pivot point*)
    - Peter knew Jesus was the Messiah
    - But Jesus wasn't following the plan!
    - Restoration focused on Peter following regardless (John 21:15-23; \*Mark 8:34)

## So What?



- Am I ashamed of knowing Jesus?
  - Ever deny Him overtly?
  - Ever deny Him covertly?
- Am I willing to die with Jesus? (31)
  - Deny – take up cross – follow (8:34-38)
  - Willing to suffer? (Heb. 10:32-39; 1 Peter)



## So What?

“Jesus Christ loves me so much that He hung in my place and took the blows that were meant for me; therefore, my greatest privilege is to stand in His place and take the blows that are meant for Him.”

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