



The Betrayal & Arrest of Jesus

Sermon Discussion Questions - March 13, 2022

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Scripture

Matthew 26:46-57

Discussion Questions

1. We see the chaos and angst of the final moments of Jesus' life beginning in the Garden of Gethsemane. It seems everyone but Jesus is scrambling to make sense of what is happening, grasping for control where they seem to have none. Have you ever felt similarly? In your moments of chaos, what emotions and actions do you most often see emerge? How does Jesus stand in contrast to our confusion and anxiety during times of confusion?
2. Do you see tendencies within yourself that resemble Judas? Do you find yourself trading Jesus for lesser things, abandoning Him when He calls you to live a life of suffering and obedience? How do Jesus' words to Judas impact you?
3. Do you see tendencies within yourself that resemble Peter? Matt Blackwell shared that Peter was around Jesus and loved Jesus, but he did not always listen to Jesus. Peter failed to see and respond to what Jesus was saying through His words and, thus, failed to live in light of what His word pointed to. How do Jesus' words to Peter impact you?
4. Do you see tendencies within yourself that resemble the crowd? This was a group that represented the powerful forces of government, religion, and society. They thought they were strong, they felt superior and like they had conquered King Jesus. And yet, with an utterance from Christ, they all fall. When He shows but a glimpse of His glory, they all find themselves on the ground. Are there areas of life you feel strong and do not need Jesus? Do you believe you know more and have better plans for your life than the ones Jesus has revealed? How can remembering who Jesus truly is, the great 'I AM', cause you to acknowledge His glory? How would it look to bow to His glory rather than be knocked down by His glory?
5. What is one thing you hope God changes in your heart in light of this message?

