

Mark 14 Notes for Sharing

Transcript:

I. Introduction

- Good morning church...
- **Transition:** Let's begin in **Mark 14:43-52...**
 - **Let's pray...you may be seated.**

II. The Plotting and Power of Sin

- **Transition:** First is the Religious Leaders and their heart towards Jesus...
- A. The Heart of the Religious Leaders (Rejection)
 - **Reference: Mark 14:1-2:** ¹*"It was two days before the Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a cunning way to arrest Jesus and kill him. ²Not during the festival," they said, "so that there won't be a riot among the people."*
 - **Reference: Mark, in chapter 1. Verse 22** says, *"They were astonished at his [Jesus] teaching because he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not like the scribes."*
 - **Reference: Mark 14:6-7** says, ⁶*"But some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts: ⁷'Why does he speak like this? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?'"*
 - ****Notes in the App**** **You're also welcome to view my notes for today in the app once we've uploaded the sermon later this week.**
 - **Mark 1:22; Mark 2:6-12; Mark 2:15-18, 24-28; Mark 3:6; 22-28; 7:1-12; 8:11-21, 31-33; Mark 9:14-18; Mark 10:1-12; Mark 11:15-19, 27-33; Mark 12:18-40; Mark 14:1-2, 10-11, 53-65; Mark 15:42-47 (Sanhedrin member, Joseph, who paid for the tomb for Jesus)**
 - **Reference: John 11:47-50** says, ⁴⁷*"Then the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the Sanhedrin. 'What are we accomplishing?' they asked. 'Here is this man performing many signs. ⁴⁸If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, [Remember, Jesus just raised a man from the dead. This man was in his grave clothes still when he walked out from the tomb. There is no doubt whatsoever that Jesus has authority. Yet they still deny him and hate him.] and then the Romans will come and take away both our temple and our nation. ⁴⁹Then one of them, named Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, spoke up, 'You know nothing at all! ⁵⁰You do not realize that it is better for you that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish."*
 - **Application:** As people on the outside looking in, I feel there are a couple ways that we can find ourselves in similar situations to the religious leaders.
 - We can get so caught up in the religious practice of church-life...

- Or maybe we simply hate the authority that we see Jesus claims to have...
 - Maybe you've got the wrong picture of Jesus today...
 - And maybe you're here, and you've got the right picture of Jesus, but you just don't want to surrender the authority you have on your own life...
 - **Transition:** Maybe some of us here today find ourselves in similar heart positions as the religious leaders, but maybe there are some of us that find ourselves in a burnt out, or disappointed state like Judas.
- B. The Heart of Judas (Disillusioned)
- **Reference: Verse 10-11 says,** ¹⁰“Then Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Jesus to them. ¹¹And when they heard this, they were glad and promised to give him money. So he started looking for a good opportunity to betray him.”
 - **References to Judas:** The few things that we know about him are: he managed the money for the group (John 12:6), he would steal money from the group (John 12:6), he was a liar (Matt 26:25), and he betrayed Jesus to the religious leaders for 30 pieces of silver (Matt 26:14-15). Beyond that, most of it is speculation.
 - **Application:** Is this some of us today? Are you struggling to reconcile the reality of Jesus with your preconceived notions, or desires for what Jesus will do for you?
 - Maybe you're here and you feel like you've been giving Jesus your everything, but he's just not coming through for you...
 - Maybe your heart's decline has been because of your own affections for the world, like Judas...
 - **Illustration:** As a new parent, I'm learning how best to discipline my young son...
 - **Transition:** For some of us, we may not feel as disillusioned as Judas, but maybe we've fallen into complacency, laziness, or lack of preparation. Let's look at...
- C. The Hearts of the Disciples (Unprepared)
- **Reference: verses 27-52...** ²⁷“Then Jesus said to them, ‘All of you will fall away, because it is written: ***I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.*** ²⁸But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you to Galilee. ²⁹Peter told him, ‘Even if everyone falls away, I will not.’ ³⁰Truly I tell you,’ Jesus said to him, ‘today, this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times.’ ³¹But he kept insisting, ‘If I have to die with you, I will never deny you.’ And they all said the same thing.
 - **Reference: Verses 37-38** say, ³⁷“Then he came and found them sleeping. He said to Peter, ‘Simon, are you sleeping? Couldn't you stay awake one hour?’ ³⁸Stay awake and pray so that you won't enter into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.’

- **Illustration:** You know, when I was a kid I had this really cool book called the “Jesus Freaks” written by Voice of the Martyrs...
- **Illustration:** In this passage here we can see a couple of helpful parallels from the Old Testament...
- Verse 37 says Jesus found them sleeping and he asks Peter, “Are you sleeping?” Jesus knew they were sleeping. He found them asleep. So why did he ask?
- Then in verse 38 Jesus says they should be diligent in prayer so they don’t give into temptation.
- **Application/Transition:** So what do we do? How do we prepare well? And what do I do when I fail, and how do I respond then?
 - You pray. But let’s spend a little more time looking at Jesus and how he prepared for this situation...

III. The Suffering and Submission of Christ

A. The Agony of Sin

- **Reference: Verse 32-36** says, ³²“Then they came to a place named Gethsemane, and he told his disciples, ‘Sit here while I pray.’ ³³He took Peter, James, and John with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled. ³⁴He said to them, ‘I am deeply grieved to the point of death. Remain here and stay awake.’ ³⁵He went a little farther and fell to the ground, and prayed that if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. ³⁶And he said, ‘Abba, Father! All things are possible for you. Take this cup away from me. Nevertheless, not what I will, but what you will.’”
- **Reference: 2 Corinthians 5:21** says, “He (God the Father) made the one who did not know sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”
- **Reference:** I want you to sit and listen as I read Isaiah 53 the prophecy written 700 years before as we see the weight of judgment that is about to befall our Savior...
- **Isaiah 53:1-12** ¹“Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? ²He grew up before him like a young plant and like a root out of dry ground. He didn’t have an impressive form or majesty that we should look at him, no appearance that we should desire him. ³He was despised and rejected by men, a man of suffering who knew what sickness was. He was like someone people turned away from; he was despised, and we didn’t value him. ⁴Yet he himself bore our sicknesses, and he carried our pains; but we in turn regarded him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. ⁵But he was pierced because of our rebellion, crushed because of our iniquities; punishment for our peace was on him, and we are healed by his wounds. ⁶We all went astray like sheep; we all have turned to our own way; and the Lord has punished him for the iniquity of us all. ⁷He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth.

Like a lamb led to the slaughter and like a sheep silent before her shearers, he did not open his mouth. ⁸He was taken away because of oppression and judgment, and who considered his fate? For he was cut off from the land of the living; he was struck because of my people's rebellion. ⁹He was assigned a grave with the wicked, but he was with a rich man at his death, because he had done no violence and had not spoken deceitfully. ¹⁰Yet the Lord was pleased to crush him severely. When you make him a guilt offering, he will see his seed, he will prolong his days, and by his hand, the Lord's pleasure will be accomplished. ¹¹After his anguish, he will see light and be satisfied. By his knowledge, my righteous servant will justify many, and he will carry their iniquities. ¹²Therefore I will give him that many as a portion and he will receive the mighty as spoil, because he willingly submitted to death, and was counted among the rebels; yet he bore the sin of many and interceded for the rebels."

- **Transition:** And then after he makes this request and goes to find his disciples sleeping, instead of praying as he had asked them too. But here we see that compassion as I mentioned before.

B. The Compassion of Jesus

- **Reference: Verses 27 and 28 say,** ²⁷*"Then Jesus said to them, 'All of you will fall away, because it is written: I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered. ²⁸But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you to Galilee."*
- **Transition:** So here we see Jesus show compassion to these disciples moments after he just prayed the most difficult prayer of his life on earth. But that kind of compassion, and that peace, comes from the peace found in his submission.

C. The Peace of Submission

- **Reference: Verse 36 say,** *"And he said, 'Abba, Father! All things are possible for you. Take this cup away from me. Nevertheless, not what I will, but what you will."*

- **Transition:** The heart of our Savior is so clear in this section and so encouraging for us. Jesus came for the salvation of the world, and that includes each of those types of people that we looked at before. But what I want us to look at finally is Peter's response to his failure and denial of Christ. Unfortunately, I am skipping over Jesus betrayal by Judas, and his first trial at the hands of the Sanhedrin, so I encourage you to go and read verses 43-65 on your own this week.

- Christ's humility, peace, and compassion are so evident during his betrayal by Judas. And then as Jesus is questioned by the Religious Leaders you're able to see the continued rejection of his authority, but also the blatant rebellion in their hearts. None of their testimonies line up, and they really don't have grounds to arrest Jesus, but they're so hateful of him that they've determined to harden their hearts, just like Pharaoh in Exodus. And finally you see, yet again, the authority of Jesus as he declares to

them that he is the Messiah, and that he will return on the clouds in the final days.

- However, let us look at Peter's response, so we can inform our own response to our broken hearts, and the temptations we so often give into. Here we see...

IV. The Humility and Honesty of Repentance

- **Verses 66-68** say, ⁶⁶*"While Peter was in the courtyard below, one of the high priest's maidservants came. ⁶⁷When she saw Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, 'You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.'* ⁶⁸*But he denied it: 'I don't know or understand what you're talking about.'* Then he went out to the entryway, and a rooster crowed. ⁷²*Immediately a rooster crowed a second time, and Peter remembered when Jesus had spoken the word to him, 'Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times.'* And he broke down and wept."

A. The Denial of Truth

- **Application:** For us that can be a denial of our commitment to Christianity, or even as simple as a betrayal of the name we bear as Christians when our actions oppose our calling...

B. The Anger of Deception

- **Reference: Verses 69-71** say, ⁶⁹*"When the maidservant saw him again, she began to tell those standing nearby, 'This man is one of them.'* ⁷⁰*But again he denied it. After a little while those standing there said to Peter again, 'you certainly are one of them, since you're also a Galilean.'* ⁷¹*Then he started to curse and swear, 'I don't know this man you're talking about!'*

- **Application:** I'm sure for many of you a situation where you find yourself denying Jesus can truly vary...

- **Illustration:** But as I read this it causes me to think back to my first job again. I was a teenager working in a warehouse with grown men, many of whom came from rough pasts...

- **Transition:** It was just like the end of the passage here.

C. The Brokenness of Surrender

- **Reference: Verse 72** says, *"Immediately a rooster crowed a second time, and Peter remembered when Jesus had spoken the word to him, 'Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times.'* And he broke down and wept."

- **Transition:** I pray the Lord works against the mistakes I made and that I'll be blessed to see those guys in the resurrection.

V. Conclusion

- If you're here today, regardless of which character you resonate with, the Gospel was meant for you.

- **Reference: 2 Peter 3:9** says "The Lord desires that no one should perish but that all would come to repentance." Jesus came to die for every single person who

ever lived. That included the disciples, Judas, the Pharisees, Pontius Pilate, and the Romans who put him on the cross.

- I encourage you to surrender your heart today. Whether you're a Christian who needs to lay down your life for the Lord again today and die to your fleshly desires, or someone whose never taken that step to give your life to Christ. The Bible says "He who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."
- Jesus came to live a perfect life and to take on your sin, so you could be counted as righteous. Romans says "The wages, or the price, of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Accept that free gift today and live for him.
- If you are a believer and are here today, your action steps are this:
- **Application:** Evaluate yourself and determine whether or not you are leaning on the Spirit of the Lord in prayer. Jesus repeatedly told his disciples to go to the Lord in prayer and exhibited it himself. You are completely incapable of resisting temptation on your own and **MUST** lean on him to make it through the trials of this life. Follow his example, learn from the failures of the disciples, Judas, and the religious leaders. Accept Jesus' authority, and be faithful in prayer. I promise you, you will find more peace in your life, regardless of your circumstances, and the Lord's goodness will be all the more evident in your life. "Lord, not my will, but yours be done."
- Let's go to him in prayer now...