

The Unforgivable Sin

The Betrayal of Jesus

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Mark 14:41-52 (NIV)

⁴¹Returning the third time, he said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. ⁴²Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!”

⁴³Just as he was speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, appeared. With him was a crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests, the teachers of the law, and the elders. ⁴⁴Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: “The one I kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.” ⁴⁵Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, “Rabbi!” and kissed him. ⁴⁶**The men seized Jesus and arrested him.** ⁴⁷Then one of those standing near drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear. ⁴⁸“Am I leading a rebellion,” said Jesus, “that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? ⁴⁹Every day I was with you, teaching in the temple courts, and you did not arrest me. But the Scriptures must be fulfilled.” ⁵⁰Then everyone deserted him and fled. ⁵¹A young man, wearing nothing but a linen garment, was following Jesus. When they seized him, ⁵²he fled naked, leaving his garment behind.

- **Jesus was an unassuming man, he was unrecognizable in a crowd.** (vs. 44-45; Isaiah 53:2-3)

“Live like Jesus... dress yourself in humility.”

- **He was betrayed by one of his closest friends; with a kiss.** (vs. 44-45; Luke 22:47-48)

“A lie with an element of truth is the worst kind of lie.”

“Judas committed the only unpardonable sin.

He was sorry but unrepentant.”

Acts 4:11-12

- **Rejecting Jesus leads to a life of darkness and death.** (Luke 22:52-53; Matthew 27:3-5; Acts 1:18-19)

- **With swords and clubs a small army came to arrest the creator of the universe.** (vs. 43; 45-50; John 18:3-8; Matthew 26:50-54)

“There was no power strong enough to bind the Son of God.

He went willingly and in His humility the world was saved.”

- **Weapons bring death and destruction while love and humility bring life.** (vs. 48-51; Matthew 5:43-48)