

Mark 14:43-52

A False Follower

A Foolish Follower

A Fearful Follower

A Faithful Savior

43-46 A False Follower

a. Judas-one of the 12

Psalm 41:9 Even my close friend,
someone I trusted, one who shared my
bread, has turned against me.

b. Proximity to Jesus isn't faith in Jesus
Outward religion masks inward
corruption.

John 18:4-6 ⁴Jesus, knowing all that was going to happen to him, went out and asked them, “Who is it you want?”
⁵“Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “I am he,” Jesus said. And Judas the traitor was standing there with them.
⁶When Jesus said, “I am he,” they drew back and fell to the ground.

John 18:7-8 “Jesus of Nazareth,” they said. ⁸ Jesus answered, “I told you that I am he. If you are looking for me, then let these men go.” ⁹ This happened so that the words he had spoken would be fulfilled: “I have not lost one of those you gave me.”

Jesus is our faithful Protector

47-50 A Foolish Follower

Luke 22:47-48 ⁴⁷ While he was still speaking a crowd came up, and the man who was called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him, ⁴⁸ but Jesus asked him, “Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?”

47-50 A Foolish Follower

John 18:10 Then Simon Peter having a sword drew it, and smote the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus.

Matthew 26:53 Do you think that I cannot appeal to My Father, and He will at once put at My disposal more than twelve legions of angels?

Mark 14:37 And He came and found them sleeping. And said to Peter, “Simon, could you not watch and pray for one hour”?

Peter was asked to watch and pray, but instead, he picked up a sword.

Do we ever disobey Christ?

Doing things, we are not told to do, instead of things, we are told to do.

Luke 22:51 But Jesus answered, “No more of this!” And he touched the man’s ear and healed him.”

Jesus is a Faithful Healer

51-52 A Fearful Follower

Possibly Mark himself to record his eyewitness account of these facts

The upper room may have been the home of John Mark, and he simply followed them after the Lord's Supper

Acts 12:12 Early church met at John Mark's home often

Leviticus 16:8-10 He is to cast lots for the two goats, one lot for the LORD and the other for the scapegoat.⁹ Aaron shall bring the goat whose lot falls to the LORD and sacrifice it for a sin offering. ¹⁰ But the goat chosen by lot as the scapegoat shall be presented alive before the LORD to be used for making atonement by sending it into the wilderness as a scapegoat.

John 1:29

The next day, John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

JESUS is our Faithful Savior

Jesus' surrender is not a sign of weakness, but of strength and faithful obedience.

He trusts God's sovereignty & submits to His will, showing us the path of true discipleship

Application: We are called to submit to God's will, trusting His plan even in difficult circumstances. Our faithfulness is tested not in comfort, but in adversity.