

MARKED BY JESUS

26. “HANDING ON THE HANDING OVER” Part II

The Life, Leadership and Legacy of the Betrayed

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Sermon Notes

Remember what I told you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also. John 15:20

The Resurrection Life COMES THROUGH A LEGACY OF BETRAYAL

III. Mark 14:27-52

²⁹ Peter declared, “Even if all fall away, I will not.” ³⁰ “Truly I tell you,” Jesus answered, “today—yes, tonight—before the rooster crows twice you yourself will disown me three times.” ³¹ But Peter insisted emphatically, “Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you.” And all the others said the same. ³² They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.”... ⁴¹ Returning the third time, he said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners.⁴² Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!” ⁴³ Just as he was speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, appeared... ⁴⁵ Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, “Rabbi!” and kissed him. ⁴⁶ The men seized Jesus and arrested him...⁵⁰ Then everyone deserted him and fled.

Betrayal STRIKES WHEN OTHERS ARE INSENSITIVE TO OUR

PAIN -----

and LEAVES US FEELING MISUNDERSTOOD AND

ABANDONED

Look and see, there is no one at my right hand; no one is concerned for

me. I have no refuge; no one cares for my life. Psalm 142:4-6

IV. Mark 14:53-65

⁵³ They took Jesus to the high priest, and all the chief priests, the elders and the teachers of the law came together. ⁵⁴ Peter followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. There he sat with the guards and warmed himself at the fire... ⁵⁶ Many testified falsely against him, but their statements did not agree...⁶¹ But Jesus remained silent and gave no answer. Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?” ⁶² “I am,” said Jesus. “And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.” ⁶³ The high priest tore his clothes. “Why do we need any more witnesses?” he asked.

Betrayal IS MOST PAINFUL WHEN IT COMES FROM PEOPLE WHO SHOULD BE OUR DEFENDERS and OFTEN COMES WITH FALSE ACCUSATIONS AGAINST US

Can unjust leaders claim that God is on their side—leaders whose decrees permit injustice? ²¹ They gang up against the righteous and condemn the innocent to death. Psalm 94:20-21 NLT

V. Mark 14:66-72

⁶⁶ While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came by. ⁶⁷ When she saw Peter warming himself, she looked closely at him. “You also were with that Nazarene, Jesus,” she said. ⁶⁸ But he denied it. “I don’t know or understand what you’re talking about,” he said, and went out into the entryway...After a little while, those standing near said to Peter, “Surely you are one of them, for you are a Galilean.” ⁷¹ He began to call down curses, and he swore to them, “I don’t know this man you’re talking about.” ⁷² Immediately the rooster crowed the second time. Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken to him: “Before the rooster crows twice you will disown me three times.” And he broke down and wept.

Betrayal IS AN ACT OF BEING REJECTED AND DISOWNED and LEAVES US IN NEED OF RESTORATIVE REINVESTMENT

Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds

because of your evil behavior. ²² But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation. Colossians 1:21-22