

Learning to Trust when things aren't Just Mark 14:43-52

- I. **Jesus accepts the injustice of the unbelieving leaders who arrest Him (Mark 14:43-49).**
 - A. Jesus was betrayed and seized (14:43-46).
 1. Armed guards – both religious and political – arrive to arrest Jesus.
 2. Judas kisses Jesus to identify him to the soldiers.
 - People in disagreement will unite against Jesus.
 - Sin makes us afraid – soldiers (John 18:6).
 - B. Jesus refuses to resist His arrest (Mark 14:47).
 1. Peter attacked, severing the ear of the high priest's servant (John 18:10).
 - Some unjust suffering is God's will and we must not resist or try to avoid it.
 2. Jesus rebuked Peter and healed the ear (Luke 22:51).
 - We can entrust ourselves to God when we suffer for doing right, but not wrong (1 Peter 2:19-23).
 - C. Jesus rebukes the deceit of Judas and the Jews (14:48-49).
 - When we know that injustice done against us can be God's will, we can accept it (Isaiah 53:7-10).
- II. **Jesus accepts the injustice of His followers who all abandon Him (Mark 14:50-52).**
 - A. All the disciples flee (14:50; see 14:27)
 - B. Mark [?] flees (14:51-52; Passover at Mark's home [?] – see Mark 12:12).
 - Fear can make us abandon our spiritual commitments (financial, ministry, marriage...)