

**Recap of 5/26/24 message by Pastor Joe (Mark 14:43-52):**

1. *Jesus' arrest, crucifixion, death, burial, resurrection was not just a case of human treachery but part of God's divine plan for human redemption... The events of Jesus' passion were actually set into motion in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3:16).*
2. *"The work of God can only be carried on by the power of God. The church is a spiritual organism fighting spiritual battles. Only spiritual power can make it function as God ordained." (Cymbala)*
3. *The disciples completely missed what God was doing. Whenever we ignore the Word or the weakness of our carnal nature, we are in danger of missing what God is doing. When we attempt to live life on our own terms, doing our will, we will fail, even to abandoning our Savior (as the Disciples did).*
4. *We cannot accomplish a spiritual agenda with carnal weapons.*
  - *"The weapons of our warfare are not carnal" (2 Corinthians 10:4).*
  - *"Not by might, not by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord Almighty" Zechariah 4:6)*
5. *"...the real Gospel of Christ requires no such aids as these [swords]. It stands by the power of the Holy Ghost. It grows by the influence of the Holy [Spirit] on men's hearts and consciences. There is not clearer sign of a bad cause in religion than a readiness to appeal to the sword." (Ryle)*
6. *Four lessons from Mark 14:43-52:*
  - If you haven't placed your faith in Jesus, now is the time.*
  - Don't to manipulate God to do your will.*
  - Allow God to work out His plan for your life—submit to Him.*
  - Remember we are in a spiritual battle. Respond with spiritual weapons (prayer, the Word, obedience to Christ.)*