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OF THE RESURRECTED KING

—ARREST & TRIAL—

“The one I kiss is the man”...and Jesus said to them, ‘have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me?’ —
Mark 14:43-50

Jesus finds Himself with His disciples just hours before being arrested in a garden named Gethsemane. The name Gethsemane means “oil press” or because it was located on the Mount of Olives possibly “olive press”.

The name seems fitting for the moment for as Jesus was there this night, He would undergo a great inner struggle knowing the hour of Him completing His purpose was at hand.

(Matthew 26:36-56; Luke 22:39-53) By John's account this was a place Jesus, and the disciples came often for fellowship and prayer, (John 18:2).

The mounting pressure of a task that has come to you be it planned or unplanned, no matter how they come there comes a moment when you realize that there is no way out and the situation must be faced. It is in those moments, even in betrayal, that we are given a path to follow.

Take time to read this portion of Jesus' history. What does He do? Who does He rely on? Where does He get His strength?

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Once Jesus is arrested the trail shortly ensues. First before His three-year accusers, the Jewish leaders who hounded Him all over the countryside. Then to Herod, from Herod to Pilate being bounce around in typical political fashion.

Jesus represents a kingdom that is not of this world, it is the kingdom that created all the kingdoms humanity lives into this day. What could such a king with all authority do to be of any value against Rome?

Jesus' authority, lordship was being asserted in submitting to injustice, brutality, an expedient trial and death and it was this authority, not Pilate's that was vindicated.

For it was only happening by permission from God the Father. In truth it was the Jewish leaders, Herod and Pilate who were standing in the dock on trial that night not Jesus.

Consider the pressure you have or are facing. Know that, like Jesus, those pressures are coming to you only by permission of God your Father and are for your holiness and thru them He is glorified. (John 15:1-8)