

OUR CONSTANT NEED OF JESUS (Mk. 14:27-42)

June 1, 2025

TEXT—Mk. 14:27-42 Read Mk. 14:27-31.

MAIN IDEA—We all need grace from Jesus to overcome personal sin.

MEMORY VERSE—Jn. 15:5

I. OUR CONSTANT NEED OF HUMILITY & GRACE FROM JESUS (Mk. 14:27-31)

***THE PROPHECY OF COMING FAILURE (Mk.14:27).** Jesus predicted the disciple's failure that was guaranteed to happen based on the prophecy of scripture.

Zech. 13:7

Prov. 30:5

Ps. 34:19; Jn. 16:33

***THE LORD'S CONSTANT ENCOURAGEMENT (Mk.14:28).** Following the difficult news that the disciples would stumble after Christ's sacrifice, Jesus encourages them by stating He would rise again (i.e. death is not the end)!

Rom.8:28-29

***PETER'S ARROGANCE (Mk.14:29-31).** Peter arrogantly refused to accept Jesus' words. His refusal didn't change the reality of Christ's words, but revealed the enormity of Peter's blindness to His own sin.

Prov. 16:18-19

Jas. 4:6-10

II. OUR CONSTANT NEED FOR THE PRESENCE & POWER OF JESUS (Mk. 14:32-42)

***WATCH AND PRAY (V32-34).** Jesus came to this Garden to seek the Father in prayer. Leaving the other disciples at the entrance Jesus took Peter, James, and John deeper into the Garden instructing them to stay alert in prayer.

Is. 53:5-6,10

Lk. 22:44

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***THE CUP(V35-36).** Under intense agony Jesus cried out to God, 'Abba (meaning Daddy-an earnest plea) Father! He knew the Father was sovereign over all, including the plan of redemption. So He asked the Father to remove the cup.

2 Cor. 5:21

Mt.6:10

***THE FLESH IS WEAK (Mk.37-38).** After agonizing in prayer for an hour, Jesus returned to the disciples only to find them in deep sleep. How could they be strong enough to be loyal to Christ in the face of persecution when they could hardly stay awake to pray?

Heb. 4:14-16

Rom. 13:14

Jn. 15:5

***STILL PRAYING, STILL SLEEPING(V39-40).** While Jesus persevered in prayer, the disciples persevered in sleeping. Christ prayed through to victory, while the disciples were cruising towards defeat.

Rom. 5:8

***THE LORD'S PRESERVING GRACE (V41-42).** Jesus prevailed in prayer on behalf of the disciples and the future body of Christ. Even though the disciples failed miserably in their prayer life the Lord patiently dealt with them and does the same with all who will trust in Him.

Jn. 10:27-28

C.H. Spurgeon (1834-1892)—*Noah fell down many times in the ark, but he never once fell out of the ark.*