

THE ARREST OF THE SERVANT



TRI-CITY BAPTIST CHURCH

MARK 14:43-52

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Apollyon – the King of Destruction



- Ephesians 6:12,
For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.
- Revelation 9:11,
And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon.
- John 13:27,
And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly.
- Luke 22:53,
When I was daily with you in the temple, ye stretched forth no hands against me: **but this is your hour, and the power of darkness**.

I. THE SANHEDRIN: their Hatred for the Servant



- Mark 14:43,
And immediately, while he yet spake, cometh Judas, one of the twelve, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, **from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders.**
- John 18:3,
Judas then, **having received a band of men and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees**, cometh thither with lanterns and torches and weapons.
- John 18:13,
And led him **away to Annas first; for he was father in law to Caiaphas, which was the high priest that same year.**

II. JUDAS: his Betrayal of the Servant



- Mark 14:43,
And immediately, while he yet spake, **cometh Judas, one of the twelve**, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders.
- John 18:2,
And Judas also, which betrayed him, knew the place: for Jesus oftentimes resorted thither with his disciples.

A. The Sign of Betrayal



- Mark 14:44,
And he that betrayed him had given them a token,
saying, **Whomsoever I shall kiss**, that same is he;
take him, and lead him away safely.

B. The Speech of Betrayal



- Mark 14:45,
And as soon as he was come,
he goeth straightway to him, and saith,
Master, master; and kissed him.
- Matthew 26:50,
And Jesus said unto him, **Friend** (i.e. comrade,
good friend), **wherefore art thou come?** Then
came they, and laid hands on Jesus, and took him.

John 18:4-8



- John 18:4,
Jesus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon him, went forth, and said unto them, **Whom seek ye?**
- John 18:5,
They answered him, **Jesus of Nazareth.** Jesus saith unto them, **I am he.** And Judas also, which betrayed him, stood with them.
- John 18:6,
As soon then as he had said unto them, **I am he,** they went backward, and fell to the ground.
- John 18:7,
Then asked he them again, **Whom seek ye?** And they said, **Jesus of Nazareth.**
- John 18:8,
Jesus answered, **I have told you that I am he: if therefore ye seek me, let these go their way:**

III. THE ROMANS: their Arrest of the Servant



- Mark 14:46,
And they laid their hands on him, and took him.
- John 18:12,
Then the band and the captain and officers of the
Jews took Jesus, and bound him,

IV. MALCHUS: the Healing of the Servant



- Mark 14:47,
And one of them that stood by drew a sword, and smote a servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear.
- John 18:10,
Then Simon Peter having a sword drew it, and smote the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus.
- Luke 22:51,
And Jesus answered and said, Suffer ye thus far. **And he touched his ear, and healed him.**

A. Jesus' Appeal to His Disciples



- John 18:11,
Then said Jesus unto Peter, Put up thy sword into the sheath: the cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?
- Matthew 26:52,
Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.
- Matthew 26:53,
Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions (i.e. $6826 \times 12 = 81,912$) of angels?

B. Jesus' Appeal to His Enemies



- Mark 14:48,
And Jesus answered and said unto them, Are ye come out, as against a thief, with swords and with staves to take me?
- Mark 14:49,
I was daily with you in the temple teaching, and ye took me not: but the scriptures must be fulfilled.
- Luke 22:53,
When I was daily with you in the temple, ye stretched forth no hands against me: **but this is your hour, and the power of darkness.**

V. THE DISCIPLES: their Abandonment of the Servant



- Mark 14:50,
And they all forsook him, and fled.
- John 18:8,
Jesus answered, I have told you that I am he: if
therefore ye seek me, let these go their way:
- John 18:9,
That the saying might be fulfilled, which he spake, Of
them which thou gavest me have I lost none.

VI. A YOUNG MAN: his Interest in the Servant



- Mark 14:51,
And there followed him a certain young man, having a linen cloth cast about his naked body; and the young men laid hold on him:
- Mark 14:52,
And he left the linen cloth, and fled from them naked.

LESSONS FOR THE DISCIPLES



1. Judas teaches us about the tragedy of betrayal.
2. The Sanhedrin teaches us about the blindness of religion.
3. The Roman officials teach us about the limitations of human government.
4. Peter teaches us about the futility or foolishness of defending the faith by force.
5. Malchus teaches us the hard lesson that we should have listened to the words of Jesus.
6. The Disciples teach us about cowardice.
7. Mark teaches us about the shame of running from Jesus.

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST



1. Jesus reveals to us **His knowledge**, that nothing catches Him off guard – that He understands completely all things. This illustrates the attribute of omniscience.
2. Jesus reveals to us **His courage** to not run from the multitude who sought His arrest and execution.
3. Jesus reveals to us **His love** for even His enemies demonstrated in His response to Judas.
4. Jesus reveals to us **His integrity** in questioning the multitude's cowardice in arresting Him like a thief.
5. Jesus reveals **His humility** and restraint in that He did not exercise His power to restrain or to judge those who sought His death.
6. Jesus reveals **His mercy** and grace in healing the ear of Malchus.
7. Jesus reveals **His care and protection** for His disciples in planning for their safety in the face of a hostile crowd.
8. Jesus reveals to us **His faith** in trusting the Scriptures and yielding to the Father's plan for His life.

INVITATION TO TRUST CHRIST



Dear God:

I see the revelation of your Son in the Bible. “He is altogether lovely.” I see His love and that He desires to extend mercy to me a sinner. I believe He died in my place on the cross to save me from my sins. I now cry out to Him to be merciful to me and to save me.

I pray in Jesus’ name, Amen.