

Fifth Wednesday of Lent – 2024
Wednesday, 3/20 at 11 AM & 7 PM



Betrayal and Arrest A Young Man Flees

Based on the Booklet
Days 28-29

The Holy Week Journey

Text: Mark 14:42-52 NAS-95

Lenten Wednesdays: Services 11 & 7; Meals 12 & 6

Introduction: Dear friends in Christ: We are still on **The Holy Week Journey!** *This is sermon 10 of 14.* We have preached through 23 of the 40 days; notice the **BIG days**:

- **Palm Sunday** – 2 days.
- **Holy Monday** – 2 days.
- **Holy Tuesday** – 18 days, 17 different events!
- **Holy Wednesday and Holy Thursday** – 1 day.
- **Good Friday** – 15 days (4 days so far, 11 more to go)!

As we journey with Jesus toward His cross, let us remember:

- **Who He is** – *the Son of God in the flesh of Mary!*
- **What He did** – *took away the sin of the world!*
- **Why He did it** – *to open the one way to heaven!*

In this sermon, Jesus will permit Himself to be arrested, which is part of His work to **“...remove the iniquity of that land in one day” (Zechariah 3:9).**

Let's setup Day 28:

- In the upper room, *somewhere in Jerusalem*, Jesus has
♦washed His disciples' feet, ♦eaten the Passover meal,
♦instituted the Lord's Supper, and ♦taught His disciples
many important things.
- Jesus and His disciples – *minus Judas* – are in the
Garden of Gethsemane and it's late in the evening –
maybe 11 pm.
- Jesus has just triple-checked with His Father about the
possibility of a Plan B – *to see if God the Father had
another way of saving the world.*
- Now, *having been fortified through prayer – and being
ready to go forward with perfect obedience*, we
continue our text with **Mark 14:42**.

Day 28 (Sa, 3/16) – Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus: 14:42 [Jesus said to His disciples:] “Get up, let us be going; behold, the one who betrays Me is at hand!”⁴³ Immediately while He was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, came up accompanied by a crowd with swords and clubs, *who were* from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders.

- Jesus' betrayer: Late on Holy Tuesday Judas entered into an agreement with the Jewish leaders to betray Jesus into their hands. Then, *during the Passover meal*, Jesus announced that one of them would betray Him. Now, *aware that Judas and many others were arriving in Gethsemane*, Jesus announced their arrival.
- A crowd: Those who came ♦were many, ♦were armed, and ♦were from the Jewish leaders. The Romans did not get involved until Friday morning – *after Jesus had*

been put on trial three times: 😊before Annas, 😊before Caiaphas, and 😊before the Sanhedrin.

⁴⁴ Now he who was betraying [Jesus] had given them a signal, saying, “Whomever I kiss, He is the one; seize Him and lead Him away under guard.” ⁴⁵ After coming, Judas immediately went to Him, saying, “Rabbi!” and kissed Him. ⁴⁶ They laid hands on Him and seized Him. // Judas gave Jesus the kiss of death, yet *Jesus did not refuse* – **He was perfectly obedient for our eternal benefit!**

⁴⁷ But one of those who stood by [*that is, Peter (John 18:10)*] drew his sword, and struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his ear. // Peter’s sword or dagger (μάχαιραν) could be described as *a large knife, a curved weapon*, used for close combat, killing, and cutting up (BW, Friberg). *Peter may have intended to kill the slave but missed.*

⁴⁸ And Jesus said to them, “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest Me, as *you would* against a robber?”

⁴⁹ Every day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize Me; but *this has taken place* to fulfill the Scriptures.” ⁵⁰ And they all left Him and fled.

- The Jewish leader problem: Fear! We learned in [Mark 11:32](#) that the Jewish leaders “were afraid of the people,” so they were afraid to lay hands on Jesus *when He was among the people.*
- The disciple problem: Fear, which means to “be afraid of (someone or something) as likely to be dangerous, painful, or threatening.” Jesus had spoken about His impending arrest and death on three previous occasions ([Mark 8:31-33](#), [9:30-32](#), [10:32-34](#)). *It’s normal and natural that His disciples feared for their own lives!*

Day 29 (Mo, 3/18) – A Young Man Flees: 14:51 A young man was following Him, wearing *nothing but* a linen sheet over *his* naked *body*; and they seized him. ⁵² But he pulled free of the linen sheet and escaped naked.

- Who was with Jesus? Officially the eleven remaining disciples were with Him, but a “young man was following Him” and maybe others – like Joseph and Matthias (Acts 2:21-23).
- Who was the “young man”? He was probably Mark, *the writer of the Gospel According to Mark*. He was not an apostle, *but probably received much of his information from Peter*.
- Some Mark and Peter connections:
 - Peter is the first and last disciple in Mark who is named (1:16; 16:7).
 - Peter is mentioned more than any other disciple in Mark.
 - Peter appears in the most important scenes in Mark (1:16-20; 8:27-30; 9:2-8; 14:32-42; 16:7).
 - Of the four gospels, Mark has the highest percentage of references to boats, the Sea of Galilee, and fishing.
 - With the healing of Peter’s mother-in-law (1:29-31), Mark has some more personal details.¹

Next Sermon: Jesus before the council; Peter denies Jesus.

Let Us Pray: Dear Jesus, as You fully submitted to the Father’s will, *help us to fully submit to You – our Savior and our Lord!*

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¹ <https://hermeneutics.stackexchange.com/questions/12709/what-is-the-internal-evidence-that-peter-provided-source-material-for-marks-gos>