

The Pain & Purpose Of Betrayal

Mark 14:43-52

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- Last Week: Mark 14:26-42 Foretold Denial & Faithful Dependence
- Thursday - **Mark 11-16** Is One Week With Jesus
- **Mark 14-15** — Jesus' Suffering & Death & **Mark 16** — Jesus' Resurrection
- Gethsemane Means - The Olive Press - Why All This Pressing Pain? (**Mark 14:32, 34**)
- A Beginning Apologetic For Pain & Pleasure: Any Coherent Worldview Must Have An Explanation For Why There Is So Much Pain & So Much Pleasure In The World

Why So Much Pain?

1. Look At The _____ (**Mark 3:13-19, 14:34, 43-50, Psalm 41:9, Psalm 55:12-14**)
2. Pain Is Most Painful When It Is _____
 - Judas Not Jesus' Enemies Had Chosen The Sign Of Betrayal As A _____ (**Mark 14:44**)
 - In The Presence Of All This Pain Jesus Is In _____ (**Mark 14:18-21, 42-49**)
3. God Created A World Where _____ Can Be Experienced So That We Can See The Extent Of His Love
4. The Reason Jesus Had To Endure So Much, Is Because He Had To _____ Us (**Mark 14:50-51**)
 - All Leave Him & Flee: Even In All Our Failures & Our Fleeing He Does Not Desert Us: He _____ & Is _____ For Us (**Mark 14:50-52**)
 - All Of Us Have _____:
 1. Fled & Forsaken Jesus (**Mark 14:50**)
 2. Followed, In Our Own _____, Only To Have Our Shame & Nakedness Revealed (**Mark 14:5-52**)

5. Why So Much Pain? —To Show That Even The Pain That Our Failures & Fleeing Have Caused Are Used By God To _____ His Patient, Constant, Undying Love.

What It Accomplishes

- “Let The Scripture Be Fulfilled” (**Mark 14:49**)- What Does This _____? (**Isaiah 53:12**)

1. Jesus’ Betrayal & Arrest Were _____ (**Mark 14:43-50**)

- Pain Exists So That Substitution Can _____

2. Jesus’ Betrayal & Arrest Becomes Our _____ Example (**Mark 14:43-50**)

- When You Are Treated Unjustly, You Can Now _____ Your Enemies

- When You Are Treated Unjustly, You Can Now Rely On God’s _____ Not Your Own Power Plays

- There Are Two _____ People In This Story (**Mark 14:51-52, 15:24**)

*The Pain Of Our Failures & Fleeing Are Used By God
To Display His Patient Undying Love For Us!*

Community Group Discussion Questions:

1. Do you struggle to see God’s purposes in pain?
2. Does it change or challenge you to see Jesus’ suffering in order to love you?
3. How does it affect you to see Jesus Christ as a substitute and sacrifice for your sin?
4. Read Mark 14:51-52. Discuss why this passage is included. What purpose does it serve in the story?
5. Why is Jesus’ substitutionary sacrifice such good news?

Suggested Reading: *Walking with God through Pain and Suffering*, by Timothy Keller

Key Words For Kids To Count: Pain