



The Sheep Scatter Mark 14:43-65

Mark 14:43-50 And 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. 44 Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man. Seize him and lead him away under guard." 45 And when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" And he kissed him. 46 And they laid hands on him and seized him. 47 But one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. 48 And Jesus said to them, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? 49 Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But let the Scriptures be fulfilled." 50 And they all left him and fled.

- The completion of Judas' betrayal. The Judas kiss. E tu, Brute? Like Joe Pesci in "Goodfellas."
- Primarily comes with Jewish leaders--3 arms of the Sanhedrin. John alludes to a cohort of Roman soldiers possibly also.
- Everyone faceless, nameless--except Jesus and Judas.
- Peter--impulsive Peter, chops a guy's ear off.
- Jesus has lived upright, open life.
- Jesus has not hidden who He is.
- They had no answer when He would teach. The Sanhedrin had been with Him in the temple.
- **You can be in the presence of the Almighty for years, and still be filled with Satan.**
- You can do "godly" things, and still be lost.
- Took Him at night--PR nightmare, and dangerous.
- "Let the Scriptures be fulfilled"

Psalms 41:9 Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.

Mark 14:51-52 And a young man followed him, with nothing but a linen cloth about his body. And they seized him, 52 but he left the linen cloth and ran away naked.

- What?!-- Most believe this is Mark. Who is being VERY detailed about his mentor Peter's dereliction, and cowardice. Here he is possibly revealing his own heart.
- "The modest spirit of Mark seemed to say, 'Friend Peter, while the Holy Ghost moves me to, tell thy fault, and let it stand on record, he also constrains me to write my own as a sort of preface to it, for I, too, in my mad, hare-brained folly, would have run, unclothed as I was, upon the guard to rescue my Lord and Master; yet, at the first sight, of the rough legionaries, at the first gleam of their swords, away I fled, timid, faint-hearted, and afraid that I should be too roughly handled.'"—Spurgeon
- **You can be someone who would write a book in the Bible...and run away from Jesus.**

Mark 14:53-54 And they led Jesus to the high priest. And all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes came together. 54 And Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. And he was sitting with the guards and warming himself at the fire.

- What was this council?
- What is Peter doing?
 - Followed at a distance. Within eyesight.
 - Sitting with the very guards who will mistreat Jesus. And warming himself.
 - Said in verse 29-31 ...**Even though they all fall away, I will not...If I must die with you, I will not deny you. (Said with emphasis).**
 - Peter, and you and I, have the BEST intentions sometimes. We really, really mean what we are telling God. But we fall, often a short time later.
 - His world has crumbled. He is "safe," warm, collaborating w/ the enemy.
 - **You can be near Jesus...and a thousand miles away.**
- You can't be near. You can't be following at a distance. You can't be with Jesus and comforting yourself with the world.

Mark 14:55-59 Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking testimony against Jesus to put him to death, but they found none. 56 For many bore false witness against him, but their testimony did not agree. 57 And some stood up and bore false witness against him, saying, 58 "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.'" 59 Yet even about this their testimony did not agree.

- Early hours of Friday morning. Still done away from public.
- Like the TV show, "Locked up Abroad," or the movies "Brokedown Palace" or "Return to Paradise."
- This is more like a Grand Jury. Is there enough evidence to indict.
- The judgment has been decided...just trying to find some charge to attach to it.
- "By the time morning dawns, how can we present this."
- Charges--He hung out with demons. Broke the law. Said he would destroy the temple. Nothing is sticking...their testimonies did not agree.

Mark 14:1 It was now two days before the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to arrest him by stealth and kill him...

Mark 14:60-65 And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?" 61 But he remained silent and made no answer. Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" 62 And Jesus said, "I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven." 63 And the high priest tore his garments and said, "What further witnesses do we need? 64 You have heard his blasphemy. What is your decision?" And they all condemned him as deserving death. 65 And some began to spit on him and to cover his face and to strike him, saying to him, "Prophesy!" And the guards received him with blows.

- The charge they get Him on--blasphemy.
- This is not outside of the plan. This IS the plan.