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SERMON: Living in Difficult Times

SCRIPTURE: Mark 14:43-65

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[43] Just as he was speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, appeared. With him was a crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests, the teachers of the law, and the elders.

[44] Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: “The one I kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.”

[45] Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, “Rabbi!” and kissed him.

[46] The men seized Jesus and arrested him.

[47] Then one of those standing near drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

[48] “Am I leading a rebellion,” said Jesus, “that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me?”

[49] Every day I was with you, teaching in the temple courts, and you did not arrest me. But the Scriptures must be fulfilled.”

[50] Then everyone deserted him and fled.

[51] A young man, wearing nothing but a linen garment, was following Jesus. When they seized him,

[52] he fled naked, leaving his garment behind.

[53] They took Jesus to the high priest, and all the chief priests, the elders and the teachers of the law came together.

[54] Peter followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. There he sat with the guards and warmed himself at the fire.

[55] The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death, but they did not find any.

[56] Many testified falsely against him, but their statements did not agree.

[57] Then some stood up and gave this false testimony against him:

[58] “We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this temple made with human hands and in three days will build another, not made with hands.’”

[59] Yet even then their testimony did not agree.

[60] Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, “Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?”

[61] But Jesus remained silent and gave no answer. Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?”

[62] “I am,” said Jesus. “And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

[63] The high priest tore his clothes. “Why do we need any more witnesses?” he asked.

[64] “You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?” They all condemned him as worthy of death.

[65] Then some began to spit at him; they blindfolded him, struck him with their fists, and said, “Prophecy!” And the guards took him and beat him

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How can we help people in difficult times?

1. We can _____ openly of what God has _____.

2. We can _____ God's plan in _____.

- *Isaiah 53:5* But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

3. We can _____.

4. We can _____ of our hope in _____.

- *1 Peter 3:15* But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect
- *Exodus 3:14* God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

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Upcoming events that you will want to know about and attend

- **Wednesday March 31st @ 6:45** we will have a Congregational Meeting to discuss and vote-on accepting FBCKenner as a campus of FBCCovington.
- **Thursday, April 1st @ 7PM** we will observe the Lord's Supper as we "*Do This In Remembrance*" of the Last Supper.
- **Saturday - Sunday, April 3 & 4** we will have FOUR EASTER Services at **6PM Saturday, 8AM, 9:30AM, and 11AM Sunday**. With all of these we should have plenty of room for you, your friends, and your family. Please invite them to come and join you in worshipping our great God.

All services will be exactly the same.

We expect the 6 PM and 8 AM services to be smaller attendances with much more room. If those times fit your schedule, we would ask that you attend then.

Connect Groups will NOT meet that weekend.

We will have Preschool Childcare and Kids Worship for K - second graders at each of the four Easter Services. We hope that these options will help you as you bring your family to worship.

- **Wednesday, April 7th** we will NOT have Adult/Youth Bible Study or Kids Activities.

Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Resurrection Sunday make Easter an exciting time – and a time of Holy Remembrance - in the life of a Christian.

