



Sunday, March 20, 2022  
**The Love & Power of Our King**  
 Mark 14:53–72

### A Worthy King

#### Aslan to the 1<sup>st</sup> King of Narnia:

“And if enemies came against the land (for enemies will arise) and there was war, would you be the first in the charge and the last in the retreat?” <sup>1</sup>

#### Romans 5:8

but God *shows his love for us* in that while we were still sinners, *Christ died for us.*

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### The King Gives His Life as a Ransom for Many (Cpts. 14–15)

#### A. Betrayed & Abandoned (14:1–52)

1. Evil Plotting & Beautiful Love (14:1–11)
2. Passover with the Disciples (14:12–25)
3. Jesus is Resolute in the Garden (14:26–52)

#### B. By Oppression and Judgment (14:53–15:15)

1. At the High Priest's Headquarters (14:53–72)
2. At Pilate's Headquarters (15:1–20)

#### C. The Death of Jesus the Son of God (15:16–47)

#### Isaiah 53:7–8

<sup>7</sup> He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so *he opened not his mouth.* <sup>8</sup> *By oppression and judgment he was taken away;* and as for his generation, *who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people?*

#### At the High Priest's Headquarters (14:53–72)

##### I. Jesus Enters the High Priest's Headquarters (14:53)

**(14:53)** <sup>53</sup> And they led Jesus to **the high priest.** <sup>2</sup> And all **the chief priests and the elders and the scribes** came together.

##### II. Peter Sees His Poverty (14:54, 66–72)

#### 1. (Review) The grace of the gospel reveals our poverty.

**(14:54)** <sup>54</sup> And **Peter** had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. And he was sitting with the guards and warming himself at **the fire** (light). ... [Jesus' Trial] **Cf. Cursed fig tree**

<sup>1</sup> Lewis, C. S.. The Magician's Nephew: The Chronicles of Narnia (p. 150). HarperCollins. Kindle Edition.

<sup>2</sup> The headquarters of Caiaphas the high priest was likely a palatial mansion, probably... overlooking the temple area." Crossway Bibles. (2008). *The ESV Study Bible* (p. 1883). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

(14:66–72) <sup>66</sup> And as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came, <sup>67</sup> and *seeing Peter* warming himself, she *looked at him* and said, “*You also were with the Nazarene, Jesus.*” <sup>68</sup> But *he denied it*, saying, “I neither know nor understand what you mean.” And he went out into the gateway *and the rooster crowed.* <sup>69</sup> And the servant girl saw him and began again to say to the bystanders, “*This man is one of them.*” <sup>70</sup> But *again he denied it.* And after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, “*Certainly you are one of them, for you are a Galilean.*” <sup>71</sup> But he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, “*I do not know this man of whom you speak.*” <sup>72</sup> And immediately *the rooster crowed a second time.* And Peter remembered how Jesus had said to him, “*Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times.*” And he broke down and wept.

2. Our poverty is the context for Jesus’ powerful love.
3. Jesus’ word always comes true.

III. For Judgment & Mercy (14:53–65)

#### 4. The fruit of godlessness is ugly, abusive & murderous

“Nearly every detail of Jesus’ trial violates the rules for capital cases prescribed in the Mishnah.” <sup>4</sup> (Day time; 2<sup>nd</sup> day; 2/3 witnesses Num. 35:30; Dt. 17:6; 19:15)

(14:55-65) <sup>55</sup> Now the chief priests and the whole council *were seeking testimony against Jesus to put him to death, but they found none.* <sup>56</sup> For many bore false witness against him, *but their testimony did not agree.* <sup>57</sup> And some stood up and bore false witness against him, saying, <sup>58</sup> “We heard him say, ‘*I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.*’ ” <sup>59</sup> Yet *even about this their testimony did not agree.* <sup>60</sup> And the high priest stood up in the midst and *asked Jesus*, “Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?” <sup>61</sup> *But he remained silent and made no answer.* Again the high priest asked him, “*Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?*” <sup>62</sup> And Jesus said, “*I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.*” (Dan. 7:13-14; Ps. 110:1) <sup>63</sup> And the high priest *tore his garments* and said, “*What further witnesses do we need?*” <sup>64</sup> *You have heard his blasphemy.* What is your decision?” *And they all condemned him as deserving death.* <sup>65</sup> And some began to spit on him and *to cover his face and to strike him, saying to him, “Prophesy!”* And the guards received him *with blows.*

5. “Destroy this temple...” Jesus is the one place we have been given to meet our creator.
6. Jesus controls the narrative...It is about Christ’s/God’s rule. (Lies don’t stick, he is condemned for the truth)

<sup>3</sup> “A textual variant supported by A Θ and the Majority text reads, “For you are a Galilean and your speech is like [a Galilean].” Although not as well supported textually as the shorter reading...” Edwards, J. R. (2002). *The Gospel according to Mark*. Grand Rapids, MI; Leicester, England: Eerdmans; Apollos.

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## Psalm 110:1–3

<sup>1</sup> The Lord says to my Lord: “*Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.*” <sup>2</sup> The Lord sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of your enemies! <sup>3</sup> **Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power, in holy garments...**

## Revelation 1:4–7

<sup>4</sup> John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from **him who is and who was and who is to come**, and from **the seven spirits** who are before his throne (Cf. 3:1; 4:5; 5:6), <sup>5</sup> and **from Jesus Christ** the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. *To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood* <sup>6</sup> and *made us a kingdom, priests* to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup> Behold, **he is coming with the clouds**, and *every eye will see him, even those who pierced him*, and all tribes of the earth *will wail on account of him*. Even so. Amen.

7. Rejection of God's authority is the heart of wickedness.
3. Jesus' word always comes true.
8. Jesus was condemned by human wickedness to overcome human wickedness!

## Isaiah 53:7–8

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9. The powerful love of God for sinners! (e.g. Peter)

## Romans 5:8

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10. We love him because he first loved us. (1 John 4:19)

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## Meditate on Mark 11–16 for Coming Sermons

(We will cover Mark 15:1–20 Sunday, March 27)

- I. Read **Mark 15:1–20** 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 15:1–20** 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. What kind of ugly fruit is the increasing godlessness of our culture producing? In what ways does this "old man" show up in your thoughts and actions?
2. With all that is going on in the world right now is it reassuring to remember that Jesus is on the throne at the Father's right hand?
3. Do you agree that a rejection of God's authority is at the heart of human wickedness? How did Jesus display perfect righteousness in his short response to the high priest?
4. In what way is the love of king Jesus on display in today's text? How does the failure of Peter connect to the victory of Jesus?
5. How does this powerful courageous love of Jesus get imparted to Peter? How do we get it? Who can you pray about this with?