

Arrested by Design

Sermon 83 in the Matthew Series

Matthew 26:40-56

I. Arousing His Disciples 40-46

The Hour had Come.

45- KJV and ASV ...**Sleep on now, and take your rest:** behold, the hour is at hand,

It can be translated as a permissive imperative, a statement or a question

A possible solution from Hendricksen

II. The Betrayal Itself 47-50

His words to Judas. *“Friend, why have you come?”*

1. This address puts the onus on Judas.
2. *“friend* – not brother or disciple
3. Jesus spoke audibly because he wanted the mob to know that he was the one they were seeking.

III. Peter’s Heroic but Misguided Action 51-52

The Gospel is the power of God – the sword is the power of man.

IV. Christ had the Ability and Power to Escape 53

V. The Scripture must be Fulfilled 54-56

Matt. 26:31 -- Zech. 13:7 “Strike the shepherd and the sheep will be scattered”.

Isaiah 53:7 -- He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth;
He was led as a lamb to the slaughter...

Zechariah 11:12 ...So they weighed out for my wages thirty *pieces* of silver.

Zechariah 13:1 -- In that day a fountain shall be opened for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness.

VI. A Curious Addition -- Mark 14:51-52

Mark has basically the same account as Matthew's, except Matthew's is more detailed. But we do find two interesting verses in Mark that no other gospel mentions.

Is this young man John Mark himself?

Why the emphasis on "naked"? Maybe there is an OT allusion/prophecy.

Amos 2:16 -- The most courageous men of might shall flee naked in that day...

VII. Applications from John 18:1-12

1. There is great danger in having knowledge of God without a heart of love for God.

I need to realize that I am a fool to trust in myself.

There is no sin that has been committed on the face of the earth that I am not capable of committing:

- 1) Given the right circumstances
- 2) Given the severe attacks of Satan
- 3) And not being given the grace by Christ to endure.

2. Marvel at the absolute power of Christ and the total depravity of man. v. 6

3. The Absolute Protection of Christ for His Sheep v. 8-9

Here, "Let them go". In John 17 – "I have lost none."

It was a prayer in John 17. It becomes a reality in John 18.