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48- The Betrayal and Arrest Mark 14:10-11, 43-52

Mark 14:10-11 And Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went unto the chief priests, to betray him unto them. 11 And when they heard it, they were glad, and promised to give him money. And he sought how he might conveniently betray him.

Mark 14:43-52 And immediately, while he yet spake, cometh Judas, one of the twelve, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. 44 And he that betrayed him had given them a token, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he; take him, and lead him away safely. 45 And as soon as he was come, he goeth straightway to him, and saith, Master, master; and kissed him. 46 And they laid their hands on him, and took him. 47 And one of them that stood by drew a sword, and smote a servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear. 48 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Are ye come out, as against a thief, with swords and with staves to take me? 49 I was daily with you in the temple teaching, and ye took me not: but the scriptures must be fulfilled. 50 And they all forsook him, and fled. 51 And there followed him a certain young man, having a linen cloth cast about his naked body; and the young men laid hold on him: 52 And he left the linen cloth, and fled from them naked.

I- The Price of Betrayal:

Judas rushes into the night to do his handy work of betrayal as the Lord spends the time with the others institution a very personal ordinance. What would cause a man to betray the Lord? We know from other scriptures that he was under the sway of demonic forces. **John 13:27** And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly. This happened just prior to him going into the night. One thing that caused him to do this deed was satanic force. **James 4:7** Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Another was the one we hear so stridently spoken of at times; the love of money. **Mark 14:11 HCSB** And when they heard this, they were glad and promised to give him silver. So he started looking for a good opportunity to betray Him. The Bible says that the love of money is the root of all evil. So for these thirty pieces of silver Judas was willing to betray the Lord.

II- The Kiss of Betrayal:

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The sign had been arranged but it leaves us to wonder why this was necessary. Why do I say that? Because as Jesus stated He had been walking among them for days and they knew well who He was. He did not try to do His work in secret but openly. Judas betray was more to do with the human corruptness than anything. Judas came straight to the Master and kissed Him with a kiss of betrayal. My how hard hearted the human heart can become. **Luke 22:48** But Jesus said unto him, Judas, betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss? Notice what Jesus called him in **Matt 26:50** And Jesus said unto him, Friend, wherefore art thou come? Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus, and took him.

III- The Arrest:

Mark 14:46 And they laid their hands on him, and took him. The ones who came with Judas that night were there for the prosecution of the arrest. The arrest was facilitated as they planned. He must not have been bound very tight because the action that follows shows Jesus able to freely move about.

Is it not very strange that they would even dare arrest someone who had done nothing? I remember a poem that rings in my soul like no other that says something like, "Jesus went about doing good and I only go about."

IV- The Resistance:

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From piecing together the whole narrative we know that Peter was the one who wielded the sword and cut off the ear of the high Priest servant. **John 18:10** Then Simon Peter having a sword drew it, and smote the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus.

We do not often think of Peter in terms of ever offering resistance to the arrest of Jesus. I think this was the heart of Peter to rise up and fight. Jesus tells him to not resist. **John 18:11** Then said Jesus unto Peter, Put up thy sword into the sheath: the cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?

I have always found it ironic that Jesus then touches the man's ear and heals it. **Luke 22:51** And Jesus answered and said, Suffer ye thus far. And he touched his ear, and healed him.

The one who could do that had the power to resist but He willingly went. **John 18:4-6** Jesus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon him, went forth, and said unto them, Whom seek ye? 5 They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus saith unto them, I am he. And Judas also, which betrayed him, stood with them. 6 As soon then as he had said unto them, I am he, they went backward, and fell to the ground.

We also see that Jesus had the forces of heaven at His disposal but chose to not use them. **Matthew 26:53-54** Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels? 54 But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?

No they did not really arrest Jesus, I submit that He went willingly with them.

V- Why You did it This Way:

All these things were unfolding just the way that God had planned and as was necessary. We see tucked into the account of Mark the reason they did the things they did. I wonder if they ever were cognitive of it. **Mark 14:48** And Jesus answered and said unto them, Are ye come out, as against a thief, with swords and with staves to take me? 49 I was daily with you in the temple teaching, and ye took me not: but the scriptures must be fulfilled.

They did not take Him before because it was not yet time. Now the time had come for Jesus to be betrayed and arrested. The trial is just ahead under the cover of darkness.

VI- The Other Betrayal:

Oh, but we have one last betrayal to look at before we venture forth to the trial. Remember all said they would die for Jesus that night when Peter made his brag. Notice what takes place when this is put to the test.

Mark 14:50 And they all forsook him, and fled. 51 And there followed him a certain young man, having a linen cloth cast about his naked body; and the young men laid hold on him: 52 And he left the linen cloth, and fled from them naked.

The Pulpit Commentary has a possible scenario and idea of who this young man was.

St. Mark is the only evangelist who mentions this incident; and there seems good reason for supposing that he here describes what happened to himself. Such is the mode in which St. John refers to himself in his Gospel, and where there can be no doubt that he is speaking of himself. If the conclusion in an earlier part of this commentary be correct, that it was at the house to which John Mark belonged that our Lord celebrated the Passover, and from whence he went out to the Mount of Olives; what more probable than that Mark had been with him on that occasion, and had perhaps a presentiment that something was about to happen to him? What more likely than that the crowd who took Jesus may have passed by this house, and that Mark may have been roused from his bed (it was now a late hour) by the tumult. Having a linen cloth (sindona) cast about his naked body. The sindon was a fine linen cloth, indicating that he belonged to a family in good circumstances.

Peter and John later found courage to follow Him to the house of the High Priest. None the less the betrayal was finished and the arrest was complete.