



MARK

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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