

Passage: Mark 14:43~52

Title: Understanding Jesus 'suffering

When we try to understand Christ's suffering, we tend to only focus on his physical suffering. But through today's passage, we learn, Christ's suffering is more than physical suffering. We see Jesus being betrayed and abandoned by his disciples and this helps us to see his emotional aspect of suffering as well.

1. Jesus being completely abandoned by his disciples.
  - a. Judas's deceitful action (v45 "He kissed him")
  - b. The disciples' failure. (v50. They all left Jesus and fled")
2. Jesus bears great shame, by being identified as a criminal.
  - a. The Sanhedrin's arrest of Jesus as a criminal. This would bring great shame to Jesus when we understand the honour and shame culture of Jesus 'time.
3. The purpose of Jesus 'great suffering and sacrifice.
  - a. It was for our sake that Christ became poor
  - b. The important aspect of God's salvation (v49, let the Scriptures be fulfilled)
4. Application: How God's great wisdom, revealed through Christ can encourage us to follow Christ and continue our good work in the Lord.