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An Exposition of the Book of Mark



Betrayed & Stricken

Mark 14:12-31

Main Idea

Jesus Christ, the sinless substitute, was betrayed by man and stricken by God.

Chapter Outline

- Verse 1: Disciples in awe of the temple
- Verse 2: Jesus tells the disciples the temple will soon be destroyed
- Verses 3-4: Disciples ask two questions (cf. Mt. 24:1-2)
 - When will the temple be destroyed?
 - What are the signs of the end of the age?
- Verses 5-13: Jesus gives the disciples a warning about global and personal suffering before answering their question
- Verses 14-20: Jesus answers the disciples first question
- Verses 21-23: Jesus warns the disciples of false teaching
- Verses 24-27: Jesus answer the disciples second question
- Verses 28-37: Jesus wraps us his teaching with two parables
 - 28-31: Parable of the fig tree wrapping up the first question
 - 32-37: Parable of the doorkeeper wrapping up the second question

Overview

- **Jesus Christ, the Sinless Substitute betrayed**
 - Passover meal:
 - Instituted just before the Exodus
 - Slain lamb whose blood is smeared over door posts
 - Unleaven Bread eaten due to how they needed to leave quickly
 - This meal was done to commemorate how God acted for His people
 - Angel of Death “Passed Over” door posts with blood
 - God struck first born of Egyptian families & animals
 - God delivered His people into land of promise
 - This meal was a pointing forward to true Passover Lamb
 - Jesus had orchestrated the location of the Meal (His Divine Foreknowledge)
 - He was going “as it was written”
 - Jesus saw himself as a fulfillment of OT Prophecy
 - Same way NT authors saw Him (same way we should see him)
 - Jesus affirms both God’s plan for Judas to betray AND Judas’ responsibility
 - God planned for Judas to betray Him
 - Judas did what he wanted to do
 - Jesus/Author is comfortable with holding onto both
 - Jesus predicts Disciples will fall away

- Peter denies, but Jesus says he will deny him (ashamed) 3 times that night
- **Jesus Christ, the Sinless Substitute, Stricken by God**
 - Jesus institutes New Covenant meal at a Passover meal (not a coincidence)
 - Passover was pointing to work of Christ
 - Takes bread & wine and says they are symbols of his body & blood
 - Not actual, but representative...symbols to remember & give thanks
 - Bread represents the Person of Christ (not just his flesh)
 - Blood represents the blood of the New Covenant
 - New Covenant Prophesied: Jer. 31, Ezekiel 36, Joel 2
 - God was going to relate to His people differently
 - After the Exodus God est. Old Covenant: Presence lived in Temple
 - In New Covenant, b/c of Christ's work, God lives inside His people
 - Blood indicates life (Lev. 17.14)
 - Jesus' blood was needed to pay our debt for us
 - His sinless blood was needed to purchase us out of slavery to sin and into freedom
 - We were dead apart from Him, but through repentance and faith in His substitutionary work we can have life by His blood
 - Jesus was stricken by God (vs. 27) in order to absorb God's wrath against our sin (our punishment)
 - We should have been struck, but Christ took our punishment for us
 - Those who repent and believe have the righteousness of Christ transferred to them (grace!)
 - Jesus says He will raise from the dead (vs. 28)
 - This indicates His payment was received by God
 - This indicates He overcame the death that sin caused (now we can have life)
 - His not eating fruit of the vine until the consummation of the New Kingdom tells us that His return is immanent and while it has begun, it will be complete upon His return

Questions

Discussion Starter: What do you think a meal with friends that you knew were going to betray you be like? Do you think you would be very loving towards these people at the meal?

1. Why is it the Disciples (and Peter in particular) think themselves stronger than Jesus' prophecy?
2. How are we alike? How do we try and reason against God's word that describes us?
3. Having heard an explanation of the Lord's Supper, is there anything you hadn't heard or been taught regarding it before?
4. What does the bread indicate and why would Jesus want us to remember this? (Entire Person of Christ, not just flesh)
5. What does the blood indicate and why would Jesus want us to remember this? (Blood = Life)
6. What is meant by "blood of the covenant"? (New Covenant = God will relate to His own different than He did before due to the work of Christ)
7. Why would God the Father "strike" God the son? (vs. 27) Why was this necessary?
8. Since Jesus was able to do all the things that God could do, why would He not just get out of the way of all of that was about to occur? (Mark 10.45...this is why He came)
9. What significance does the resurrection have to Gospel? Is it of primary importance?
10. Discuss vs. 25 and talk about how in one sense the Kingdom of God has arrived in Christ (Mk. 1.15) and yet in another sense, it has not yet come.