

The Suffering King
Let's Go
Mark 14:26-52
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Mark 3:6 – “The Pharisees went out and immediately held counsel with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.”

Acts 2:23 – “This Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.”

I. Abandonment.

Mark 14:26-31 – “And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them, ‘You will all fall away, for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.’ But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.’ Peter said to him, ‘Even though they all fall away, I will not.’ And Jesus said to him, ‘Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times.’ But he said emphatically, ‘If I must die with you, I will not deny you.’ And they all said the same.”

II. Agony.

Mark 14:32-42 – “And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, ‘Sit here while I pray.’ And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. And he said to them, ‘My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch.’ And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. And he said, ‘Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.’ And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, ‘Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.’ And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to answer him. And he came the third time and said to them, ‘Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.’”

III. Arrested.

Mark 14:43-52 – “And immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, ‘The one I will kiss is the man. Seize him and lead him away under guard.’ And when he came, he went up to him at once and said, ‘Rabbi!’ And he kissed him. And they laid hands on him and seized him. But one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. And Jesus said to them, ‘Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But let the Scriptures be fulfilled.’”

IV. Alone.

Mark 14:50-52 – “And they all left him and fled. And a young man followed him, with nothing but a linen cloth about his body. And they seized him, but he left the linen cloth and ran away naked.”

In suffering the Lord gives us:

1. Sufficiency.

Hebrews 10:14 – “...by a single offering He has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.”

2. Intimacy.

Job 42:5 – “I had heard of You by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees You.”

3. Christlikeness.

Psalms 119:67 – “Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I obey your word.”

4. Compassion.

2 Corinthians 1:4 – “He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others.”

5. Ministry.

Philippians 3:8 – “...For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish...”

Philippians 1:12 – “...what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel.”

Growing Deeper This Week

1. In what circumstances are you most tempted to fall away? How can you best prepare to stay true to God?
2. Have you ever been determined to pray, but you fell asleep? What can cause this? How might you improve your ability to “stay awake and pray” (Mark 14:38)?
3. How would you explain to a non-Christian what caused Jesus such agony as He prayed in the garden?
4. Why do you suppose Judas chose a kiss as the sign to identify Jesus?
5. Why is it significant that it might have been Mark, the author of this Gospel, who “ran away naked” after Jesus was arrested (Mark 14:52)?
6. Read Psalm 119:6. What is one main reason the Lord takes us through suffering and troubles? Pray for one another.