

## WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?

Jesus is the Suffering Servant

Mark 14:26-52

### I. Jesus predicts His disciples' desertion (14:26–31) (Matt. 26:31–35; Luke 22:31–34; John 13:36–38)

#### A. He says they will all fall away (v. 27).

"You will all fall away, for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.'

#### B. He gives them a promise (v. 28)

But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee."

> Jesus is a faithful shepherd.

**John 17:12**

12 While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

> Jesus died for sheep that have gone astray.

**Isa. 53:6**

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

#### C. He counters Peter's prideful promise (vv. 29-31).

29 Peter said to him, "Even though they all fall away, I will not."

30 "Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times."

31 But he said emphatically, "If I must die with you, I will not deny you." And they all said the same.

> Jesus keeps his promises.

**Josh. 21:45**

Not one word of all the good promises that the LORD had made to the house of Israel had failed; all came to pass.

### II. Jesus prays in Gethsemane (14:32–42) (Matt. 26:36–47; Luke 22:39–46)

#### A. He feels the weight of the cross (vv. 32-34).

32 And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." 33 And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. 34 And he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch."

#### B. He falls on the ground and prays (vv. 35-36).

35 And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. 36 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."

> Jesus' life was characterized by prayer (1:35; 6:46; 14).

> Jesus drank the cup of God's wrath for us.

**Isaiah 53:4-5, 10**

4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. 5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

10 Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.

> Jesus' prayer expressed his humanity, faith, and obedience.

**C. Jesus returns to his disciples three times and finds them asleep (vv. 37-42).**

37 And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour? 38 Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." 39 And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. 40 And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to answer him.

41 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. 42 Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."

> Jesus shepherds his vulnerable sheep.

> Jesus models how to triumph over temptation.

Just as rebellion in a garden brought Death's reign over man (Gen. 3:1–19), submission in Gethsemane reversed that pattern of rebellion and sets in motion a sequence of events which defeated Death itself (cf. Heb. 5:7–10). **Lane, W. L. - The Gospel of Mark, p. 522**

**III. Jesus' predictions are fulfilled (14:43–52) (Matt. 26:47–56; Luke 22:47–53; John 18:2–12)**

43 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. 44 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." 45 And when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" And he kissed him. 46 And they laid hands on him and seized him. 47 But one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. 48 And Jesus said to them, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? 49 Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But let the Scriptures be fulfilled." 50 And they all left him and fled.

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**B. The disciples resist the arrest (vv. 46-47)**

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**D. The disciples flee (vv. 50-52).**

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