

“The LOVE Of God Pt. 1”
Mark 14:27-72
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Message 37

Introduction

- Title Of The Message: “The LOVE Of God Pt. 1”

- **Review – Mark 14 “Loved Poured Out”**

- **The Plot To Kill Jesus vv. 1-2**

- The Priest & Scribes Sought how they might kill Jesus
 - BUT They were fearful of the People
 - But NOT Fearful Of God
 - Wrong Priorities

- **Love Poured Out vv. 3-9**

- Mary – (With Martha & Lazarus)
- Took a VERY Expensive Alabaster flask of very costly oil of spikenard
 - Anointed Jesus head and feet with her hair
 - A True ACT of Worship
- Judas and other became upset –
 - We could have given that money to the poor...
 - “Red Hearing”
- Jesus Instructs them to leave her alone –

- “She has Done What She Could”
- **The Problem With Judas vv. 10-11**
 - Judas Will Betray Jesus
 - Doubtful Judas was ever saved
 - A lesson for us to make sure we are in the faith and not just playing church
- **The Passover vv. 12-26**
 - The Preparation for the Passover –
 - Find the House
 - Jesus Took Passover & The Feast Of Unleavened Bread
 - Made them the Lord’s Supper

• **Now This Morning we will pick our Narrative**

- **We Will Look At 5 More Events That Took Place The LOVE of GOD**
 - Jesus **Predicts** Peter’s Denial vv. 27-31
 - Jesus’ **Prayer** In The Garden vv. 32-42
 - The **Perfidious** Judas vv. 43-50
 - The **Purpose** In Facing The Sanhedrin vv. 51-65
 - Jesus’ **Prediction** About Peter Comes True vs. 66-72

Jesus Predicts Peter’s Denial vv. 27-31

• **First: The Remaks Of Jesus vv. 27-28**

- **1st All of you will be made to stumble v. 27**

Mark 14:27 (NKJV)

27 Then Jesus said to them, *“All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written: ‘I will strike the Shepherd, And the sheep will be scattered.’*

▪ **Made to Stumble –**

- Greek: Skandalizo
- Meaning: To put a stumbling block in someone's way; to trip someone up, to cause a person to begin to distrust and desert one whom he ought to trust and obey.

▪ **Why?**

- The Arrest, Trial & Death of Christ will STUMBLE His Disciples
 - Many may still have been looking for an Earthly kingdom
- Also - To demonstrate that the Scriptures regarding the Suffering of the Messiah must be fulfilled!
 - To Show that He is the Messiah and is in Complete Control

Zechariah 13:6–7 (NKJV)

6 And one will say to him, ‘What are these wounds between your arms?’ Then he will answer, ‘Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.’

7 “Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, Against the Man who is My Companion,” Says the LORD of hosts. “Strike the Shepherd, And the sheep will be scattered; Then I will turn My hand against the little ones.

Isaiah 53:3–6 (NKJV)

3 He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

4 Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted.

5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.

6 All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

▪ **Application**

- Smaller Scale – When a Local Church – Split Apart
 - Sadly - Over the years I have seen too many Scatter (FALL Away from the church) when a local church goes through a struggle
- Some of the Reasons For a church splitting apart
 - 1st Sometimes Bad Pastors
 - Worldly Ideas over God's Word
 - False Teacher
 - Bad Character
 - Unloving, Unfaithful with Resources, Unrepented Sin
 - 2nd Sometimes Bad Church Member
 - Gossip / Power Struggles
 - Tear Apart other Members / Pastor
 - Sadly this area is known for this
- Keep Your EYES on JESUS
 - I have seen church splits – Too many casualties
 - Some have never returned to church

- Please keep your EYES on Jesus
- Don't be Scattered
- **2nd After I have been raised v. 28**

Mark 14:28 (NKJV)

28 “But after I have been raised, I will go before you to Galilee.”

- This shows that Jesus was already looking Beyond the cross.
 - He had His eyes fixed on the joy set before Him (Hebrews 12:2)

Hebrews 12:1–2 (NKJV)

1 Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,
2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

- Application
 - Keep Looking Forward

• **Second: The Response Of Peter v. 29**

- **1st Even if all are made to stumble, yet I will not be**

Mark 14:29 (NKJV)

29 Peter said to Him, “Even if all are made to stumble, yet I will not be.”

- I Appreciate Peter Zeal!
 - I Believe Peter means it!
 - BUT Sadly
 - Peter was unaware of both the

- Spiritual Reality
- Spiritual Battle
- That Jesus clearly saw.
- Peter only looked to how he felt at the moment
 - At the moment he felt pretty brave.
- Application
 - Make Sure were in The Word – Ready for the Battle

• **Third: The Reminder From Jesus v. 30-31**

- **1st Assuredly, I say to you that today, even this night... v. 30-31**

Mark 14:30–31 (NKJV)

30 Jesus said to him, “*Assuredly, I say to you that today, even this night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times.*”

31 But he spoke more vehemently, “If I have to die with You, I will not deny You!” **And they all said likewise.**

- **Even this night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me...**
 - Jesus is very CANDID with Peter
 - Please NOTE
 - When Jesus speaks to people and how –
 - FILLED with LOVE YES
 - But also VERY DIRECT
 - Our Culture does not like this!

- Illustration – **Show PIC** – “Warning Someone”
- Please Note How the World and Sadly the Church sees things
- PLEASE Also NOTE
 - We don’t blast people

▪ **He spoke more Vehemently**

- Double Down on Peter!
- Hey Pete!
 - You are arguing with the Word of God
 - Not a Good Place to be
 - That’s NOT a smart place to be

Jesus’ Prayer In The Garden vv. 32-42

• **First: The Manor In Which He Came To Prayer vv. 32-36**

- **1st Gethsemane v. 32**

Mark 14:32 (NKJV)

32 *Then they came to a place which was named Gethsemane; and He said to His disciples, “**Sit here while I pray.**”*

▪ **Gethsemane – “Oil Press”**

- Located in the olive orchard on the Mount of Olives.
- **Show MAP and PICS**
- Jesus would often hang with His Disciples there

- 2nd He began to be troubled and deeply distressed... vv. 33-35

Mark 14:33–35 (NKJV)

33 And He took Peter, James, and John with Him, and He began to be troubled and deeply distressed.

34 Then He said to them, *“My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch.”*

35 He went a little farther, and fell on the ground, and prayed that if it were possible, the hour might pass from Him.

- **He Took – Peter, James and John**

- The Inner Circle?

- Or The guys that needed the most attention?

- **Deeply Distressed – My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death**

- Distressed – Greek: Ekthambeō

- Means: To be Alarmed - to be in Extreme Anguish

- Exceedingly Sorrow – Greek: Perilypos

- Deeply grieved”; a feeling of terrified amazement

- So much so that it threatened to Extinguish His life

- In Luke

Luke 22:44 (NKJV)

44 And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

- Give Brief Explanation - Hematidrosis

- **Why?!**

- NOT because of the horror of Physical Torture

- But it was the Spiritual Horror
 - Of being made sin (2 Corinthians 5:21).
 - This is what made Jesus troubled and deeply distressed.

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NKJV)

21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

▪ **He Prayed that might PASS –**

- Go Away –
 - That there might be another way to redeem mankind

▪ **Watch**

- He had companions
 - Jesus wasn't alone
 - He didn't want to be alone
 - He wanted His friends to be near
- Application
 - When Going through the Battle react in a few ways
 - 1st The Battle (Depression) can keep us from Friends (Church)
 - We Hide
 - 2nd Be With Friends (Church)

Hebrews 10:24–25 (NKJV)

24 And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works,
25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

- So Important that we make CHURCH a Priority
 - To stay HOT for Jesus
 - To Stay Connected
 - To Be Encouraged
 - To ENCOURAGE

○ **3rd Abba, Father v. 36**

Mark 14:36 (NKJV)

36 And He said, *“Abba, Father, all things are possible for You. Take this cup away from Me; nevertheless, not what I will, but what You will.”*

▪ **Abba, Father**

- Abba –
 - An Aramaic word for “Father”
 - It’s a term of affection, much like our “Daddy”

▪ **Take this CUP away from Me**

- In the Old Testament, the CUP
 - Is a POWERFUL picture of the WRATH and JUDGMENT of God
 - (Psalm 75:8, Isaiah 51:17, Jeremiah 25:15).
 - Jesus became, as it were, an ENEMY of God!

- The Wrath of God was poured out on Jesus!
- So that we would not have to experience His Wrath
- We have to talk about God Wrath – How His Justice was satisfied By Jesus
- We are not saved because we are some how “good” no we are saved despite that fact that we were BAD
- It truly is a demonstration Of the LOVE OF GOD that Saved us
- NOTE - Did Not Take It Away
 - There was NO other Way!
 - Instead, He strengthened Jesus to be able to take and drink the cup.
- **Nevertheless, not what I will, but what You will:**
 - Jesus came to a point of decision in Gethsemane.
 - The struggle of the cross was won at the Garden of Gethsemane.
 - **Not what I will, but what You will**
- **We MUST be able to say the same**
 - NOT my Will – BUT Yours Be done in this life
 - We are all called to lay our lives down at His feet
 - Bought at a price

• **Second: The Message For His Disciples vv. 37-42**

- **1st He came and found them sleeping v. 37**

Mark 14:37 (NKJV)

37 Then He came and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, “*Simon, are you sleeping? Could you not watch one hour?*”

- **Found Them Sleeping**

- At this moment of great agony
 - Jesus was alone
 - His disciples gave Him no support
- SIMON....
 - Peter must have been a bit startled to hear Jesus call him Simon.
 - This was the old sleeping Simon, not the new man Peter.
 - (We see the Same with Jacob and Israel)

- **2nd Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation v. 38**

Mark 14:38 (NKJV)

38 *Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”*

- **Jesus commands are CLEAR**

- Watch, Pray so you can avoid - **Temptation**
 - Be on the alert
 - Be in the Word
 - Be in Prayer
 - Be in Fellowship

- 3 Times Sleeping - 3 Times Denying – 3 Times Restoring
 - If Peter woke up (both physically and spiritually)
 - Drew close to God in this season
 - He could have kept from denying Jesus at the critical hour.
 - By the Way
 - End of John – 3 Times – Do you Love Me (Restored)
- **The Weakness of our Flesh!**
 - We MUST heed Jesus Words to Peter
 - But when we FAIL and We WILL
 - Remember what Paul wrote (Romans 7:15-25)
 - Trying to live the Christian life in the flesh
 - We must die to our flesh and live in the Spirit if we are to have victory
 - The answer to our flesh
 - Is to learn to completely depend on Jesus and not on our flesh.

Romans 8:1 (NKJV)

1 *There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.*

John 15:5 (NKJV)

5 *"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.*

- 3rd He went away and prayed, and spoke the same words v. 39

Mark 14:39 (NKJV)

39 Again He went away and prayed, and spoke the same words.

- Jesus repeated the prayer outlined in (Mark 14:34-36)
 - Okay to repeat Prayers

- 4th When He returned, He found them asleep again... vv. 40-42

Mark 14:40–42 (NKJV)

40 And when He returned, He found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy; and they did not know what to answer Him.

41 Then He came the third time and said to them, “*Are you still sleeping and resting? It is enough! The hour has come; behold, the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners.*”

42 *Rise, let us be going. See, My betrayer is at hand.”*

- Three times Jesus prayed
- Three times Jesus checked His disciples
 - 3 Times He found them sleeping

The Perfidious (pr-fi-dee-uhs) Judas vv. 43-52

• **First: The Betrayal Of Judas vv. 43-52**

- 1st Whomever I kiss vv. 43-46

Mark 14:43–46 (NKJV)

43 And immediately, while He was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, with a great multitude with swords and clubs, came from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders.

44 Now His betrayer had given them a signal, saying, “Whomever I kiss, He is the One; seize Him and lead Him away safely.”

45 As soon as he had come, immediately he went up to Him and said to Him, “Rabbi, Rabbi!” and kissed Him.

46 Then they laid their hands on Him and took Him.

- **With a Great Multitude**

- John writes

John 18:3 (NKJV)

3 Then Judas, having received a detachment of troops, and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, came there with lanterns, torches, and weapons.

- The word for “detachment” is a Latin (or, Roman) word.
 - This group was not only made up of Temple police armed with wooden clubs
 - But also Roman soldiers armed with short swords
 - A group of 300 to 600 hundred

- **With a KISS**

- A sign of love affection – From a “Friend”
 - Yet used to betray God
- Application
 - Those who profess Christ and betray us are far worst than those outside the church

- **2nd One of those who stood by drew his sword... vv. 47-49**

Mark 14:47–49 (NKJV)

47 And one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear.

48 Then Jesus answered and said to them, “Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs to take Me?

49 I was daily with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize Me. But the Scriptures must be fulfilled.”

- **John 18:10 identified this unnamed swordsman as Peter.**

- Here Peter was a great example of someone who, wielding the power of this world in his hands, could only cut off ears.
 - When he wielded the Word of God, Peter pierced hearts for God's glory (Acts 2:37).
- Interesting to note
 - John tells us BUT not Mark
 - It is believed that Mark wrote his Gospel as Peter told him what happen
 - Peter left his name out...
- **3rd But the Scriptures must be fulfilled v. 50**

Mark 14:50 (NKJV)

50 *Then they all forsook Him and fled.*

▪ **They all Forsook Him and fled:**

- Just As Jesus said
 - At this point, all the disciples scattered and ran for their own safety.
- A few (Peter and John at least)
 - Followed back to see what would happen at a distance.
- BUT None of them stood beside Jesus
- **4th Now a certain young man followed Him... v. 51-52**

Mark 14:51–52 (NKJV)

51 *Now a certain young man followed Him, having a linen cloth thrown around his naked body. And the young men laid hold of him,*
52 *and he left the linen cloth and fled from them naked.*

- Since the earliest days of the church, commentators have supposed this young man to be Mark himself.
- It was his humble way of saying, “I was there.”
- Mark’s Family may have OWNED the Upper room

The Purpose In Facing The Sanhedrin vv. 53-65

• First: It Was Illegal vv. 53-55

○ 1st Context v. 53

Mark 14:53 (NKJV)

53 *And they led Jesus away to the high priest; and with him were assembled all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes.*

- **Mark did not record the preliminary trial before Annas**
 - Who was the real power behind the high priest’s office
 - (Recorded in John 18:12-13 and 19-23)
 - Nor did he record the second trial of Jesus before the Sanhedrin
 - The “official” daylight trial recorded in (Luke 22:66-71)
 - There are similarities between the trials because the same people were involved.
- **There were actually**
 - 3 Phases of Jesus’ trial before the Jewish authorities
 - 3 Phases of His trial before the Roman authorities
 - They should not be confused.

- **2nd Peter Followed at a Distant v. 54**

Mark 14:54 (NKJV)

54 But Peter followed Him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. And he sat with the servants and warmed himself at the fire.

- Peter is on a downward spiral
- We See here

- **1st Following at a Distance**

- Cant be done
- One foot in one foot out
- We are all in or we are all out

- **2nd Sitting with the wrong people**

- These “servants” of the high priest were
 - The very guys that had just participated in the arrest of Jesus.
 - Just an hour ago Peter was swinging a sword at these guys.
 - Now he’s trying to blend in with them.
- David wrote

Psalm 1:1–4 (NKJV)

1 Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;

2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night.

3 He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.

4 The ungodly are not so, But are like the chaff which the wind drives away.

- **3rd Warmed by their fire**

- What lights your fire? What warms your heart?

- Worldly Fire

- Or Things of God Fire

- Is it the Word of God burning in your heart or is it the things of the world that warm you?

- **2nd Sought Testimony v. 55**

Mark 14:55 (NKJV)

55 Now the chief priests and all the council sought testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, but found none.

- **BUT NONE COULD BE FOUND**

- What Testimony did take place did not match

- **The Purpose for Jesus Facing the Sanhedrin**

- To Show Jesus was INNOCENT – Also His Deity

- **Second: False Testimony vv. 56-59**

Mark 14:56–59 (NKJV)

56 For many bore false witness against Him, but their testimonies did not agree.

57 Then some rose up and bore false witness against Him, saying,

58 “We heard Him say, ‘I will destroy this temple made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands.’ ”

59 But not even then did their testimony agree.

- **1st Heard Him say, “I will destroy this temple”:**

- John 2:19 - Spoke clearly of the temple of His Body

- **2nd But not even then did their testimony agree:**

- The accusers of Jesus could not put together a good case.
 - The false witnesses kept disagreeing with one another.

• **Third: No Thoughts to Investigate His Claims vv. 60-65**

- **1st And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus... vv. 60-62**

Mark 14:60–62 (NKJV)

60 And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, saying, “Do You answer nothing? What is it these men testify against You?”

61 But He kept silent and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked Him, saying to Him, “Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?”

62 Jesus said, “*I am. And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.*”

- **He kept silent and answered nothing**

- He opened not His mouth (Isaiah 53:7).

- **I AM, And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power:**

- Yes - Jesus did declare Himself to be GOD

- **2nd The Sanhedrin condemns Jesus to death vv. 63-65**

Mark 14:63–65 (NKJV)

63 Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, “What further need do we have of witnesses?”

64 You have heard the blasphemy! What do you think?” And they all condemned Him to be deserving of death.

65 Then some began to spit on Him, and to blindfold Him, and to beat Him, and to say to Him, “Prophecy!” And the officers struck Him with the palms of their hands.

- **The high priest tore his clothes...**

- You have heard the blasphemy!

- This proves that Jesus is GOD
- **And the officers struck Him with the palms of their hands:**
 - These officers, taking a bizarre pleasure in torturing Jesus, didn't even have a reason.
 - They did it only because of what others (the religious leaders) said about Jesus.
- **Then some began to spit on Him, and to blindfold Him, and to beat Him:**
 - Understanding that Jesus endured such pain and humiliation should cause us to respond in three ways

Jesus' Prediction About Peter Comes True vs. 66-72

• First: A Tough Time In Peter's Life vv. 66-73

- 1st Now as Peter was below in the courtyard vv. 66-67

Mark 14:66–67 (NKJV)

66 *Now as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came.*

67 *And when she saw Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, "You also were with Jesus of Nazareth."*

- This didn't happen as Jesus was beaten, but as He was on trial.
- Only - A Servant Girl
 - Illustration
 - How Many have a movie where the good guys is being tortured for information...
 - Yet would not give in

- Here is Peter freaking out over a servant girl...
 - Take heed

Proverbs 16:18 (NKJV)

18 *Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall.*

- 2nd I neither know nor understand what you are saying vv. 68-71

Mark 14:68–71 (NKJV)

68 *But he denied it, saying, "I neither know nor understand what you are saying." And he went out on the porch, and a rooster crowed.*

69 *And the servant girl saw him again, and began to say to those who stood by, "This is one of them."*

70 *But he denied it again. And a little later those who stood by said to Peter again, "Surely you are one of them; for you are a Galilean, and your speech shows it."*

71 *Then he began to curse and swear, "I do not know this Man of whom you speak!"*

- **Peter began to CURSE and SWEAR**

- When we hear that kind of language, we assume the person is not a follower of Jesus Christ

- Illustration

- Podcast – Man speaking, attempting to give what he was saying emphasizes BY Swearing –
- There are much more intelligent ways to make a emphasize a point

- 3rd And when he thought about it, he wept v. 72

Mark 14:72 (NKJV)

72 *A second time the rooster crowed. Then Peter called to mind the word that Jesus had said to him, "**Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times.**" And when he thought about it, he wept.*

- **Peter finally called to mind the word that Jesus had said to him,**
 - But he remembered it too late – it was after he had sinned.
 - Then all Peter could do was to weep bitterly –
 - But he will be restored.
- **Application**
 - Conviction and the Word
 - *Wiersbe; “It was not the crowing of the cock that convicted Peter; it was the remembering of Christ’s words.”*
 - The importance of God’s Word.
 - True repentance will come from God’s Word getting into your heart. (Heb 4:12 / 2 Tim 3:16-17)
 - There are two kinds of tears, two kinds of sorrow
 - One that lead to death like Judas
 - The Other that leads to Life like Peter – He Repented
 - Peter Will Be Restored (John 21)

Closing

- Have you drifted Like Peter?!
 - Repent!
 - Remember the LOVE of GOD

- The love of God is greater far
Than tongue or pen can ever tell.
It goes beyond the highest star
And reaches to the lowest hell.
The guilty pair, bowed down with care,
God gave His Son to win;
His erring child He reconciled
And pardoned from his sin.
- O love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure—
The saints' and angels' song.
- Could we with ink the ocean fill,
And were the skies of parchment made;
Were every stalk on earth a quill,
And every man a scribe by trade;
To write the love of God above
Would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,
Though stretched from sky to sky.