



The King Betrayed

Quest Book: Chapter 46

Mark 14:53-71;
Luke 22:60-62

A. The Clash of Authority

1. The danger of distant followership

“They took Jesus to the high priest, and all the chief priests, the elders and the teachers of the law came together. 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.” Mark 14:53-54 (NIV)

2. The problem of misunderstanding

“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. Many testified falsely against Him, but their statements did not agree. Then some stood up and gave this false testimony against Him: ‘We heard Him say, I will destroy this temple made with human hands and in three days will build another, not made with hands.’ Yet even then their testimony did not agree.” Mark 14:55-59 (NIV)

3. The fear of threatened egoship

“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?’ But Jesus remained silent and gave no answer. Again the high priest asked Him, ‘Are You the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?’ ‘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.’ The high priest tore his clothes. ‘Why do we need

any more witnesses?’ he asked. ‘You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?’ They all condemned Him as worthy of death. 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.” Mark 14:60-65 (NIV)

B. The Frailty of Human Loyalty

1. The conflict between loyalty and fear

“While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she looked closely at him. ‘You also were with that Nazarene, Jesus,’ she said. But he denied it. ‘I don’t know or understand what you’re talking about,’ he said, and went out into the entryway.” Mark 14:66-68 (NIV)

2. The conflict of peer pressure

“When the servant girl saw him there, she said again to those standing around, ‘This fellow is one of them.’ Again he denied it.” Mark 14:69-70a (NIV)

3. The intensity of continued denial

“After a little while, those standing near said to Peter, ‘Surely you are one of them, for you are a Galilean.’ He began to call down curses, and he swore to them, ‘I don’t know this man you’re talking about.’” Mark 14:70b-71 (NIV)

C. The Gospel Because of Frailty

1. Remorse leads to repentance.

“Peter replied, ‘Man, I don’t know what you’re talking about!’ Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed. The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: ‘Before the rooster crows today, you will disown Me three times.’ And he went outside and wept bitterly.” Luke 22:60-62 (NIV)

2. Repentance leads to forgiveness.

“If My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.” 2 Chronicles 7:14 (NIV)

3. Forgiveness leads to restoration.

“Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.” Psalm 51:10-12 (NIV)

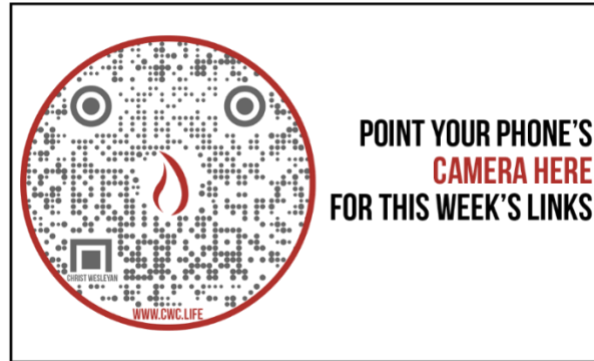
Bottom Line:

A distanced relationship with Jesus means a distanced loyalty to Jesus.

To begin a relationship with Jesus...

Text: “Jesus” to 570-273-0088

Next Sunday: Reign
Week 8: The Criminal and The King
Quest Book: Chapter 47
Milton Campus: Pastor Branden Mestach
Sunbury Campus: Pastor Billy Robel



Giving & Attendance Update

Giving last Sunday: 81.7% of goal

Giving year to date: 77.7% of goal

Attendance Last Weekend: 2,050

Salvations to date: 236 | Baptisms to date: 92

“Reach the One” Campaign Update

152 - Pledges

\$1,834,066.28 - Donations Anticipated by Nov. 2027

\$831,692.03 - Received Donations – 20% of \$4M Goal

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Upcoming Happenings:

Wednesday, **April 2:** Growth Track begins!

This is a group that will help those who are new to CWC and/or not connected to CWC get connected and to learn more about CWC.

For more information, email: kyle.roberts@cwc.life

Wednesday, **April 2 @ 6:30pm:** Classics “Preparing or Getting in the Know for Retirement: Medicare & Health Plans.”

Thursday-Saturday, **April 3-5:** MCS Presents: Wizard of Oz

Sunday, **April 6:** Membership Class / 12:30p

Interested? Email: loretta.paulhamus@cwc.life

Sunday, **April 6:** Membership voting for leadership positions at CWC.

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