

**Mark 14:43-65 — "Majesty Encounters Indignity! Jesus Is Arrested & Illegally Tried"**

The Passion Week of Jesus is at once the most awful and the most blessed week in all of human history. The week began with unspeakable excitement and hope: on Sunday, Jesus presented Himself to the nation of Israel in the most deliberate and dramatic way possible, and the reception He was given on that day seemed to indicate that His people were ready to accept His offer of Himself. But then, over the course of the next two days, Jesus cleansed and possessed the Temple, publicly confronted and defeated His enemies, and finally demanded that the people make a conscious decision to reject self-serving and arrogant works religion and trust themselves to Him alone. He then left the city and people to ponder that choice.

But the week which began with such hope ended in the greatest tragedy the human soul/spirit can fathom. By Thursday night, Jesus had kept a last Passover with His disciples, had spent a few precious and difficult moments in prayer before His Father, and had been arrested in the Kidron Valley east of the city of Jerusalem. **After a hasty series of trials and hearings, culminating in five distinct affirmations by the presiding Roman officer that the Accused was guilty of nothing, Jesus was turned over to be crucified;** by mid-morning the Prince of Life had been nailed to a cross on a small hill outside a northern gate to the city. (Doug Bookman)

*Background to Mark 14*

- We have seen the Agony (v.32-42), now the Arrest (v.43-52), and the Accusations (v.53-65)

**THESIS — In this text, we see how majesty encounters indignity.**

Our text shows us our **PERFECT, DIVINE MESSIAH.**

We'll observe the account with 3 words: (1) the **ARREST**, (2) the **ACCUSERS**, (3) the **ASSAULT**

**I. THE ARREST of the perfect, divine Messiah (43-52)**

**II. THE ACCUSERS of the perfect, divine Messiah (53-64)**

*According to Jewish Law, here is what must be followed (a brief sampling):*

- \* NO trial could be held at night
- \* No verdict could be reached until the second day
- \* Could not have a trial on Eve of Sabbath or Holy Feast Day (like Passover)

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- \* Witnesses had to be warned to relate only true, firsthand testimony
- \* Those accused of blasphemy could be convicted only if they reviled the Divine Name
- \* Trials could not be held in the palace of the high priest
- \* The Jews had no authority to execute.

★ v.62- The undeniable testimony— Ex 3.14; Ps 110.1 (context); & Dan 7.13-14, 27 (context)!

1. Jesus claimed DEITY.
2. Jesus claimed HUMANITY.
3. Jesus claimed MESSIAHSHIP.
4. Jesus claimed ENTHRONEMENT.
5. Jesus claimed AUTHORITY.
6. Jesus claimed RETURN.
7. Jesus claimed SOVEREIGNTY.

**III. THE ASSAULT of the perfect, divine Messiah (65)**

The physical beatings and assault of Jesus, the Son of God:

1. Psalm 22:6-13
2. Isaiah 52:14
3. Isaiah 53:3, 7-8
4. Isaiah 50:4-9

***Behold the Majesty of Jesus Christ!***

- What stands out in this account is the Majesty of Jesus Christ.
- We see the the fortitude and majestic calmness of Jesus.

**GLORIOUS MAJESTY:**

1. His blameless character
2. His steady calmness
3. His silent victory
4. His biblical testimony

REMEMBER: you may not know *WHY* God does what He does; but you can always know *WHO* God is. Rest assuredly in this.

**PURITAN PRAYER** (from Valley of Vision)

Blessed Lord Jesus,  
 Before thy cross I kneel and see  
     the heinousness of my sin,  
     my iniquity that caused thee to be  
     'made a curse',  
     the evil that excites the severity  
     of divine wrath.

Show me the enormity of my guilt by  
 the crown of thorns,  
 the pierced hands and feet,  
 the bruised body,  
 the dying cries.

Thy blood is the blood of incarnate God,  
 its worth infinite, its value beyond all thought.  
 Infinite must be the evil and guilt  
 that demands such a price.

Sin is my malady, my monster, my foe, my viper,  
 born in my birth,  
 alive in my life,  
 strong in my character,  
 dominating my faculties,  
 following me as a shadow,  
 intermingling with my every thought,  
 my chain that holds me captive in the  
 empire of my soul.

Sinner that I am, why should the sun give me light,  
 the air supply breath,  
 the earth bear my tread,  
 its fruits nourish me,  
 its creatures subserve my ends?

Yet thy compassions yearn over me,  
 thy heart hastens to my rescue,  
 thy love endured my curse,  
 thy mercy bore my deserved stripes.

Let me walk humbly in the lowest depths of humiliation,  
 bathed in thy blood,  
 tender of conscience,  
 triumphing gloriously as an heir of salvation.

**Prayer Meeting Guide** — 2 seasons of prayer:**1) Marvel at the Majesty of Jesus Christ!**

The glory of Christ in creation (John 1.1-3)

The glory of Christ in salvation (Heb 1.1-4)

The glory of Christ in ambition / humiliation (Phil 2.5ff)

The glory of Christ in propitiation (1 John 4.9-10)

The glory of Christ in damnation (Rev 20.11-15)

The glory of Christ in glorification (Rom 8.28-30)

**2) Earnestly Pray for the Arrogant to Repent**

Unbelievers:

Leaders (1 Tim 2.1)

Pride Outreach (Job 40.11-12)

Nations (Jonah 3.1ff)

Psalm 9-10

Isaiah 40:23-25

Pray for the lost *\*by name\** — *pray for their repentance*

**COME BEHOLD THE WONDROUS MYSTERY**

Come behold the wondrous mystery, in the dawning of the King  
 He the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity  
 In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come  
 Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, he the perfect Son of Man  
 In his living, in his suffering, never trace nor stain of sin  
 See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man  
 Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law, in him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree  
 In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory  
 See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold  
 Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery, slain by death the God of life  
 But no grave could e'er restrain him, praise the Lord, He is alive  
 What a foretaste of deliverance, how unwavering our hope  
 Christ in power resurrected, as will we be when he comes.

**O SACRED HEAD NOW WOUNDED**

O sacred head, now wounded, With grief and shame weighed down,  
 Now scornfully surrounded With thorns, Thine only crown;  
 O sacred head, what glory! What bliss, till now was Thine!  
 Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.

What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered, Was all for sinners' gain;  
 Mine, mine was the transgression, But Thine the deadly pain.  
 Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve Thy place;  
 Look on me with Thy favor, Vouchsafe to me Thy grace.

What language shall I borrow, To thank Thee, dearest friend,  
 For this, Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?  
 Oh! make me Thine forever, And should I fainting be,  
 Lord, let me never, never Outlive my love to Thee.

**O THE DEEP DEEP LOVE OF JESUS**

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
 Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!  
 Rolling as a mighty ocean  
 In its fullness over me!  
 Underneath me, all around me,  
 Is the current of Thy love  
 Leading onward, leading homeward  
 To Thy glorious rest above!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
 Spread His praise from shore to shore!  
 How He loveth, ever loveth,  
 Changeth never, nevermore!  
 How He watches o'er His loved ones,

Died to call them all His own;  
 How for them He intercedeth,  
 Watcheth o'er them from the throne!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
 Love of every love the best!  
 'Tis an ocean vast of blessing,  
 'Tis a haven sweet of rest!  
 O the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
 'Tis a heaven of heavens to me;  
 And it lifts me up to glory,  
 For it lifts me up to Thee!