

## BETRAYAL AND ARREST

--MARK 14:43-52--

### INTRODUCTION:

In the garden of Gethsemane, the Lord Jesus endured the ultimate temptation, in this same place He experienced the ultimate betrayal. Having spent several hours in prayer, the Lord emerged from the temptation triumphant and surrendered His life to the Father's will. The faithful Son of God with strong resolve to carry out the Father's will, set His face toward the cross. He did not try to escape or hide when the soldiers arrived to arrest Him. Instead, He boldly went out to confront them. This morning, we are going to look at those who had a part in this event that set in motion the most important historic event in all of human history.

#### I. THE HOSTILE MOB (Mark 14:43)

- a. Jesus had been \_\_\_\_\_ preparing Himself for what was to be set into motion once the hostile mob reached the garden.
- b. The quiet and solitude of the \_\_\_\_\_ was immediately broken by the sudden appearance of this hostile mob.
- c. Mark states that \_\_\_\_\_ was leading a crowd with swords and clubs.
- d. Mark identifies the organizers of this military force as the chief \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ and the elders.

#### II. THE TWO-FACED TRAITOR (Mark 14:44-46)

- a. Jesus Christ, in His incarnation, looked and \_\_\_\_\_ like any Jewish man of His day.
- b. Arriving in the garden where he had sat in the shade of the \_\_\_\_\_ trees and listened as Jesus taught them many times, he now pushed all this from his mind. (Luke 22:47-48)
- c. Jesus was not \_\_\_\_\_ by Judas' act of treachery. (Matthew 26:50)
- d. Mark gives no further \_\_\_\_\_ of what happened to Judas Iscariot after that treacherous moment in Gethsemane. (Matthew 27:3-5; Acts 1:18-19)

#### III. THE HASTY DISCIPLE (Mark 14:47)

- a. Seeing Jesus being arrested and bound, Luke tells us the disciples asked, "*Lord, shall we strike with the \_\_\_\_\_?*" (Luke 22:49b, NASB95)
- b. But one of the \_\_\_\_\_ instead of waiting for an answer hastily drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his ear. (John 18:10)
- c. No doubt his action was to prove his courage and \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord Jesus. (John 18:4-6; Luke 22:51)
- d. Jesus then reminded Peter that His suffering in this way was \_\_\_\_\_ in Old Testament prophecy.

#### IV. THE GLORIOUS CHRIST (Mark 14:48-49)

- a. Jesus said to the Jewish leaders who stood before Him, "*Have you come out with swords and clubs to \_\_\_\_\_ Me, as you would against a robber?*" (Mark 14:48, NASB95)
- b. Jesus had not been hiding from them; He came out to \_\_\_\_\_ them.
- c. This did not in any way reduce the \_\_\_\_\_ of their wicked actions, the Lord acknowledged that the events that had been set into action were taking place to fulfill the Scriptures.
- d. No matter how many soldiers accompanied them, the Jewish religious leaders could not have taken Jesus unless He \_\_\_\_\_ Himself into their custody. (John 10:17-18)

#### V. THE FEARFUL DISCIPLES (Mark 14:50-52)

- a. After Peter's initial act of boldness when he drew his sword, all eleven disciples left Jesus and \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. Mark closes his account of Jesus betrayal and arrest in the garden with a striking illustration of one man's \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. The point that Mark is making by including the details of this young man is to emphasize the complete \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Christ experienced in that moment.

### CONCLUSION:

Even in His arrest, Jesus willingly moved toward the cross with

triumphant confidence and a resolve to carry out the redemptive plan of God the Father. He knew that by submitting to the Father's will the redemptive purposes of God would be accomplished. The Old Testament prophecies concerning His betrayal, arrest, and abandonment had been fulfilled. Additional prophecies would be fulfilled later that day, as he offered Himself as the final sacrifice of sin. Though Jesus had been placed under arrest and bound by soldiers, He nonetheless went willingly, He was compelled by a submissive love for His Father, a saving love for His redeemed, and a steadfast pursuit of His own glory. He was willing for you and for me to drink the cup of God's wrath on our behalf. We do not have to endure that cup now, but we are to live in dependent submission to Him, responding in love as He did. Are we loving those who have wronged us? Or like Peter do we have our sword drawn, inflicting our own wrongful wounds? If we are, we need to put our swords back in their scabbards and we need to take on the mind of Christ and surrender to Him and His will, as He surrendered to the Father's will and drank the cup for us.