

Mark 14:43-52 Betrayal and Arrest of the I AM

// The power of man, the surrender of the Messiah, the fight of the disciples //

1. looking at the 3 parties in this scene: World (against Jesus), Jesus, disciples

1. Objective:

1. Grasp that Jesus (who has the power over all things, very Creator) allows Himself to be in this place, where He is betrayed and arrested - into the hands of sinful men, tortured and beaten and condemned, and take onto Himself the wrath of man before and to the cross, and the wrath of God upon the cross.
2. Look at contrast of how the **world** would approach Him VS how He approaches the world.
3. also look at the disciples response to the world's threat against Jesus, and see what we can learn
 1. The world can throw everything at Jesus, but He will only go as it is written of Him

Text Mark 14:43-52

The World and the Devil approach

1. **Vs. 43** look at how they came
 1. "Judas" - been filled with the Devil
 2. "a great multitude" - what's this?
 1. Mat. 26:47; Mar 14:43; Luk 22:47; John 18:3
 1. John 18:3 **Then Judas, having received a detachment [of troops], and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, came there with lanterns, torches, and weapons.**
 2. Here's the great multitude described in a little more detail:
 1. **Judas having received a detachment of troops,**
 1. **Detachment** — word *Speira* — "band" — word for Roman Cohort
 2. Cohort is 300-600 Roman soldiers
 1. **stationed at the Tower of Antonia - 75 ft. tower - built by Herod with name in honour of Marc Antony (greatest patrons)**
 2. **Roman cohort there positioned to stop a riot or rebellion of any kind.**
 3. Along with the detachment: Jewish "Captains of the Temples"/ officers
 1. John 18:12 **Then the detachment [of troops] and the captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound Him.**
 1. "officers" called the **captains of the temple** (no Gentiles allowed in the inner court of the temple, while Roman soldiers could keep order in the outer courts, the Jews needed to provide their own special force to keep order in the inner courts. Sign that read no gentiles were allowed to enter, on penalty of execution.
 2. Certain individuals there —
 1. John notes that Malchus - High Priests direct servant went along — high Priests family was known to John's family, all four mention Malchus (ear), but John gives his name.
 2. John 18:10 **Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus.**
 3. Also noted, that some of the Sanhedrin came
 1. Luke 22:52 **Then Jesus said to the chief priests, captains of the temple, and the elders who had come to Him, "Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs?**
 4. **They came from the chief priests and scribes and elders.**

1. This was the plot of the leadership of Israel!
5. **Came there with lanterns, torches, and weapons;** swords and clubs, prob. staves.
 1. recall how many times previously the religious leaders tried to capture Jesus. He will slip from their midst. They weren't going to try to use words anymore, but ropes and the force of Rome and Israel together.
 2. What were they expecting?
6. **This is how the world approaches God — like He is a criminal**
 2. Like God can be taken by force
 3. Like God can be accused by man's laws and policies
 4. Like God can be held by man's political plots and human-made weapons and ropes
7. **This is how the world thinks,** this is what the world uses, the force of men
 2. **Man thinks** that power can just be taken and held, *as though one can force things to be the way you want them to be.*

Jesus addresses them first

1. **Who are you seeking?**
 1. looking for Jesus of Nazareth -
 1. Responds **I am** - John notes intentional meaning here
 1. With that they all fall backwards as He spoke I am (* lantern, torches, armor, falling to the ground)
 2. He asks them a second time, and repeats I am

Judas identifies Jesus with a kiss of betrayal

2. *Judas approached,*
3. *and Jesus warned Him,*
 1. [Luk 22:48 NKJV] 48 **But Jesus said to him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"**
 2. Judas kissed Him (greek - repeatedly kissed Him)
 1. *something a disciple would do — deep honouring and admitting of their loyalty to their Master.*

Jesus who holds all power yields Himself into their hands

4. Mark 14:41-42 **The hour has come; behold, the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. 42 Rise, let us be going. See, My betrayer is at hand."**
 1. Mark 12:1-8 Parable of the wicked vineyard keepers.
 1. This is exactly like Jesus just spoke in public — they would seek to apprehend and kill the Son of the owner of the vineyard.
2. **Jesus asks: v.48-49**
 4. The One who is really in control is Jesus — and because it is God's plan to die for the sins of man — He yields Himself to what they think is under their control.
3. The world comes with force, Jesus came humbly
 4. The world takes what it thinks it wants, Jesus gives what is really needed.
 5. The world is proud, Jesus is humble — did you know God is humble?
 6. World's corrupt leaders send a mob to do their dirty work in order to try to hold onto their power. // God send's His Son out of love
 7. They came to take away life // He came to lay down His life —

v.46 — then they laid their hands on Him and took Him / led as a lamb to the slaughter

v.47, 50-52 — How did the disciples react?

4. **The natural man is clear —**

1. **Fight or flight** — often the response to a bad situation —
2. **Peter** — Impetuous — take long knife,

5. **All scattered - v.50**

1. **then they all forsook Him and fled // mark includes himself here —**

6. **In both cases — Jesus steps in — speaks into these common responses**

1. Amazing that as Jesus is being apprehended, He still serves them!
 1. Teaches them how to live as members of His kingdom