Mark Lesson 49 (2023)

**JESUS’ ARREST AND THE FRAILTY OF HIS DISCIPLES**

(Mark 14:43-72)

**Open it:**

1. What events have occurred leading up to the arrest of Jesus? When was the last time you were misunderstood or misinterpreted?

**Explore it:**

1. Read verses 43-52. In what way were Judas’ actions contradictory? How did one of Jesus’ disciples react to the arrest of Jesus? How was Jesus’ response to this situation different from his followers? What is significant about all of Jesus’ followers deserted him? (50-52)
2. Read verses 53-61. Why do you think Peter followed Jesus “at a distance”? What did the men of the Sanhedrin want to do to Jesus, and why did they have such a difficult time convicting Jesus? What was Jesus’ response to all the accusations against him? What did the high priest finally do to speed up the trial?
3. Read verses 62-65. What did Jesus tell the Sanhedrin? What difference does it make that Jesus will one day return? Why did the high priests respond with such shock to Jesus’ testimony? How did the people in the courtroom abuse Jesus after he was sentenced to death?
4. Read verses 66-72. How do we know Peter was concerned for Jesus? Who confronted Peter about his association with Jesus, and how did Peter respond to the girl’s questioning? Who else besides the servant girl confronted Peter? How did Peter react when he realized what he had done?

**Apply it:**

1. How can we draw strength from the story of Peter’s denial, recognizing that even faithful followers of Jesus can falter? What lessons can we learn from his experience?