

Lessons from the Garden

August 21, 2022
Mark 14:43-65

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Jesus' Arrest & Trial

- Why come with clubs & swords, was in the temple daily⁴⁹
- Arrested in a garden, Adam fell in a garden
- The 2nd Adam will undo what the 1st Adam did in a garden
- Jesus will consummate history in a garden^{Rev21:23-22:5}
- Jesus is in control⁴⁹, He is not caught offguard

Mark Focuses on the Betrayers

- Mark ignores the details, sword drawer; guy who lost ear...
- Mark shows us Judas as a vile betrayer⁴⁵ after plotting
- Judas outwardly was a believer (apostle, left everything)
- He was a PROFESSOR, but he was not a POSSESSOR
- Look to Jesus' work in faith alone to be a POSSESSOR^{Eph2:8-10}

Jesus Abandoned 50-52

- Jesus left alone with His accusers, friends abandoned Him
- Even young man who was following ran away naked (Mark?)

The So-Called Trial 53-64

- This trial was not a legal trial: at night; not in temple
- Witnesses conflicting so no real evidence
- Their goal: to deliver Jesus over to Pilate to let him execute
- Jews could have convicted on blasphemy and stone, but then they couldn't pass the buck to the Romans
- Tried to use temple destruction angle because Romans wanted peace at all costs

A Question Posed in Frustration 60-62

- Caiaphas appears frustrated... Jesus didn't play his game
- They had wrestled with question of was Jesus the Messiah
- Did Judas share what Jesus had told the apostles? After Parable of Tenants they were angry^{Mk12:12}
- Jesus answer plainly declares He is the Christ! ^{Dan7:13-14;Psa110:1}
- Who is on trial? Jesus or the leaders & Israel?
- The decision was made^{Mk15:1}

Lessons to Be Learned

- Betrayers – Judas & the Sanhedrin - picture of the effects of sin upon the human heart. Only God's God's grace changes hearts.
- Disciples – we're no different. We abandon Jesus, sleep soundly and then run when resistance appears. We stumble and fall... though we are justified sinners, we remain weak and sinful until we die or Christ returns. Never overestimate yourself, look to the salvation that Jesus purchased for you when you were unfaithful.
- Jesus – He alone is obedient, He drank the cup of wrath we deserved. Jesus is the reason we should not despair or give up hope despite our sin and failures. Remember, our salvation does not depend upon our strength or our determination to do what is right. Rather our salvation is dependent upon Jesus... Rest in faith in Jesus' completed work!

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