

## How to Face Difficult Times

Mark 14:27-42

*When you face difficult and trying times, it's important . . .*

1. To recall what you know from the Word of God, 27
2. To remember the assurances that Jesus has given to you, 28
3. To keep trusting the Lord's teaching instead of trusting others or trusting yourself, 29-31
4. To follow the Example of Jesus, in even the most trying circumstances, 32-36
  - ☞ Facing your deepest agonies with fervent prayer.
  - ☞ Submitting your will to your Heavenly Father
5. To earnestly exhort other believers so that they can succeed spiritually, 37-38
6. To pray earnestly, fervently and repeatedly even when others do not join you in prayer, 39-40
7. To be patient with others, because you can trust the Lord's absolute control in the affairs of men, 41-42

## An Opportunity to Grow

***Who planned for Jesus to die as a Substitute for sinners?***

Please consult the following passages to answer the question from that passage:

John 11:49-51

Acts 2:22-23

Mark 14:21

In each of these cases, you see hints that God planned to present His Son as a sacrifice for the sins of men. But you also see that sinful men were eager to plan and carry out this wickedness against the Son of God. ***Who was ultimately in control?***

When did the leaders want to avoid taking Him (Mark 14:1)?

And what sort of timing was Judas looking for (Mark 14:10-11)?

God had prepared to sacrifice His Passover Lamb. He was in complete control of the events.

What does John 7:30 tell you about man's control of the timing?

What did the Lord Jesus say in Mark 14:41?

You can trust God's powerful control over the timing of events that seem to be only terrible evil. The God who gives beauty for ashes is in control of all things. See Romans 5:20 and Romans 8:28.

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