

Sermon Title: Hope in Betrayal

Sermon Series: Easter – The Road to Hope

Scripture: Mark 14:43-52, 66-72

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BETRAYAL

Jesus' 3 Betrayals

Mark 14:43-52ESV

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

Mark 14:66-72 ESV

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How does Jesus' betrayal give us hope?

1. _____ Betrayal — A heart of _____

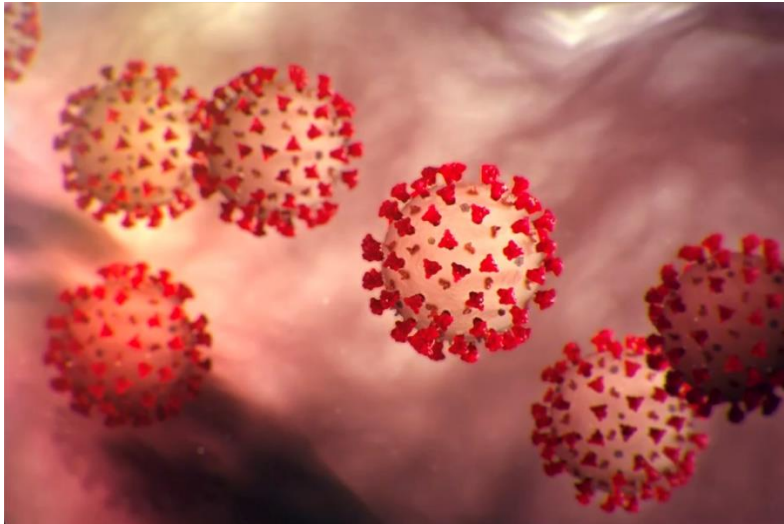
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Kiss of Death — An action or event that causes certain failure for an enterprise – Oxford Language Dictionary

Mark 14:48 ESV

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Colossians 1:13 ESV

13 He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son...

Do you _____ Jesus?

2. Peter's Betrayal — The heart of _____ and _____

Matthew 16:16 ESV

16 Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Mark 14:47 ESV

47 But one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear.

Matthew 26:52-54 ESV

52 Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword. 53 Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? 54 But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?"

Mark 14:40 ESV

40 And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to answer him.

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_____ from the crowd can influence us to betray Jesus

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Mark 14:50-52 ESV

50 And they all **left** him and **fled**.

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Mark 14:49 ESV

49 Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. **But let the Scriptures be fulfilled.**"

Isaiah 53:3, 7-9, 12 NIV

3 He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem...7 He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. 8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away. Yet who of his generation protested? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was punished. 9 He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth...12 Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

How does Jesus' betrayal give us hope?

Even in Betrayal, Jesus didn't Betray _____

"If you see Jesus Christ as an example, it will crush you. If you see Jesus Christ as a substitute, it will save you."

—Tim Keller

3. Our Betrayal – The heart of _____ toward us

Mark 16:7 ESV

7 But go, tell his disciples and **Peter** that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you."

1 Peter 5:10 ESV

10 And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

Even in _____ Betrayal, Jesus doesn't Betray _____

Psalm 27:10 ESV

For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the Lord will take me in.

Even in our Betrayal, Jesus doesn't Betray us.

Discussion Questions – March 3, 2024 – Hope in Betrayal

Getting to Know You:

1. Share a time when someone pulled a silly prank on you and you felt betrayed.

2. If you've been betrayed, how did that make you feel?

3. How did that betrayal affect your life with others? With God?

Into the Bible:

Read Mark 14:43-52, 66-72

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4. What was something from the passage or sermon that surprised you, helped you, confused you, or bothered you?

5. What does this passage tell us about God? People? Living to please God?

6. What are some ways we misunderstand Jesus?

7. What are some pressures that can cause us to betray Jesus?

8. When you struggle with your weakness, how do you feel? Why do we try to avoid seeing our weaknesses?

9. In what ways do you betray Jesus?

Read Mark 14:49 and Hebrews 13:5-6:

Mark 14:49 – 49 Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But let the Scriptures be fulfilled.”

Hebrews 13:5-6 – 5 Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” 6 So we can confidently say, “The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?”

10. Jesus promises to fulfill the scriptures by dying in our place and never betraying us. What would it look like to believe this promise in your daily life?

For Extra Study, Read Isaiah 53

Isaiah 53

Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? 2 For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. 3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. 4 Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. 7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. 8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? 9 And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in

his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. 10 Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. 11 Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. 12 Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

11. The book of Isaiah was written 700 years before Jesus. What parallels do you see between Isaiah's description of the Messiah and Jesus?

12. From this passage, what are the ways the Messiah was betrayed? What does the Messiah do for His people?

13. What do you find challenging about trusting God?

14. What needs to change in your life so that you can live this out?

15. Jot down any insights, questions, or key observations.

Application Questions

16. How does the cross enable you to avoid seeking your own power and prestige or help you come to terms with weakness and sin?

17. If you are willing, share an experience of how Jesus was there for you when you felt betrayed by others?

18. Judas never repented from his misunderstandings. It kept him from life with God. Did the Holy Spirit highlight any areas of your life that He would like you to confess and repent of?

19. What can you do now to prepare for times when your dedication to Christ is tested at work, at home, or around neighbors? What part will the cross play in helping you prepare?

20. When you were betrayed, what did you feel God calling you to? How has God met you in the pain of that betrayal?

21. What friend can you support through a difficult situation? How?