

“The Kiss of the Enemy” May 20, 2018

Mark 14:43-52

Intro.

I. Judas approaches

A. Small army/crowd (John 18:3, Luke 22:52)

1. **Armed**
2. Sent by the religious leaders (Luke 19:47-48)
3. **Roman** cohort (600), chief priests and officers
4. How would Jesus and His disciples respond?

B. The signal

Kiss (Proverbs 27:6)

1. Didn't hesitate
2. **Normal** greeting
3. Jesus allowed it
4. **Anonymity** (John 13:23-26)

C. Judas' expectation

1. **Protective** custody
2. What would happen to Him?

II. Peter attacks (John 18:10)

III. Jesus' confrontation

A. **Robber** [*lēstēs*] - plunderer (Mark 11:17)

B. **Weapons** (Zechariah 13:7)

C. Why now?

IV. Disciples flee

A. **Prophecy** (Jesus, Zechariah)

B. The naked guy

1. Why mention this?
2. Referenced **himself**
3. **Followed**
4. John Mark
5. **Everyone** fled

V. Application

A. Salvation by association

1. **Church** attendance
2. **Repent, confess and believe**

B. Secret sin (James 1:14-15; 4:1-3,)

1. **Festering** cancer
2. Will **consume** you

C. The enemy is opportunistic 9 (Genesis 4:6-7, Ephesians 4:25-27))

D. Remorse vs. **repentance**

1. Shame, humiliation, regret, hopelessness - the enemies strategy

Once the **enemy** has used you

2. Repentance and forgiveness - God's strategy (1 John 1:9, John 8:31-32, 1 Corinthians 15:55-57)

God's **desire** for you

Action Point(s): _____

Next week: Mark 14:53-72