

Eastridge Church
Sermon Study Questions

Series - Mark: The Untold Story of Jesus

Week 50: Uncle!

Passage: Mark 14:43-15:39



The passage for today's sermon is one that is often very familiar to us as Christians. Before you dive into the passage, I would ask that you do two things: 1) *Pray that the Holy Spirit would highlight something out of the passage and help you to see it in a new light.* 2) *Read the passage in its entirety before any discussion.*

Re-read Mark 14:43-15:39

Spend the next 5-10 minutes in prayerful meditation. Is there anything that the Holy Spirit is highlighting to you? Is there anything that He has pressed upon your heart? Take some time to share, listen and respond appropriately to what the Holy Spirit is doing.

We often fixate on the gross and public betrayal by Judas, but Pastor Dwain highlighted how all of Jesus' closest friends ultimately betrayed him because they were fearing the wrong authority. For many believers now it is tempting to see the disciples of Jesus as cowardly in the face of adversity, but the truth is that many of us today turn away regularly from what Jesus asks of us and it is often because we fear something or someone. **Read Proverbs 9:10.** *What important role does fear play when it is directed appropriately? How has the truth of this verse looked in your life or how should it look?*

In Mark 14:60-62, Jesus makes a very clear and stunning claim. *Why is this claim so important? Why would this claim from Jesus be foolishness to those that only respect or admire Jesus for his "moral" teachings? Why would it be a stumbling block for those that expected the Messiah to come and dominate his enemies?*

Pastor Dwain stated the following thoughts on suffering as he concluded his message:

- Trust that God's suffering will ultimately lead in victory
- Ask Jesus to show you how to grow in maturity through the battles and blessings
- Remember that what Jesus has gone through for you makes him closer than your skin

Which of these thoughts stand out to you the most? Is there one that you struggle? Is there one that encourages you?

Close your time in prayer. Thank God that He chose to enter into suffering and that He is a God that redeems our suffering if we allow Him to.