

But Scriptures must be fulfilled (Mark 14:43-52) Café Church - 9 -July-17

There are Bibles on the table in front of you

And a sermon outline

And some questions

Let me pray first...

Context

The context of the passage:

We left Jesus having prayed with His disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane

Jesus predicted that Peter would deny him 3 times that very night

Jesus predicted all the disciples would deny Him and desert Him

And we were left examining ourselves as to whether we could let Jesus down

And we gave ourselves a few things we could learn...

[Powerpoint 1-Last week]

Last Week

- A. We can learn the limitations of self-knowledge
(Jeremiah 17:9-10; Psalm 139:1-6; Hebrews 4:12, 13; Mark 14:38; Psalm 19:12; Psalm 139:23-24; 2 Thes 3:5)
- B. We can learn to be aware of missing comfort because of our selfishness!
(Mark 14:28; Romans 8:31-39; 2 Cor 1:3-4)
- C. We can learn to be aware of proud assertions!
(Mark 14:31; Proverbs 16:18)
- D. We can learn and note how quick the Lord is to forgive those who deny, desert and flee, if we are willing to repent and return to Him!

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OT Prophecy

And now in this evening's passage - Jesus is betrayed and arrested.

It's in all the Gospels: Matt 26:47-56; Luke 22:47-50; John 18:3-11

But before we look at Jesus' arrest

Let's have a look at some OT Scripture and prophecy:

[Powerpoint 2a-Old Testament Prophecy]

Look up Zechariah 13:7:

⁷“Awake, sword, against my shepherd,
against the man who is close to me!”
declares the LORD Almighty.

“Strike the shepherd,

and the sheep will be scattered,
and I will turn my hand against the little ones.

Any similarities to our Mark 14 passage tonight?

Then lookup

[Powerpoint 2b-Old Testament Prophecy]

Isaiah 53:7-8:

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?

Then lookup

[Powerpoint 2c-Old Testament Prophecy]

Psalms 49:7 and 9

⁷ All my enemies whisper together against me;
they imagine the worst for me, saying,
⁹ Even my close friend,
someone I trusted,
one who shared my bread,
has turned against me.

Learning from Judas' mistakes

So what can we learn from Judas' mistakes this evening...

[Powerpoint 3a-Lesson 1 from Judas]

1. Jesus was betrayed by a close friend

Is being close to Jesus enough?

It wasn't for Judas

We have to continue to believe in Jesus and trust in Jesus

We need to make sure we don't get sucked in by false teaching

We need to make sure we don't get sucked into temptations to sin

[Powerpoint 3a-Lesson 2]

2. Jesus was betrayed by a lover of money

Judas stole money - see John 12:4-6

⁴ But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, ⁵ "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages." ⁶ He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

And Judas betrayed Jesus for money - see Matthew 26:14-16

¹⁴ Then one of the Twelve—the one called Judas Iscariot—went to the chief priests ¹⁵ and asked, "What are you willing to give me if I deliver him over to you?" So they counted out for him thirty pieces of silver. ¹⁶ From then on Judas watched for an opportunity to hand him over.

Money can be a problem for us too - see Mark 4:19

¹⁹ but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful.

And loving money can be a problem for us- see 1 Timothy 6:9-10:

⁹ Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

Could we be guilty of betraying Jesus by our desire for riches?

Could we be guilty of letting the desire for riches to take precedence over our service to God and His church?

[Powerpoint 3c-Lesson 3]

3. Jesus was betrayed by a show of affection

Judas kissed Jesus

Why a kiss?

He could have just pointed to him?

Or said - he's the one with the beard and the white garment or something?

Perhaps Judas thought - by kissing Jesus - it somehow softened the blow of betrayal?

But Jesus knew what Judas was doing - See Luke 22:48:

⁴⁸ but Jesus asked him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"

What about us?

Our displays of affection in worship don't necessarily mean faithfulness?

Some churches use displays of emotion as evidence of the Holy Spirit - it may or may not be?

Nevertheless we shouldn't discount emotions

Because we are to love the Lord with all our heart and with all our mind (Matt 22:37-38)

And the Spirit does produce fruit in our lives that affects our emotions

However we need to make sure

Our emotions come from our faith
 And not our faith coming from our emotions
 True faith comes from the Word of God
 See Rom 10:17 and John 20:30-31

If we believe that displays of affection in our worship can make up for failure to heed God's Word, we deceive ourselves and betray Jesus in the process

[Powerpoint 3d- Lesson 4]

4. Jesus was betrayed by a mistaken disciple
 Judas evidently didn't think Jesus would be condemned - see Matthew 27:3-4
³ When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. ⁴ "I have sinned," he said, "for I have betrayed innocent blood." "What is that to us?" they replied. "That's your responsibility."

We might think we know God's will and purposes when we don't -

We might be mistaken

But God's thoughts and ways are not like our thoughts and ways? (Isaiah 55:8-9)

In what ways are we mistaken about God's ways and purposes?

See Romans 10:1-3

Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved. ² For I can testify about them that they are zealous for God, but their zeal is not based on knowledge. ³ Since they did not know the righteousness of God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness.

[Powerpoint 2e-Lesson 5]

5. Judas reacted to His sin the wrong way

See Matt 27:5

⁵ So Judas threw the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and hanged himself.

There are two ways to show sorrow for sin

Worldly sorrow that leads to death (sorrow all about us)

Or Godly sorrow that produces repentance (sorrow all about God)

If we want examples of godly sorrow and repentance

See Peter after he denied Jesus three times

See Saul who later became Paul

How do we react to our sin? In the right way or the wrong way?

Conclusion

Two conclusions

[Powerpoint 4a-Conclusion 1]

1. Even though Jesus was betrayed by all these things - it was **all part of God's plan - because Scriptures must be fulfilled** - as Jesus said in Mark 14:49
Scripture was fulfilled in this passage in 3 ways:
 - a. Judas betrayed Jesus as Jesus predicted
 - b. The disciples deserted Jesus and fled in verse 50 - predicted in verse 27. Even one of the young disciples was so scared he fled naked - people assume this to be Mark himself!
 - c. Jesus was led away like a lamb to be slaughtered - predicted in Isaiah 53

[Powerpoint 4b-Conclusion 2]

2. Even though Jesus was betrayed by all these things

Let's not forget the **influence of Satan**

Satan put it in Judas' heart to betray Jesus (John 13:2)

Also note Satan influenced Judas

Through his love for money

Through his emotion

Through his mistaken ideas

Through his preoccupation of himself

Even Peter was influenced by Satan - Jesus said to Peter one time - *Get behind me Satan* (Matt 16:23)

Let's finish with these words of advice from Peter who speaks from experience:

1 Peter 5:8-9:

⁸ Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

Q & A
Let's pray