



The Story & Way of Jesus

The Treasure in Suffering

Mark 14:27-42

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“You will all fall away,” Jesus told them, “for it is written:

‘I will strike the shepherd,
and the sheep will be scattered.’

But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.” Peter declared, “Even if all fall away, I will not.”

“Truly I tell you,” Jesus answered, “today—yes, tonight—before the rooster crows twice you yourself will disown me three times.” But Peter insisted emphatically, “Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you.” And all the others said the same.

They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he

began to be deeply distressed and troubled. “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death,” he said to them. “Stay here and keep watch.” Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. “Abba, Father,” he said, “everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.” Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. “Simon,” he said to Peter, “are you asleep? Couldn’t you keep watch for one hour? Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.” Once more he went away and prayed the same thing. When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. They did not know what to say to him. Returning the third time, he said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!”

“Everyone’s got a plan until they get punched in the face.”

- Mike Tyson



“Normally life is the experience of holding both one’s ideals and the reality of one’s world together. When the two stilts are aligned, one can keep them together and move forward. That doesn’t mean it’s easy, but it’s possible for one to walk. However, when the stilts are misaligned—that is, when the ideal

and the reality are radically different—people find different ways to cope, which can lead to a kind of unhealth that can be destructive.”

- Jonathan Malesic, *The End of Burnout*

Mark 14:34

“Stay here and keep watch.”

Isaiah 41:10

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you.

Philippians 4:12-13

I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Mark 14:36

“Abba, Father,” he said, “everything is possible for you. *Take this cup from me.* Yet not what I will, but what you will.”

Mark 14:38 ESV

“The spirit indeed is willing but the flesh is weak.”

Luke 22:45

...asleep, exhausted from sorrow.

Mark 14:38 ESV

“Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation.”

“We awaken not only to a realization of the immensity and majesty of God ‘out there’ as King and Ruler of the universe (which He is) but also a more intimate

and more wonderful perception of Him as directly and personally present in our own being...If we are involved only in our surface existence, in externals, and in the trivial concerns of our ego, we are untrue to Him and to ourselves. To reach a true awareness of Him as well as ourselves, we give up our selfish and limited self and enter into a whole new kind of existence, discovering an inner center of motivation and love which makes us see ourselves and everything else in an entirely new light.”

- Thomas Merton

James 1:2-4

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

Mark 14:27-28

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