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Scripture: The Betrayal Thread

Mark 14:10-11; 18-21; 41-50

Judas to Betray Jesus

¹⁰Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. ¹¹And when they heard it, they were glad and promised to give him money. And he sought an opportunity to betray him.

¹⁸And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." ¹⁹They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, "Is it I?" ²⁰He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. ²¹For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born."

⁴¹And he came the third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴²Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."

⁴³And immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders.

⁴⁴Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man. Seize him and lead him away under guard." ⁴⁵And when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" And he kissed him. ⁴⁶And they laid hands on him and seized him. ⁴⁷But one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear.

⁴⁸And Jesus said to them, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? ⁴⁹Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But let the Scriptures be fulfilled." ⁵⁰And they all left him and fled.



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Mark 14:10 - "One of the twelve"

- What does this descriptor tell us about how Judas' betrayal would have impacted the disciples?
- How does that relate to life?
- What does it tell us about Jesus' understanding of our experiences?

Mark 14:18 -

- Why do you think Jesus holds off initially on giving the name of the specific person?
- What does the ambiguity cause the disciples to do (vs. 19)?
- What should it cause us to do (1 Corinthians 11:28)?
- What do you think Peter may have done if he knew a betrayer sat with them (vs. 47)?

Mark 14:41 - "The hour has come."

- To what hour does this refer? How can it be so specific?
- How did Jesus know about something called "the hour" in advance?
- Why is this one hour called THE hour in all the many hours of human existence?
- How long do you think it had been planned (Ephesians 1:4)?



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- Peter wanted to help Jesus. How did Jesus tell Peter to help (Mark 14:38)?
- What did Peter do to help (vs. 47)?
- Which one do you think would help more?

Peter relied upon the wrong weapon.

Jesus tells (14:38) and demonstrates how prayer serves as our ultimate weapon. God has more power than we do. Using our weapons is like fighting a war with BB guns and squirt guns, but calling upon God is like calling in air strikes. It obliterates the enemy with greater power than we could ever muster on our own.

- How often do you rely on the wrong (self-driven) weapons?
- In what areas do you need to pray more?



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Scriptures Fulfilled:

Jesus predicted his crucifixion and resurrection and said that this fulfilled the scriptures (Mark 14:49).

Mark 9:30-31 (ESV)

Jesus Again Foretells Death, Resurrection

³⁰ They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he did not want anyone to know, ³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "**The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise.**"

"Just AS HE SAID"

- (Matthew 12:40; 16:21; 17:9, 23; 20:19; 26:32)
- (Mark [8:31](#); [9:31](#); [10:34](#))

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.**"

Acts 3:18 (ESV)

¹⁸ But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled.

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Scriptures Fulfilled:

The Scriptures say, *"It was the will of the Lord to crush him."*

- Was it God's will to crush Jesus?
- Why?

Isaiah 53:10-12 (ESV)

- 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.



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Gospels:

- See the other Gospel writers' unique versions of the betrayal
- How do they compare to Mark's retelling?
- What additional details do the other authors include?

Mark

- Why is Mark so brief?
- What is his emphasis throughout his Gospel?
- How does brevity contribute to that emphasis?

Matthew 26:47-56 (ESV)

Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

⁴⁷ While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people.

⁴⁸ Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; seize him." ⁴⁹ And he came up to Jesus at once and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" And he kissed him.

⁵⁰ Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you came to do." Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him. ⁵¹ And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. 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?" ⁵⁵ At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. ⁵⁶ But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples left him and fled.

Luke 22:47-53 (ESV)



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Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

⁴⁷ While he was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss him, ⁴⁸ but Jesus said to him, "Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?" ⁴⁹ And when those who were around him saw what would follow, they said, "Lord, shall we strike with the sword?" ⁵⁰ And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear. ⁵¹ But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him. ⁵² Then Jesus said to the chief priests and officers of the temple and elders, who had come out against him, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs? ⁵³ When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness."

John 18:1-12 (ESV)

Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

18 When Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. ² Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. ³ So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. ⁴ Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" ⁵ They answered him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. ⁶ When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground. ⁷ So he asked them again, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." ⁸ Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men go." ⁹ This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken: "Of those whom you gave me I have lost not one." ¹⁰ Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) ¹¹ So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?"

Jesus Faces Annas and Caiaphas

¹² So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound him.