

CHRIST FORSAKEN OF ALL

One: ALL ON EARTH

Mark 14:50

Christ's atonement for us involved unspeakable suffering. We tend to dwell on the physical, which was terrible. But it was not the worst of His suffering. Not nearly. The deepest suffering was His being **forsaken**.

Forsaken by: ALL on EARTH (this week)
ALL in HEAVEN (next week)

ON EARTH:

I. By His _____ at His arrest: Mk 14:50

After He has shown His majesty (Jn 18:2-6) and His care for their protection (v7-9) and His power (v10-11 cf Matt 26:52-54 and Lk 22:51), they abandon Him in panic!

No faith or loyalty.

See the irony: just when He is showing He is *most* in control (Jn 10:17-8), they think things are totally *out* of control! That is part of His suffering

You?

II. By one _____ : Mk 14:51-52

Generally assumed to be John Mark, author of his Gospel

Humiliating fear

Leaves Jesus totally isolated and forsaken to His enemies

No reciprocation of His love; no faith in His teachings

This too is part of His sufferings

III. By _____ in the Courtyard: Mk 14:66-72 (cf. Lk 22:61)

Peter and John at a safe distance with Him in Caiaphas's palace courtyard

Peter's loyalty and friendship is tested.

He denies with curses that he even knows Jesus.

Jesus witnessed this (Lk 22:61)

This too is a part of His sufferings

He is utterly forsaken by every friend on earth.

Compare Hassan in *The Kite Runner*. Changed his life forever

The pain of being forsaken to enemies with no friend to stand with you. To be so alone.

And we were once counted among His enemies (Col 1:21). But He made us His friends, blameless in His sight (v22)!

Love and serve Him!

Be willing to be forsaken ever so little for being identified with Him