

## Sermon Notes

Sunday, March 13, 2022

Jesus Strong

Mark 14:26–52

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### Grace to Wake Up

Rallying Cries: (Boston Strong; Remember the Alamo)

**“This day is called the feast of Crispian”** By William Shakespeare

“We few, we happy few, we band of brothers; For he to-day that sheds his blood with me Shall be my brother...”

**Blessed be the Poor in Spirit?!** (Luke 15:17, the prodigal son...; 1 Cor. 4:7)

**Matthew 5:3–4**

<sup>3</sup> “Blessed are *the poor in spirit*, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> “Blessed are *those who mourn*, for they shall be comforted.

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### A Story Arc of Betrayal (14:1–52)

1. Evil Plotting & Beautiful Love (14:1–11)
  - a. The Sanhedrin’s Plot to Kill Jesus (14:1–2)
  - b. **Jesus Anointed at Bethany (14:3–9)**
  - c. Judas Makes a Deal to **Betray** Jesus (14:10–11)
2. **Passover with the Disciples (14:12–25)**
  - a. Preparation for the Passover (14:12–16)
  - b. Jesus Announces His **Betrayal** (14:17–21)
  - c. **Institution of the Lord’s Supper (14:22–25)**
3. Resolute In the Garden (14:26–52)
  - a. Peter’s Empty Promise (14:26–31)
  - b. Sleeping Disciples & Loud Cries to the Father (14:32–42)
  - c. **Betrayal** and Arrest of Jesus (14:43–50)
  - d. A Young Man Flees Naked (14:51–52)

### Jesus Remains Resolute In the Garden (14:26–52)

I. Two Promises (14:26–31)

**(14:26-31)** <sup>26</sup> And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. <sup>27</sup> And Jesus said to them, “**You will all fall away**, for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.’ <sup>28</sup> **But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.**” <sup>29</sup> Peter said to him, “Even though they all fall away, I will not.” <sup>30</sup> And Jesus said to him, “Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows twice, **you will deny me three times.**” <sup>31</sup> But he said emphatically, “**If I must die with you, I will not deny you.**” And they all said the same.

A. Peter’s Promise (Earnest but Empty)

## B. Jesus' Promise (Resurrection & Reunion)



1. Note the glory & power of the New Covenant!
2. Giving our lives to Jesus is not done in a moment of passion... (His promise...our poverty)

### II. Sleeping Disciples & Loud Cries to the Father (14:32–42)

(14:32-42) <sup>32</sup> And they went to a place called **Gethsemane**. And he said to his disciples, “**Sit here while I pray.**” <sup>33</sup> And he took with him **Peter** and **James** and **John**, and began to be *greatly distressed* and *troubled*. <sup>34</sup> And he said to them, “**My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch.**” <sup>35</sup> And going a little farther, *he fell on the ground and prayed* that, *if it were possible, the hour might pass from him.* <sup>36</sup> And he said, “**Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.**” <sup>37</sup> And *he came and found them sleeping*, and he said to **Peter**, “**Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour?**” <sup>38</sup> **Watch and pray** that you may not enter into temptation. **The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.**” <sup>39</sup> And *again he went away and prayed, saying the same words.* <sup>40</sup> And *again he came and found them sleeping*, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to answer him. <sup>41</sup> **And he came the third time and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.**” <sup>42</sup> Rise, let us be going; see, **my betrayer is at hand.**”

A. Jesus 3 “Mighty Men” not so Mighty Yet

B. But Jesus... (This is what watching & praying looks like)

### Hebrews 5:7–10

<sup>7</sup> In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with *loud cries and tears*, to him who was able to save him from death, *and he was heard because of his reverence.* <sup>8</sup> Although he was a son, he *learned obedience* through what he suffered. <sup>9</sup> And being *made perfect*, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, <sup>10</sup> being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.



### 3. Jesus is strong for us before he is strong in us.

#### Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

3 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
**stand in his strength alone;**  
the arm of flesh will fail you,  
ye dare not trust your own.  
**Put on the gospel armor,**  
each piece put on **with prayer...**

### 2 Corinthians 5:14–15

<sup>14</sup> For **the love of Christ controls us**, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; <sup>15</sup> and he died for all, that those who live might *no longer live for themselves* but *for him who for their sake died and was raised*.

### III. Betrayal, Arrest, Abandonment & Courage (14:43–52)

(14:43-52) <sup>43</sup> And **immediately**, while he was still speaking, **Judas** came, *one of the twelve*, and with him a crowd with swords and clubs, *from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders*. <sup>44</sup> Now **the betrayer** had given them a sign, saying, “*The one I will kiss is the man*. Seize him and lead him away under guard.” <sup>45</sup> And when he came, he went up to him at once and said, “**Rabbi!**” *And he kissed him*. <sup>46</sup> And they laid hands on him and seized him. <sup>47</sup> But *one of those who stood by drew his sword* and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. <sup>48</sup> And Jesus said to them, “**Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me?**” <sup>49</sup> **Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But let the Scriptures be fulfilled.**”

<sup>50</sup> *And they all left him and fled.* 

<sup>51</sup> And **a young man** followed him, with nothing but a linen cloth about his body. And they seized him, <sup>52</sup> but he left the linen cloth and *ran away naked*.

4. The grace of the gospel reveals our poverty.
5. The grace of the gospel teaches us to offer up prayers with loud cries so that we will have Divine help.
6. Prayer puts us in the God-reliant posture we need.

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The strength of Jesus  
is far better than our heart-felt rallying cry.

### Matthew 5:5–12

<sup>3</sup> “Blessed are *the poor in spirit*, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> “Blessed are *those who mourn*, for they shall be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

<sup>7</sup> “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup> “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

<sup>9</sup> “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

<sup>10</sup> “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup> “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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## Meditate on Mark 11–16 for Coming Sermons

(We will cover Mark 14:53–72 **Sunday, March 20**)

- I. Read **Mark 14:53–72** several times. How is this story organized? What is the relationship between the different episodes?
  - II. How does this text teach us something about Jesus and/or his mission? Is there a pattern for the Christian life exemplified here? What are we being warned against? What are we being instructed to do?
  - III. Sum up the main point in **Mark 14:53–72** in one short sentence.
  - IV. How does this text change/strengthen how you think, act or feel as a Christian?
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### Questions for Reflection and Discussion

1. Have you ever gotten caught in that trap of broken promises to God? How can/did you break the cycle? Who can you pray with about this?
2. Why is it so important to keep the good news about what Jesus has done for us at the forefront of our thinking? Is this what it means to “put on the armor of God?” How can you practice doing this on a daily basis?
3. Why is it so important to see & acknowledge our poverty? Does this impact how you think about your daily walk with Jesus? In what way?
4. Armed with the gospel, how does Christ’s example instruct us to pray? Who can we pray with like this?
5. Who do you instinctively trust to solve today’s problems? Who should you instinctively trust? Who can you pray with about growing in this area?