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J Dinzey 2024 Q3 L11 Leaving All to Flee From Jesus

Read for This Week’s Study: *Mark 14, John 12:4–6, Rom. 8:28, Exod. 24:8, Jer. 31:31–34, Zech. 13:7.*

Memory Text: “And He said, ‘Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Take this cup from Me; Nevertheless, not what I will, but what You will’ ” (*Mark 14:36, NKJV*).

WEDNESDAY

September 11

Leaving All to Flee From Jesus

Read Mark 14:43–52. What happens here that is so crucial to the plan of salvation?

>>> Jesus had made His decision to die for us and now He must face the reality. The devil made as difficult as — he convinced one of His own betray Him...

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

>>> Jesus did not say run for your lives...

Judas

John 13:26-30 26 Jesus answered, “It is he to whom I shall give a piece of bread when I have dipped *it*.” And having dipped the bread, He gave *it* to Judas Iscariot, *the son* of Simon.

27 Now after the piece of bread, Satan entered him. Then Jesus said to him, “What you do, do quickly.”

28 But no one at the table knew for what reason He said this to him.

29 For some thought, because Judas had the money box, that Jesus had said to him, “Buy *those things* we need for the feast,” or that he should give something to the poor.

30 Having received the piece of bread, he then went out immediately. And it was night.

Mark 14:43–52 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.

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

>>> **Remember : Now after the piece of bread, Satan entered him**

Mark 14:45 As soon as he had come, immediately he went up to Him and said to Him, “Rabbi, Rabbi!” and kissed Him.

46 Then they laid their hands on Him and took Him.

47 And one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear.

48 Then Jesus answered and said to them, “Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs to take Me?

49 I was daily with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize Me. But the Scriptures must be fulfilled.”

50 Then they all forsook Him and fled.

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,
52 and he left the linen cloth and fled from them naked.

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It is shocking that one of Jesus' closest associates betrayed Him to His enemies. The Gospels do not go into great detail about Judas's motivation. But Ellen G. White writes: "Judas had naturally a strong love for money; but he had not always been corrupt enough to do such a deed as this. He had fostered the evil spirit of avarice until it had become the ruling motive of his life. The love of mammon overbalanced his love for Christ. Through becoming the slave of one vice he gave himself to Satan, to be driven to any lengths in sin."—Ellen G. White, *The Desire of Ages*, p. 716.

Psa 41:9 Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me.

Jhn 12:20 And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast:

Jhn 12:21 The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus.

Mat 2:1 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,

Mat 2:2 Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

Jhn 18:4 Jesus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon him, went forth, and said unto them, **Whom seek ye?**

Jhn 18:5 They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus saith unto them, **I am he.** And Judas also, which betrayed him, stood with them.

Jhn 18:6 As soon then as he had said unto them, **I am he,** they went backward, and fell to the ground.

Young man flees naked

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Jhn 18:7 Then asked he them again, **Whom seek ye?** And they said, Jesus of Nazareth.

Jhn 18:8 Jesus answered, **I have told you that I am he: if therefore ye seek me, let these go their way:**

Jhn 18:9 That the saying might be fulfilled, which he spake, Of them which thou gavest me have I lost none.

Betrayal in itself is deplored by all, even by those who make use of betrayers (*compare with Matt. 27:3–7*). But Judas’s deed is particularly nefarious because he seeks to hide his betrayal under the guise of friendship. He gives the crowd instruction that the man he kisses is the man to arrest. It appears that Judas wanted to hide his perfidy from Jesus and the other disciples.

Chaos breaks out when the crowd arrests Jesus. Someone draws a sword (John 18:10, 11 says it was Peter) and cuts off the ear of the high priest’s servant. Jesus addresses the mob, chastising them for doing in secret what they were afraid to do in the open, when He was teaching in the temple. But **Jesus ends with a reference to the Scriptures being fulfilled**. It is another signal of that dual plot running through the Passion Narrative—that the will of God is coming to fulfillment even as the will of man works to destroy the Messiah.

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Think about the fearful idea that being a slave of only one vice led Judas to do what he did. What should this tell us about hating sin and, by God’s grace, overcoming it?



Additional Notes

Luk 22:3 Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve.

Luk 22:4 And he went his way, and communed with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray him unto them.

Luk 22:5 And they were glad, and covenanted to give him money.

Luk 22:6 And he promised, and sought opportunity to betray him unto them in the absence of the multitude.

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51. A certain young man. This apparently trivial incident does not appear to have any particular connection with the events of the night, yet Inspiration must have had some reason for including it in the narrative. It has been suggested that the author of the Gospel, John Mark (see Acts 12:12), here refers cryptically to his own connection with the arrest of Jesus. This “young man” can hardly have been one of the disciples, for they had all already forsaken Him and fled (Mark 14:50). It should be pointed out, however, that any suggestion regarding the identity of the young man is no more than a conjecture, reasonable though it may appear. Compare John’s studied failure to identify himself by name (John 21:20–24).

The young men. Textual evidence favors (cf. p. 146) the simple reading “they.”

52 Naked. Perhaps completely so, or more likely, clad only in his undergarment, or tunic (see on Matt. 5:40; John 21:7).