

Road to Resurrection – Reminder Stops...Building anticipation...Something to look forward to!

[Easter = Unsaved – Unchurched – Unengaged](#) | [Good Friday](#) | [Paved with Promise](#)

We love hero movies – 2 Reasons = 1. Love to see evil lose – 2. See ourselves in the hero

- [The Batman = 22 days - 620 MILLION Worldwide](#) | [\\$25](#) | [Raining – Get him at the light](#)
  - [Best? Pattinson – Affleck – Bale – Clooney – Kilmer – Keaton? WEST!](#) = [Body & Phone](#)

All good hero stories = Depravity – Danger/Death - Deliverance | [Good vs. Evil](#)

- [Rocky Vs. Drago](#) | [McFly vs. Biff](#) | [Luke vs. Vader](#) | [Lonestar vs. Dk Helmut](#) | [Bears vs. Packers](#)  
[We're in a story – Sin enemy...depravity...danger...death](#) | [If we want deliverance – Dependence](#)
- [We want to be cast as the hero... best intensions...we're not strong enough to defeat sin](#)

[Jesus Is The Hero](#) | [Salvific Self-Sufficiency's a Sham](#) | [Like mine...Me = Fail](#) | [Dependence = Succeed](#)  
[Big Idea – The Road to Resurrection Reminds Believers of our Dependence on Christ](#)

[Verses...play out:](#) [Disciples Fail & Flee - Judas Betray – Religious Arrest...Jesus remain unshaken](#)

Not Dig Deeper – Depend Deeper | points to hope, *our hope*...not intentions, strength, or courage

[It is in the sufficiency of a perfectly good and perfectly powerful Savior - Jesus Remains Unshaken](#)

### 1. [When Our Intentions Fail \(26-31\)](#)

<sup>26</sup> And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Upper Room – Ps. 115-118 - Walk

- Hymns still on their lips – Feeling pretty good – Feet – Passover – Judas was called out...GOOD (27) Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away (Dang It), for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.’ (Zech) But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.” Who power – What Promise?
- [Not those who strike the shepherd – Not scattered sheep](#) | [Jesus will overcome the strike! How?](#)
- [Promise? I will rise from the dead and come back for you ‘I will go before you to Galilee’](#)

Lord says, ‘You will fall away’ – Not Salvation...night...fail | My power over sin...I will go before you...

[We like peter...sometimes have failed intentions](#) (29) Peter said to him, “Even though they all fall away, I will not.” 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.*

[We believe Peter’s intentions were good? He didn’t believe Jesus – You’ll deny me...No I won’t!](#)

[Bricklayer – 6 year BOB – Father 200 lbs of bricks...spread mortar...set brick – 2 hours – ‘I’ll get it’](#)

- [Son...you can’t carry the weight – Dad...I’m tough...I can get it](#) | [You aren’t meant to carry it!](#)  
[The sons’ intentions are good...but if he tries it will kill him – It isn’t his to carry](#)

[Jesus must bear the weight of your sin...because it will kill you if you try carry it without Him](#)

[Never be overconfident with sin – Be confident in the Savior](#)

Jesus was addressing His disciples...believers! You will fail...fall...I have overcome...go before you

[Jesus Remains Unshaken when our intentions fail...second...Jesus Remains Unshaken...](#)

### 2. [When Our Flesh is Weak \(32-42\) – Normally I read the verse and then explain...backwards](#)

• Gethsemane is the prelude to calvary – Before Jesus could sacrifice His body...Sacrifice His will  
Gethsemane & Cross are where battle against sin was won | [Two famous gardens: Eden & Gethsemane](#)

• [Eden – ‘Not your will but mine](#) | [Geth. – ‘Not my will but yours’](#) | [One = Death – Second = Life](#)  
[1 = Man choose His will and sacrificed Paradise – 2 = Jesus choose God’s will...sacrifice...provide paradise](#)

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

- Look at what it says about Jesus: distressed, troubled, sorrowful to death – *Not Jesus Emotions*
  - [Anguish almost killed Him – Subcutaneous capillaries dilated and burst = Sweat blood](#) | [Why?](#)

• [Poverty didn’t trouble: Provide - Sick: Heal – Storm: Calm](#) | [Why now? FOUND IN THE PRAYER](#)

<sup>35</sup> And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. <sup>36</sup> And he said, “Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me.”

[The Father will crush the Son. Not just under the weight of physical suffering...under the weight of sin.](#)

[Jesus will drink the cup of wrath...that we might have the cup of salvation](#) | [Great Exchange has begun](#)

- Jesus prays: Father, take this from me...take this hour from me! If there’s any other way, take it.

[We might be tempted to see this as Jesus’ reluctance or weakness. But it’s not.](#)

- He’s not saying, is there a way I can get out of this deal? He’s Saying...

[Is there another way the redemption of these people that I love so much can be accomplished?](#)

[Father...is the cross avoidable within the framework of Your redemptive purpose](#)

[The Father heard the cries of His Son...and the Father replied with silence...No](#)

Most powerful words ever spoken – “*Yet not what I will, but what you will.*”

No Gethsemane...No Calvary | No Calvary...No Empty Tomb | No Empty Tomb...No Salvation  
Messianic Mission Failed – God’s Word Untrue – Gospel Meaningless – Satan Victorious – Heaven Empty

[Jesus submits Himself in the Garden...that He might save sinners on the cross](#)

[The payment for sin has to be on the shoulders of the Son...because our flesh is weak](#)

[As Jesus struggles for the souls of people, those He would die for were sleeping soundly](#)

<sup>37</sup> And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour? <sup>38</sup> Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” <sup>39</sup> And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. <sup>40</sup> And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to answer him. <sup>41</sup> And he came the third time and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest?”

Three times he prays and three times he finds them sleeping, including Peter.... intentions

- Disciples couldn’t stay awake when Jesus had told them the moment was coming.
- ‘Watch & Pray’ - Why? Jesus’ benefit? No, for theirs. “[That you may not enter into temptation.](#)”  
[Why is watchful, thankful prayer so important? Because our flesh is weak.](#)

• We feel like we can stand up to the temptation that’s coming, but God knows we can’t  
[We need to be in his presence, and let his Word and his Spirit keep us alert to what’s coming](#)  
[Spiritual Alarm Clocks – Spiritually Asleep at the Wheel – Wake up...Pray! – Life will shake you awake](#)  
[It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.](#) <sup>42</sup> Rise, let us be going; see, [my betrayer is at hand.](#)” | The time has come...no precedent...context...Disciples thrown into fear

[Jesus Remains Unshaken when our: Intentions Fail – Flesh is Weak...](#)

### 3. [When Our Fear Takes Over](#) (43-52)

<sup>43</sup> 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. <sup>44</sup> 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.

It’s after midnight...isn’t Times Square. It’s pitch black, so Judas has to identify Jesus to the authorities.

- ‘Rabbi’ – ‘Kiss’ = Honor ...close mutual affection...respect | Betrayal | [Fear takes over for Peter](#)  
[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. | Do you think God needs you to fight people for Him? Show Ridiculous](#)

• [1 Kings 19:35 – Matt. 26:52-53 – Legion 6000 x 12 = 72,000](#) | [72x185 = 13.32B](#) | [7.7 = 2x night](#)  
[Peter let his fear take over, and in so doing, his instinct for self-preservation takes center stage](#)

• [I’ll Get Em’ For Ya Jesus!](#) - Jesus’ not about winning a moment, he’s about eternal victory  
[I see a lot of evangelistic strategies that are sword wielding, trying to win a fight](#)  
[Same Peter – ‘Always be prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you’ yet do it with gentleness and respect. – 1 Peter 3:15](#)

[Winning people for Jesus isn’t an attack...it’s an appeal – Serious...urgent request](#)  
[Jesus heals...more effective...mercy...bashing...verbally or physically? | Unshakable Jesus](#)

[And Jesus said to them, “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me?”](#) <sup>49</sup> Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But let the Scriptures be fulfilled.”

- No charges – No legal protocol – Night – Sanhedrin & Rome | Hypocrisy & Cowardness
  - Had to happen this way...[‘But let the Scriptures be fulfilled’ – This was the will of God](#)  
[Fear overcomes them all - 50](#) And they all left him and fled.

• [How often does this define me? I fear in the world and I flee from Jesus...Flee TO Jesus](#)  
[Flee to His Power – Flee to His Promise – Flee to His Love | Last 2 Verses](#)

<sup>51</sup> And a young man followed him, with nothing but a linen cloth about his body. And they seized him, <sup>52</sup> but he left the linen cloth and ran away naked.

Mark was dictated by Peter, to Mark...Tradition holds that the young man described in v51 was Mark

[A recognition that he, just like the others, ran away – exposed, ashamed, and in failure](#)

Whether it was Mark or not, the “all” v50 extends beyond the disciples and Mark to all of us.

- We’ve all fled from Jesus – Praise be to God that Jesus, not us, is the Hero of the Story | [Devoted](#)

[He was willing to endure Hell for us...than return to Heaven without us...Pray](#)