

CCC Message Notes

Judas' Betrayal & Jesus' Arrest - John 18:1-14

What at First Appears to Be the Ultimate Defeat Begins to Unfold

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THEME

(The Sermon In a Sentence or Two)

Recounting the details of Jesus' arrest reminds us not to give up in or give into fear.

APPLICATION

(What to Do with What You Hear)

Keep learning how to keep rolling with whatever happens to or around you.

FOCUS

(The Core of the Content to Get Us Started)

Since Jesus went through what He went through in the last days of His life on earth, then we can be sure that the gloves are off when it comes to what we may experience before our life is over too. There's no telling what God may allow that may seem totally unbelievable, let alone unacceptable, to us. We need to keep remembering there's more to the story whatever the story may be until the story's over.

This passage of scripture is painful. It should stir up all kinds of thoughts & feelings in us as we engage with God through it. The One who never ever did a single thing wrong is being wrongfully arrested & will soon be falsely accused only then to die a criminal's death for crimes He never committed. And God's still in control?

Yes, God's still in control. That's the point. There's no need to cave in. In spite of how things may appear in the moment, nothing happens without God's permission & whatever He allows He can totally redeem. He's God. He's that good.

When It Comes to Jesus' Betrayal & Arrest ...

1. ACKNOWLEDGE the PATHOS & PAIN.

Allow how pathetic this really is to prepare you for whatever's ahead for you.

John 18:1-9

2. Don't be TOO HARD on His DISCIPLES.

If you judge & take them to task, avoid all mirrors for the rest of your life.

John 18:10-11

3. Remember GOD is ALWAYS in CONTROL.

Jesus allowed them to take Him. 10,000 soldiers would've been no match for Him.

John 18:12-14

Making It Real Questions

- * Can you see the amount of activity, intensity of events & range of emotion here?
- * Are you convinced it's best not to condemn or write anyone off for being impetuous?
- * How are you going to cultivate the awareness that God is in control everywhere & always?

Action Step

Spend some time writing down specifics concerning that last "Making It Real" question.