

COWARDICE & CONFIDENCE

Mark 14:27-52
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I Pet. 2:21-25
John 18:1-2

Rev. 13:8
Mark 14:27-28
Zech. 13:1, 7-9
Mark 14:43-49
Isa. 53:5-6
Mark 14:32-36
Isa. 6:5, Heb. 5:7
Luke 22:44
Heb. 2:14-18
Mark 14:29-31
Mark 14:37-42
Acts 5:40-42
Mark 14:23, 27
Mark 14:31
Mark 14:50-52
Eph. 2:20-22
I Cor. 2:7-8

- I. Jesus' _____ was in _____ and prophesied by _____.
- II. Jesus' _____ was _____ and _____.
- III. We should _____ on _____.
- IV. We should _____ with _____ no matter where the _____ is _____.
- V. We should _____ in God's _____ through _____.
- VI. We should _____ in God's _____ through _____.

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²⁷Then Jesus said to them, "All of you will run away, because it is written: I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered. ²⁸But after I have been resurrected, I will go ahead of you to Galilee." ²⁹Peter told Him, "Even if everyone runs away, I will certainly not!" ³⁰"I assure you," Jesus said to him, "today, this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times!" ³¹But he kept insisting, "If I have to die with You, I will never deny You!" And they all said the same thing. ³²Then they came to a place named Gethsemane, and He told His disciples, "Sit here while I pray." ³³He took Peter, James, and John with Him, and He began to be deeply distressed and horrified. ³⁴Then He said to them, "My soul is swallowed up in sorrow -to the point of death. Remain here and stay

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awake." ³⁵Then He went a little farther, fell to the ground, and began to pray that if it were possible, the hour might pass from Him. ³⁶And He said, "Abba, Father! All things are possible for You. Take this cup away from Me. Nevertheless, not what I will, but what You will." ³⁷Then He came and found them sleeping. "Simon, are you sleeping?" He asked Peter. "Couldn't you stay awake one hour?" ³⁸Stay awake and pray so that you won't enter into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." ³⁹Once again He went away and prayed, saying the same thing. ⁴⁰And He came again and found them sleeping because they could not keep their eyes open. They did not know what to say to Him. ⁴¹Then He came a third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The time has come. Look, the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴²Get up; let's go! See-My betrayer is near." ⁴³While He was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, suddenly arrived. With him was a mob, with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. ⁴⁴His betrayer had given them a signal. "The One I kiss," he said, "He's the One; arrest Him and take Him away under guard." ⁴⁵So when he came, he went right up to Him and said, "Rabbi!"-and kissed Him. ⁴⁶Then they took hold of Him and arrested Him. ⁴⁷And one of those who stood by drew his sword, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his ear. ⁴⁸But Jesus said to them, "Have you come out with swords and clubs, as though I were a criminal, to capture Me? ⁴⁹Every day I was among you, teaching in the temple complex, and you didn't arrest Me. But the Scriptures must be fulfilled." ⁵⁰Then they all deserted Him and ran away. ⁵¹Now a certain young man, having a linen cloth wrapped around his naked body, was following Him. They caught hold of him, ⁵²but he left the linen cloth behind and ran away naked.

Journey Group Questions

1. Like Peter, we tend to think we would be bold and courageous if our faith in Jesus is ever challenged. Can you think of a time when your faith was challenged? How did you respond? Would you want to respond differently next time?
2. What other Old Testament passages can you think of that show Jesus' death and resurrection was planned and foretold by God?
3. Four of the outline points start with "We should..." Which of these come most naturally for you? Which are the most difficult? Think through each of these three points – how can you grow in this way?
4. Circling back to Peter, we can think, "I've got this," only to fail and be humbled. Take a breath, say a prayer, and wait on the Holy Spirit's guidance before acting. Let's all make it a point to seek the true source of our strength before being overconfident in our flesh.