



## JUST JESUS: A Journey Through Mark PART 57 - 14:27 - 31

### The Shepherd Knows His Sheep

**READ:** Mark 14:27-28 AND Zechariah 13:7-9

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

- 1) Jesus tells the disciples they will all fall away before they actually do. Why do you think He warns them ahead of time instead of simply allowing events to unfold?
- 2) Zechariah prophesied that the Shepherd would be struck and the sheep scattered nearly five centuries before Jesus quoted it. What does that teach us about God's sovereignty over the events of the cross?
- 3) Pastor Greg said, "Jesus knows them at their very worst but sees them at their very best." What does that statement teach us about the grace of Christ toward His followers?
- 4) Have you ever experienced a season when fear temporarily overwhelmed your faith? What helped restore your confidence in the Lord?

### Grace Before Failure

**READ:** Mark 14:28 AND John 21:1-19

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

- 1) Why is it significant that Jesus promises to meet the disciples in Galilee before they have even failed Him?
- 2) How does Jesus' restoration of Peter in John 21 fulfill the promise He makes in Mark 14:28?
- 3) Pastor Greg said, "Jesus doesn't wait until after Peter repents to plan the reunion. He plans it before Peter ever falls." How has God shown that same kind of grace in your own life?
- 4) Is it harder for you to believe that God forgives your failures or that He has already planned your restoration? Why?

### The Danger of Self-Confidence

**READ:** Mark 14:29-30 AND 1 Corinthians 10:12-13

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

- 1) What was Peter trusting more than Jesus in this conversation?
- 2) According to 1 Corinthians 10, what is the danger of thinking we are spiritually stronger than we really are?
- 3) Pastor Greg said, "Peter's problem is that he trusts his love for Jesus more than he trusts Jesus' knowledge of Peter." Have you ever found yourself doing something similar?
- 4) What practical habits help us depend on God's strength instead of our own?

### Listening to the Shepherd

**READ:** Mark 14:31 AND Proverbs 3:5-7

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

- 1) Peter sincerely believed he would never deny Jesus. What does his response teach us about the difference between sincerity and spiritual maturity?
- 2) Why do you think all of the disciples agreed with Peter instead of listening to Jesus?
- 3) Pastor Greg said, "One of the clearest signs of spiritual pride isn't simply ignoring God's voice. It's arguing with it." Can you think of a time when God lovingly corrected you through Scripture, a sermon, or another believer? How did you respond?
- 4) As you finish this week's study, where is the Good Shepherd inviting you to trust His voice more than your own heart?