

March 13, 2022
Walking With Jesus to the Cross: Betrayal
Mark 14:43-52

Sometimes it is personal (vv. 43-46)

“Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, ‘The one I will kiss is the man. Seize him and lead him away under guard’” (Mark 14:44).

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places” (Ephesians 6:10-12).

Payback always destroys (vv. 47-49)

“But one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear” (Mark 14:47).

*“When the Church takes sword in hand, it usually shows that it does not know how to wield it, and as often as not has struck the wrong person”
(Alexander MacLaren).*

Sometimes you stand alone (vs. 50)

“And they all left him and fled” (Mark 14:50).

“And Jesus said to them, ‘You will all fall away, for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered’” (Mark 14:27).

Sometimes you run away (vs. 51-52)

“...but he left the linen cloth and ran away naked” (Mark 14:52).

