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The Plot to Kill Jesus:

Mar 14:1 After two days it was the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take Him by trickery and put Him to death.

Mar 14:2 But they said, "Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar of the people."

The Anointing at Bethany:

Mar 14:3 And being in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, as He sat at the table, a woman came having an alabaster flask of very costly oil of spikenard. Then she broke the flask and poured it on His head.

Mar 14:4 But there were some who were indignant among themselves, and said, "Why was this fragrant oil wasted

Mar 14:5 For it might have been sold for more than three hundred denarii (about a year's wage!) and given to the poor." And they criticized her sharply.

Mar 14:6 But Jesus said, "Let her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a good work for Me.

Mar 14:7 For you have the poor with you always, and whenever you wish you may do them good; but Me you do not have always.

Mar 14:8 She has done what she could. She has come beforehand to anoint My body for burial.

Mar 14:9 Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her."

Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus:

Mar 14:10 Then Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Him to them.

Mar 14:11 And when they heard it, they were glad, and promised to give him money. So he sought how he might conveniently betray Him.

Jesus Celebrates the Passover with His Disciples:

Mar 14:12 Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they killed the Passover lamb, His disciples said to Him, "Where do You want us to go and prepare, that You may eat the Passover?"

Mar 14:13 And He sent out two of His disciples and said to them, "Go into the city, and a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him.

Mar 14:14 Wherever he goes in, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, "Where is the guest room in which I may eat the Passover with My disciples?"' "

v. 1-3 We know from *John 11:2* that this woman was **Mary**, the sister of Martha and Lazarus. It is not surprising that Mary would be here. After all, it is at the feet of Jesus that we most often see her..... This spikenard was very possibly Mary’s dowry.

vs. 4-5 John tells us it was the treasurer, Judas Iscariot (the first thing we hear Judas say!)—who said this. “This money could have been used for the poor,” he protested. Yet he said this not because he cared for the poor, but because he held the bag and was a thief (*John 12:4-6*). The Greek word translated “waste,” describing Judas’s estimation of Mary’s act, literally means “perdition”—the same word Jesus would use to describe Judas himself (*John 17:12*).

vs. 6-7 Poverty will never be solved by political realignment or economic adjustment because, be it the result of slothfulness or greed, poverty is a matter of the spirit. Until Jesus comes back and makes things right, the poor will indeed always be among us.

v. 8 Mary wouldn’t be able to keep the priests from falsely accusing Jesus, the crowds from mocking Him, the soldiers from crucifying Him—but she could pour oil upon Him in an act of worshipful acknowledgment that He had come to die. And in so doing, Mary did what she could. You might not be able to speak to large groups of people. You might be unable to preach, lead worship, or sing. But can you bake some bread for someone in need? to anoint ..Jesus told His disciples directly that He was going to die, be buried, and resurrect from the dead. But they didn’t understand. Yet because she sat at Jesus’ feet, Mary was able to understand that which the disciples missed.

v. 9 John tells us that after pouring ointment upon Jesus’ head, Mary wiped His feet with her hair (12:3). As a result, her hair took on the same fragrance as His feet. She smelled just like Jesus. That’s what worship does. One of the surest ways to change your fragrance is to be a worshiper.

vs. 10-11 And Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went unto the chief priests, to betray Him unto them. And when they heard it, they were glad, and promised to give him money. And he sought how he might conveniently betray Him. Was it Jesus’ commendation of Mary’s worship that moved Judas to betray Him?

vs. 12-14 Carrying water was the job of women, so a man carrying a jar of water would have stood out even in a crowd.

Chapter 14 We now have the longest chapter in Mark’s Gospel. Note that Jesus is the victim, but is still the One in charge! He is the One delivered into the hands of men, for in the chapter before us, we will see Mary (notorious for her sensitivity! – with Martha serving; falling at Jesus’ feet at Lazarus’ death; and now here) anointing Him although it happened before His triumphal entry-but is given here by Mark, in contrast to Judas, betraying Him, the religious leaders arresting Him, and finally Peter denying Him.

v. 2 The chief priests and scribe sought to kill Jesus, but not on the Passover, but when was Jesus crucified? On Passover! God is in charge. It’s not good to come against God, especially with trickery! He’s always in charge! Jesus was crucified on the Passover to fulfill the OT events- The Lamb of God to die on the Passover! **HAVE WE LEARNED THAT GOD IS ALWAYS IN CHARGE?**

v. 4 Look how contagious Judas complaints were! **Yours? Mine? Do you criticize others when they show more love than you?**

vs. 3-9 Mary is lost in her own world. At His feet, worshipping Him! Her worship is extravagant but she has no thought of the cost. That’s the way first love is! The disciples missed it! Notice their attitude! They were indignant! What a waste! They criticized her sharply!! Probably, she intended no more, than to show the great honor she had for Him, before all the company, and to complete His entertainment. **But Christ makes it to be an act of great faith**, as well as great love (*Mar 14:8*); “She is come beforehand, to anoint my body to the burying, as if she foresaw that my resurrection would prevent her doing it afterward. Mary seemed to understand that Jesus is going to go to the cross for her sin! Jesus says that this will be told to the whole world as a memorial! Pour out your most precious on Jesus! She has done what she could – can that be said about you? About me?

v. 10 Judas had a choice! We too have a choice! That which he proposed to himself, was, to get money by the bargain. Covetousness was Judas's master - lust, his own iniquity, and that betrayed him to the sin of betraying his Master; the devil suited his temptation to that, and so conquered him. Notice what need we have to double our guard against the sin that most easily besets us. Note that Mary hadn’t had all the teaching Judas had! Mary hadn’t seen all the miracles Judas had seen! **But sitting at the feet of Jesus! What about you? About me?**

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Mar 14:15 Then he will show you a large upper room, furnished and prepared; there make ready for us."

Mar 14:16 So His disciples went out, and came into the city, and found it just as He had said to them; and they prepared the Passover.

Mar 14:17 In the evening He came with the twelve.

Mar 14:18 Now as they sat and ate, Jesus said, "Assuredly, I say to you, one of you who eats with Me will betray Me."

Mar 14:19 And they began to be sorrowful, and to say to Him one by one, "Is it I?" And another said, "Is it I?"

Mar 14:20 He answered and said to them, "It is one of the twelve, who dips with Me in the dish.

Mar 14:21 The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had never been born."

Jesus Institutes the Lord’s Supper:

Mar 14:22 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them and said, "Take, eat; this is My body."

Mar 14:23 Then He took the cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, and they all drank from it.

Mar 14:24 And He said to them, "This is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many.

Mar 14:25 Assuredly, I say to you, I will no longer drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

Mar 14:26 And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

v. 15 Many Bible scholars believe this Upper Room was owned by the mother of John Mark, the author of this Gospel. Most likely, it was the same room wherein the disciples met on the Day of Pentecost.

vs. 16-19 Only a few days previously, the disciples had argued over who was the greatest (Mark 9:34). At that time Jesus was not in their midst. Whenever Jesus is not in our midst, we start arguing over our position, our importance, our greatness. But now, in the presence of Jesus, their attitudes change radically. They’re not asking “Who’s the greatest?” They’re asking, “Will I be the one to deny You?” **True humility is always the result of true intimacy with Jesus Christ.**

vs. 20-21 In those days, meals were served on a u-shaped table that was low to the ground. To eat, one would recline around the table, leaning on his right arm and using his left to dip bread into a common dish. From John’s Gospel we know that John was on Jesus’ right side (13:23). This means the one who dipped his hand into the dish with the Lord must have been on his left side—which was always the place of honor. In other words, **Jesus gave Judas the place of honor the very night he betrayed Him. Until the end, Jesus gave Judas an opportunity to repent.** This blesses me greatly because if Jesus placed Judas in a place of honor, and to the very end called him friend, *Never been born..* The same still holds true for any man. **He who is not born again soon will wish he had never been born at all because hell is a real place wherein the fire is never quenched and the worm dies not** (Mark 9:43, 44).

vs. 22-25 After eating the bread, the cup would be passed seven times. Evidently, on the seventh time, Jesus refused to drink from the cup, but said He would wait until He could drink it with us in the kingdom.

v. 26 And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives. Crossing the Kidron Valley, Jesus and His disciples made their way up the side of the Mount of Olives.

Vs. 12-21 A man carrying a pitcher of water would be rare in that day.

One of you will betray Me! They all said, is it I?

Vs. 18 & 20, it’s the one who dips with me in the dish.

Jesus said woe to that man!!! **The same thing really, for anyone who rejects Jesus!**

ARE YOU HIS? COMPLETELY? HOW ABOUT THOSE AROUND YOU, WHO DO NOT YET KNOW HIM?

v. 22-24 *1Co 11:23-24 For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; [24] and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." [25] In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." [26] For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.*

The Lord’s Supper was instituted **to be a memorial of His death**; and therefore **he broke the bread**, to show **how it pleased the Lord to bruise him**; and He called the *wine*, which is the blood of the grape, the *blood of the New Testament*. The death Christ died was a *bloody death*, and frequent mention is made of the *blood*, the *precious blood*, as **the pride of our redemption; for the blood is the life**, and **made atonement for the soul**, *Lev 17:11-14*. The pouring out of the blood was the most sensible indication of the *pouring out of his soul*, *Isa 53:12*. Blood has a *voice* (*Gen 4:10*); and *therefore* blood is so often mentioned, because it was to *speak*, *Heb 12:24*. It is called the *blood of the New Testament*; for the covenant of grace became a *testament*, and of force by the death of Christ, the testator, *Heb 9:16*. It is said to be *shed for many*, to justify *many* (*Isa 53:11*), to bring *many* sons to glory, *Heb 2:10*. It was sufficient for *many*, being of infinite value; it has been of use to *many*; we read of a great multitude which no man could number, that had all *washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb* (*Rev 7:9-14*); and still it is a *fountain opened*. How comfortable is this to poor repenting sinners, that the blood of Christ is *shed for many*! And if for *many*, why not for *me*? If for sinners, sinners of the Gentiles, the chief of sinners, then *why not for me*? (Henry)

v. 25 when I DRINK IT WITH YOU! Faithful to speak of His future return!

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Jesus Predicts Peter’s Denial:

Mar 14:27 Then Jesus said to them, "All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written: 'I WILL STRIKE THE SHEPHERD, AND THE SHEEP WILL BE SCATTERED.'

Mar 14:28 "But after I have been raised, I will go before you to Galilee."

Mar 14:29 Peter said to Him, "Even if all are made to stumble, yet I will not be."

Mar 14:30 Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you that today, even this night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times."

Mar 14:31 But he spoke more vehemently, "If I have to die with You, I will not deny You!" And they all said likewise.

The Prayer in the Garden:

Mar 14:32 Then they came to a place which was named Gethsemane; and He said to His disciples, "Sit here while I pray."

Mar 14:33 And He took Peter, James, and John with Him, and He began to be troubled and deeply distressed.

Mar 14:34 Then He said to them, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch."

Mar 14:35 He went a little farther, and fell on the ground, and prayed that if it were possible, the hour might pass from Him.

Mar 14:36 And He said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for You. Take this cup away from Me; nevertheless, not what I will, but what You will."

Mar 14:37 Then He came and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "Simon, are you sleeping? Could you not watch one hour?"

Mar 14:38 Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Mar 14:39 Again He went away and prayed, and spoke the same words.

Mar 14:40 And when He returned, He found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy; and they did not know what to answer Him.

Mar 14:41 Then He came the third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? It is enough! The hour has come; behold, the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners.

Mar 14:42 Rise, let us be going. See, My betrayer is at hand."

Betrayal and Arrest in Gethsemane:

Mar 14:43 And immediately, while He was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, with a great multitude with swords and clubs, came from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders.

Mar 14:44 Now His betrayer had given them a signal, saying, "Whomever I kiss, He is the One; seize Him and lead Him away safely."

v. 27 “Lord, I’ll never leave You,” Peter insisted, cock-sure of his loyalty.

v. 30 “You’re crowing about how great you are, Peter, but you’ll soon discover otherwise,” said Jesus.

vs. 31-33 Facing spiritual and physical suffering more intense than anything we can imagine, Jesus went to the garden to pray—and asked Peter, James, and John to accompany Him. It’s interesting that **during the most intense time of His whole life, Jesus would want human companionship.** There is no shortage of people who will say, “Lord, I’ll work for You.” But I wonder how many say, “Lord, I’m taking **some time just to be with You.**”

vs. 34-36 Why could Jesus submit to God’s will? Because He understood God’s nature. Jesus saw God as a Father, a Papa, an Abba. The greatest prayer of faith we make is when we say, “Lord, here’s my perspective, my intention—but it is Your will that must be done because You see things I don’t; You know things I can’t.” **When you are truly secure in who the Father is, you’ll find yourself praying His will to be done rather than demanding that your own plan be enacted.**

v. 37 Jesus had changed Peter’s name from Simon, or “Shifting Sand,” to Peter, or “Rock” (Matthew 16:18). Here, finding him sleeping, Jesus calls him Simon once again.

v. 38 **True prayer is as much protection as it is petition.** Things happen to me that wouldn’t have happened had I prayed. And the same is true for you.

vs. 39-41 With a time gap of unknown duration between verse 41 and 42, Jesus told His disciples to give in to the sleep that continued to overtake them.

v. 42 Jesus could rise up because He had already knelt down. He could stand up because He already had bowed down. Jesus found strength for this moment because of the time He had spent in prayer.

v. 43-47 We know from John 18:10 that the one who smote the servant of the high priest was Peter.. **Peter used the wrong weapon at the wrong time for the wrong purpose with the wrong motive.** So, too, any time I use the Sword of the Spirit—the Word—to **chop someone else down, I will only leave ears in my wake.** “Put away your sword,” Jesus said to Peter (Matthew 26:52). And I wonder if He doesn’t whisper the same thing to some of us from time to time. Regardless of how many Bible verses we know, if we’re chopping off ears and people are bleeding because we’re trying to prove our own spirituality, we’re in error. Luke tells us the Lord stooped down, picked up Malchus’ ear and reattached it (22:51). Likewise, He restores the ears I’ve chopped off and corrects the mistakes I’ve made.

Vs. 27 ..STRIKE THE SHEPHERD... Zec 13:7-9

"Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, Against the Man who is My Companion," Says the LORD of hosts. "**Strike the Shepherd, And the sheep will be scattered;** Then I will turn My hand against the little ones. **(2,000 plus years later)** [8] And it shall come to pass in all the land," Says the LORD, "That two-thirds in it shall be cut off *and* die, But *one*-third shall be left in it: [9] I will bring the *one*-third through the fire, Will refine them as silver is refined, And test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, And I will answer them. I will say, 'This is My people'; And each one will say, 'The LORD is my God.'

v. 28 He continues to speak about the future; after their failure; “after I have been raised”. One of the most important things we will ever learn is how to handle failure. **HOW EFFECTIVE ARE WE IN HANDLING “AFTER: FAILURE?**

Vs. 29-31 **No amount of self effort and best intentions can prevail over the flesh; only through and by the power of the Holy Spirit can we have real victory!** **HAVE WE LEARNED THAT YET? ARE WE STILL A “BOASTING PETER”?**

Vs. 32-42 **Gethsamane – “olive press” To get olive oil, there had to be great pressing, enough to break the olive pits! Here is a fitting place for Jesus to have the greatest pressure with respect to his surrendering to the Father’s will! If there was another way!**

Jesus falling to the ground because He is going to bear my sin! – in order that I might be a forgiven person tonight; a saved person tonight; that I might have hope tonight! That the whole world might have hope tonight!

Vs. 44 Now His betrayer had given them a signal, saying, "Whomever I kiss (*phileo – to kiss fondly*), He is the One; seize Him and lead *Him* away safely."

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Mar 14:45 As soon as he had come, immediately he went up to Him and said to Him, "Rabbi, Rabbi!" and kissed Him.
Mar 14:46 Then they laid their hands on Him and took Him.
Mar 14:47 And one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear.
Mar 14:48 Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs to take Me?"
Mar 14:49 I was daily with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize Me. But the Scriptures must be fulfilled."
Mar 14:50 Then they all forsook Him and fled.

A Young Man Flees Naked:

Mar 14:51 Now a certain young man followed Him, having a linen cloth thrown around his naked body. And the young men laid hold of him,
Mar 14:52 and he left the linen cloth and fled from them naked.

Jesus Faces the Sanhedrin:

Mar 14:53 And they led Jesus away to the high priest; and with him were assembled all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes.
Mar 14:54 But Peter followed Him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. And he sat with the servants and warmed himself at the fire.
Mar 14:55 Now the chief priests and all the council sought testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, but found none.
Mar 14:56 For many bore false witness against Him, but their testimonies did not agree.
Mar 14:57 Then some rose up and bore false witness against Him, saying,
Mar 14:58 "We heard Him say, 'I will destroy this temple made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands.'"
Mar 14:59 But not even then did their testimony agree.
Mar 14:60 And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, saying, "Do You answer nothing? What is it these men testify against You?"
Mar 14:61 But He kept silent and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked Him, saying to Him, "Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?"
Mar 14:62 Jesus said, "I am. And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven."

vs. 48-49 Jesus’ teaching was available to anyone and everyone. He didn’t have an esoteric secret agenda to share with a few chosen ones. Rather, He gave His teaching publicly, openly to everyone, to anyone who wanted to listen.

v. 50 “Let him who thinks he stand take heed lest he fall,” Paul warns us (1 Corinthians 10:12). The same one who just a few hours previously had declared, “Lord, I will never forsake You,” now fled.

vs. 51-52 Most commentators agree that this young man was John Mark. Most likely a teenager at this time, awakened by the sound of the commotion outside, he probably quickly wrapped himself in a sheet and followed the soldiers to the Garden of Gethsemane—fleeing the scene when things looked dangerous.

vs. 53-54 Peter was cold not only physically but spiritually—which would lead to his denial of Christ altogether. **Was there a time when you were following the Lord with a “front-row” mentality** before your schedule filled with hobbies and activities to the point that now **you’re following Him “afar off”**? Peter became so cold that he sought to warm himself by the enemy’s fire. So, too, your desire to warm yourself by the fires of the old gang or your old haunts will be proportionate to the distance you have allowed between yourself and the Lord.

vs. 55-59 As we see in the next chapter, the reason the priests and leaders were determined to see Jesus killed was simply envy. Realizing there was something about Him that attracted people to Him, they sought to do away with Him. And wanting to give their actions the appearance of legality, they called men who would bear false witness against Him. What is false witness? It’s not always an outright whopper of a lie. As in this case, it’s simply the right information but with the wrong implication. Jesus did indeed say He would destroy the temple—but He was talking about His own body (John 2:19–21).

vs. 60-62 *I am...* “Who shall I say sent me?” Moses asked. **“I am that I am,”** God answered (Exodus 3:14). And here, Jesus uses the same name. *clouds of heaven...* After speaking of His deity, Jesus immediately refers to His humanity, using a phrase from Daniel 7:13, which speaks of Messiah’s humanity.

Vs. 45 As soon as he had come, immediately he went up to Him and said to Him, “Rabbi, Rabbi!” and kissed (*kataphileo* – **to kiss most earnestly**) Him.

Mat 26:50 But Jesus said to him, "Friend, why have you come?" **Jesus said - Friend** - Rather, companion, $\epsilon \tau \alpha \iota \rho \epsilon$, (not Friend), wherefore, rather, against whom art thou come? How must these words have cut his very soul, if he had any sensibility left! Surely, thou, who hast so long been my companion, art not come against me, thy Lord, Teacher and Friend! **What is the human heart not capable of, when abandoned by God, and influenced by Satan and the love of money!** (Clarke)

Luke 22:48 But Jesus said to him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"

This is the basest act of treachery ever recorded. It is foul and loathsome. Judas knew our Lord's accustomed place of retirement, and he led the enemy there. **A kiss is a badge of love and affection. Judas used it to betray Christ**, which makes his act more dastardly and repugnant. It is well to observe that **our Lord in His humanity was not different** from other men. He **needed to be identified** in a crowd. This marks the moment that Jesus was delivered into the hands of sinful men. (Clarke)

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Mar 14:63 Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "What further need do we have of witnesses?

Mar 14:64 You have heard the blasphemy! What do you think?" And they all condemned Him to be deserving of death.

Mar 14:65 Then some began to spit on Him, and to blindfold Him, and to beat Him, and to say to Him, "Prophecy!" And the officers struck Him with the palms of their hands.

Peter Denies Jesus, and Weeps.

Mar 14:66 Now as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came.

Mar 14:67 And when she saw Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, "You also were with Jesus of Nazareth."

Mar 14:68 But he denied it, saying, "I neither know nor understand what you are saying." And he went out on the porch, and a rooster crowed.

Mar 14:69 And the servant girl saw him again, and began to say to those who stood by, "This is one of them."

Mar 14:70 But he denied it again. And a little later those who stood by said to Peter again, "Surely you are one of them; for you are a Galilean, and your speech shows it."

Mar 14:71 Then he began to curse and swear, "I do not know this Man of whom you speak!"

Mar 14:72 A second time the rooster crowed. Then Peter called to mind the word that Jesus had said to him, "Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times." And when he thought about it, he wept.

INTERPRETATION

vs. 63-64 Even as Caiaphas ripped his clothes, the validity would be ripped from the priesthood of Aaron, and **the veil in the temple would be ripped in two, signifying that the entire temple system would no longer be necessary.**

v. 65 “When someone smites you, turn the other cheek,” Jesus had taught (Luke 6:29). Did He do this? There being no inconsistency whatsoever between what He said and what He did, Jesus not only turned His cheek, but He also gave His entire body to die for the very men who beat Him.

vs. 66-70 As Peter discovered, our attempts to warm ourselves by the world’s fires always backfire. As believers, our accent betrays us. We don’t laugh as hard as we once did; we don’t enter in as freely as we used to because although we have too much of the world to enjoy the Lord, we also have too much of the Lord to enjoy the world.

v. 71 When their nets became tangled on the bottom of the sea, fishermen resorted to using the most vulgar oaths and cursing. Having hit bottom himself, Peter is tangled up in his own pride and sin, and therefore does what came naturally to the fisherman he had been.

v. 72 *Jesus said unto him, Before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice.* Due to the mess they made, roosters were not allowed in the city of Jerusalem. Therefore, a rooster’s crow would have been a strange sound. But, in this case, it was an appropriate one because Peter surely had made a mess of things. *he wept...* Translated “wept,” the Greek word doesn’t mean to shed a silent tear. Rather, it means to convulse in sorrow. **At this point, as far as Peter knew, his relationship with Jesus was permanently and totally severed. As far as he knew, his sin was unpardonable. No wonder he wept.**

APPLICATION

I SERVE A RISEN SAVIOR!

1 *I serve a risen Savior, He’s in the world today.
I know that He is living, Whatever men may say.
I see His hand of mercy; I hear His voice of cheer;
And just the time I need Him, He’s always near.*

*He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life’s narrow way.
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.*

2 *In all the world around me, I see His loving care,
And though my heart grows weary, I never will despair;
I know that He is leading, Through all the stormy blast;
The day of His appearing, Will come at last. (Refrain)*

3 *Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, Lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs, To Jesus Christ the King!
The Hope of all who seek Him, The Help of all who find,
None other is so loving, So good and kind. (Refrain)*

Notice that even as Peter failed and wept over the failure. You have two contrasting things here—you have Judas Iscariot who betrayed Jesus. Later he repents when he sees that Jesus is being crucified, he brought the money back and he said, Take this money back, I betrayed innocent blood. And they said, That’s your problem, we can’t take it back. We can’t put it in the treasury, it’s blood money. So he just threw it on the floor and said do with it what you want. **And he repented and it said, And he went out and hung himself.**

Peter repented with bitter tears and was forgiven.

The difference, and so many people today, they’re sorry for what they did but only because it didn’t work out like they were hoping it would. Others are genuinely sorry because of their weakness and their failure, they didn’t intend to do that. God is merciful and God forgives. Peter was yet used by God as one of the founding fathers of the church. He had a tremendous, powerful ministry. And he had a chance to redeem himself which he did very valiantly in Acts chapter four. **Cf. 1 Peter 1:3-9**

MARK CHAP. 14 – The Plot to Kill Jesus; The Anointing at Bethany; Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus; Jesus Celebrates the Passover with His Disciples; Jesus Institutes the Lord's Supper; Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial; The Prayer in the Garden; Betrayal and Arrest in Gethsemane; A Young Man Flees Naked; Jesus Faces the Sanhedrin; Peter Denies Jesus, and Weeps.

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THE LORD'S SUPPER: - THE BLOOD!

The Lord's Supper was instituted **to be a memorial of His death**; and therefore **He broke the bread**, to show **how it pleased the Lord to bruise Him**; and He called the wine, which is the blood of the grape, the **blood of the New Testament**.

The death Christ died was a bloody death, and frequent mention is made of the *blood*, **the precious blood**, as **the price of our redemption**; for **the blood is the life**, and **made atonement for the soul**, Lev 17:11-14 *For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.* [12] *Therefore I said to the children of Israel, 'No one among you shall eat blood, nor shall any stranger who dwells among you eat blood.'* [13] *'Whatever man of the children of Israel, or of the strangers who dwell among you, who hunts and catches any animal or bird that may be eaten, he shall pour out its blood and cover it with dust; [14] for it is the life of all flesh. Its blood sustains its life. Therefore I said to the children of Israel, 'You shall not eat the blood of any flesh, for the life of all flesh is its blood. Whoever eats it shall be cut off.'*

The **pouring out of the blood** was the most sensible indication of the **pouring out of His soul**, Isa 53:12 *Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, And He shall divide the spoil with the strong, Because He poured out His soul unto death, And He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors.*

Blood has a voice Gen 4:10 *And He said, 'What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground.*

*and therefore **blood is so often mentioned, because it was to speak**, Heb 12:24 to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.*

It is called the **blood of the New Testament**; for the covenant of grace became a *testament*, and of force by the death of Christ, the testator, Heb 9:16 *For where there is a testament, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator.*

It is said to be **shed for many, to justify many** Isa 53:11 *He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, For He shall bear their iniquities.*

to bring many sons to glory, Heb 2:10 *For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.*

It was sufficient for many, being of infinite value; it has been of use to *many*; we read of a great multitude which no man could number, that had all *washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb* Rev 7:9-14 *After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, [10] and crying out with a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!'* [11] *All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, [12] saying: 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, Be to our God forever and ever. Amen.'* [13] *Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, 'Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?'* [14] *And I said to him, 'Sir, you know.'* So he said to me, *"These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.*

*and still it is a **fountain opened**. - **How comfortable is this to poor repenting sinners, that the blood of Christ is shed for many! And if for many, why not for me? If for sinners, sinners of the Gentiles, the chief of sinners, then why not for me? (Henry)***