

THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD IN THE SUFFERINGS OF CHRIST (Mk.14:43-65)

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TEXT—Mark 14:43-65

Main Idea—God rules over all things and even over rules the sinful choices of men to accomplish His divine purposes.

Memory Verse—Gen.50:20

THE BETRAYAL OF CHRIST (V43)—Judas, deceived by Satan, cut a deal to hand Jesus over to the Sanhedrin for 30 pieces of silver (**Mt.26:14-15**). Knowing the Lord's place of prayer, Judas brought a crowd of religious leaders armed with swords and clubs to arrest Jesus.

Zach.11:12-13

John 18:3-9

> **Judas Kisses (V44-46)**—Here Judas performs the ultimate act of betrayal by calling Jesus Rabbi (teacher), then kissing Jesus to signal the soldiers to arrest him. **Lk.22:3**

> **Not This Way (V46-47)**—After Jesus knocked everyone down by simply declaring he was 'I am' (**Jn.18:6**), Peter attempted to defend Jesus by cutting off the ear of the high priest's slave.

Jn.18:10-11; Lk.22:51

> **Scattered Sheep (V48-50)**—The Lord's enemies hated Him but couldn't take Him until God's appointed time to fulfill the awesome plan of God (**Ps.41:9**)!

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God's Word prophesied: Christ's betrayal (Ps.41:9), his arrest (Is.53:7), manhandled (Ps.22:12-13), forsaken (Zech.13:7).

Prov.10:7

THE ARREST OF CHRIST (V53-54)—Under the cover of night Jesus was arrested by soldiers sent by the Chief Priests and religious leaders. They had a nighttime hearing and a rushed hearing early Friday morning to give the appearance that everything was done by the law. Yet the entire time they were so bent on executing Jesus that they broke their own laws in the process.

> **Falsely Accused (V55-56)**—Jesus is the sinless Lamb of God, therefore no matter how hard they tried they couldn't find real evidence of lawbreaking (**Is.53:9**).

> **Are You The Christ (V60-62)?** Jesus remained silent while His accusers lied further fulfilling Isaiah's prophecy of the suffering Messiah (**Is.53:7**).

Rev.1:7

> **Bruised For Our Iniquities (V63-65)**—Jesus was condemned and sentenced to die on the cross for blasphemy, even though He simply told the truth about who He was. He was spat upon, repeatedly punched, mocked, slapped, and humiliated by soldiers and the religious leaders.

Is.53:5-6, 10

Rom.11:33-36

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2 Lessons for Living

***Because God is Sovereign over Christ's suffering, all who trust in Christ's sufferings for us are forgiven & accepted into God's family (with the hope of heaven).**

***Because God is sovereign over Christ's suffering, even when life is out of my control, it's completely under God's control!**

Rom. 8:28, 37-39

C.H. Spurgeon (1834-1892) --*When you go through a trial, the sovereignty of God is the pillow upon which you lay your head.*