

The GOSPEL of MARK

Our Call to Discipleship

Kingdom Inauguration: The Savior's Betrayal

Mark 14:43-52

PASTOR'S PRAYER

Almighty, Father in heaven, you are strong, good, righteous and abounding in steadfast love & mercy. You are faithful, sure, unmoved and resolute in all your ways. You love your people and faithfully intercede for your people and work in us to accomplish your good, but often difficult, will. May Christ receive all praise, glory and honor. Our great sin is when we turn to lesser glories, lesser aims and wants and ends to give ourselves for them. Oh the tragedy and hopelessness when we believe the foolish lies of this world and their offer for joy and satisfaction. We confess this morning that our hearts are so prone to reflect on these. We also often assume we can live with these false glories alongside our preference for Jesus. Lord, grant your Spirit to come this morning and convince us of how vulnerable and weak we really are. How close we are to betraying our LORD or how apt we are to take up the world's loves and joys for our own. LORD Jesus grant us a glimpse of our glory all other attempts to compete will be seen as the vapor they really are. Oh Lord do this for us this morning because we can't do these things for ourselves. It is in the great name and renown of Jesus Christ our Savior we pray these things. Amen & Amen.

OUTLINE

1. Judas' Deception (vv. 43-45)
2. Peter's Protection (vv. 46-47)
3. Jesus' Submission (vv. 48-49)
4. The Disciples' Desertion (vv. 50-52)

Central Textual Truth

Jesus' resolute submission sustains all who follow him.

Central Sermon Aim

I want SGBC to trust Christ's resolute submission to sustain us in our fears.