



JUST JESUS: A Journey Through Mark

PART 61 - 14:48 - 53

The Faithfulness of Jesus

READ: Mark 14:48–49 AND Isaiah 53:7–12

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1) Jesus asked, “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest Me, as you would against a robber?” What hypocrisy was He exposing in the actions of the religious leaders?
- 2) According to Isaiah 53, how did Jesus’ arrest and suffering fulfill God’s plan rather than frustrate it?
- 3) Pastor Greg said, “The hands that seized Jesus were sinful hands, but they could not move Him one inch outside the Father’s plan.” How does that statement help us understand the relationship between human responsibility and God’s sovereignty?
- 4) When life feels chaotic or unfair, how can remembering God’s sovereignty strengthen our faith without causing us to ignore our own responsibility to obey Him?

When Fear Speaks Louder Than Faith

READ: Mark 14:50 AND 2 Timothy 1:7–8

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1) Why do you think Mark emphasizes that all of the Eleven fled and abandoned Jesus?
- 2) How does Paul’s encouragement in 2 Timothy 1:7–8 speak directly to the fear that overwhelmed the disciples in Gethsemane?
- 3) Pastor Greg said, “Self-confidence is always at its loudest before the trial comes.” Why is confidence in ourselves never enough when our faith is tested?
- 4) Most of us have never faced the threat of death for following Jesus, but where are people tempted to choose acceptance over obedience, comfort over conviction, or self-preservation over faithfulness?

Everyone Failed... Except One

READ: Mark 14:51–53 AND Romans 5:6–8

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1) Pastor Greg shared some historical theories in the Church about the anonymous young man who fled after leaving behind his linen garment? Why do you think only Mark includes this strange account?
- 2) How does Romans 5:6–8 help us appreciate the contrast between people desperately trying to save themselves and Jesus willingly giving Himself to save us?
- 3) Pastor Greg said, “Everybody else tried to save themselves. Jesus gave Himself to save us.” Why is that contrast at the very heart of the Gospel?
- 4) Why is it so tempting to trust our own efforts instead of resting in what Christ has already accomplished for us?

Knowing Scripture... Missing the Savior

READ: Mark 14:53 AND John 5:39–40

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1) What does the fact that the Sanhedrin had already gathered before Jesus arrived reveal about the fairness of His trial?
- 2) In John 5:39–40, Jesus tells the religious leaders that the Scriptures testify about Him. How does that passage deepen our understanding of the Sanhedrin’s failure?
- 3) Pastor Greg said, “The Sanhedrin knew the Scriptures, but they missed the Savior.” What is the difference between knowing about God and truly knowing Jesus?
- 4) How can we guard against the trap of merely accumulating biblical knowledge without allowing God’s Word to continually lead us into a deeper relationship with Christ?