

JESUS BETRAYED AND FORSAKEN
(Matthew 26:47-56)

- I. The TREACHEROUS Betrayal (Matt. 26:47-50)
 - A. Judas's COMING (26:47-48)
 - 1. Identified as "ONE of the TWELVE"
 - 2. Accompanied by a LARGE CROWD
 - a. Included TEMPLE officers carrying CLUBS (Lk. 22:52)
 - b. Included ROMAN SOLDIERS carrying SWORDS (John 18:3)
 - B. Judas's KISS (26:49)
 - 1. Used a PRE-ARRANGED SIGNAL
 - 2. Committed a SHAMELESS HYPOCRISY
 - C. Jesus' "CAPTURE" (26:50; cf. John 18:4-8a)
 - 1. Implied a PRE-DETERMINED OUTCOME
 - [2. Demonstrated Judas's PRESENCE had been UNNECESSARY]
 - a. Identified HIMSELF (John 18:4-5)
 - b. ASSISTED those ARRESTING Him (John 18:6-7)
 - c. SURRENDERED to their CUSTODY (John 18:8-12)

- II. The TRANQUIL Lord (Matt. 26:51-56a)
 - A. Peter's IMPULSE (26:51; cf. John 18:10-11)
 - 1. Acted COURAGEOUSLY in Jesus' DEFENSE
 - 2. Acted CONTRARY to Jesus' INTENTIONS
 - B. Jesus' INSTRUCTION (26:52-56a)
 - 1. Told Peter to DESIST or face PUNISHMENT
 - a. Not a PHILOSOPHICAL axiom on VIOLENCE
 - b. But a LEGAL axiom on AUTHORITY
 - 2. Told Peter his action was FOOLISH
 - a. Defense was not FUTILE but UNNECESSARY
 - b. Event had been PRE-DETERMINED
 - c. CORRECTED the DAMAGE Peter had caused (Lk. 22:51)
 - 3. Told the crowd that HE was IN CHARGE
 - a. The TIMING was under HIS CONTROL
 - b. This action was FULFILLING PROPHECY
- III. The TIMID Disciples (Matt. 26:56b)
 - A. Their DESERTION
 - B. Their DELIVERANCE (John 18:8b-9)