

Under Cover of Darkness

Mark 14:43-72

"A Case Study in Who We are Under the Cover of Night"

Into the Lesson:

Continuing with the focus on the Humanity of Jesus, read (or sing) this grand old hymn from the perspective of "**totally human**" Jesus:

'Tis Midnight and on Olive's Brow

'Tis midnight, and on Olive's brow the star is dimmed that lately shone; 'tis midnight; in the garden now the suff'ring Savior prays alone.

'Tis midnight, and, from all removed, Emmanuel wrestles lone with fears: e'en the disciple that He loved heeds not his Master's grief and tears.

'Tis midnight, and, for others' guilt, the Man of Sorrows weeps in blood; yet He that hath in anguish knelt is not forsaken by His God.

'Tis midnight; and from heav'nly plains is borne the song that angels know; unheard by mortals are the strains that sweetly soothe the Savior's woe.

William B. Tappan 1822 Great Hymns of the Faith #119

Side Note: Fortunately, Sam has provided sufficient backup for his dad's lack of address on the "undress" situation of vv. 51-52.

Into the Word:

How does verse 49, along with Luke 19:47&21:37, set the tone for the proceedings that are about to take place?

All four of the Gospels provide a look at the various trials that Jesus faced. As you read through each of the accounts, make note of:

The "Judge"- Religious or Civil trial- The Verdict-

First Trial

Mark 14:53-64-
John 18:12-14-

Second Trial

Matthew 25:57-68-

Third Trial

Matthew 27:1-2

Fourth Trial

Matthew 27:1-2-

Fifth Trial

Luke 21:6-12-

Sixth Trial

John 18:39-19:6

From Sam's sermon, how many of the "Rules set out in the Mishna" were actually upheld (he really needs to provide handouts)?

What does the Sanhedrin's inability to find even *unconflicted* "false testimony" say of their efforts to find the truth?

Continuing with the "**totally human**" part of the equation, what would have been helpful for Jesus, but found lacking, during this part of His journey?

Into Life:

How would the "total humanity" of Jesus have been made even more difficult by the fact that He was also "totally God" and knew how this was all going to play out?

For those we encounter who are going through personal trials, how important would it be to "just be there" for them? How about yourself, as you are dealing with some very trying times?

What are some of the indications that we live in a culture that seems to be drawn to "darkness"?

Respond to Sam's quote, "Light exposes who we are".

What needs to happen in our lives to insure we are always walking "In the Light"?

What role do the following play in that process?

Prayer-

Sunday morning gathering-

Personal and small group Bible study-

Involvement in a ministry within the church (see Lane for ideas)-

How do the following verses provide the counter point to our sojourn in a world content to wonder in the darkness?

1 John 1:5-10-

John 3:19-21-

1 John 1:7 If we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

This Week's Songs:

Christus Victor (Hymn #224)

God Of Every Grace (Hymn #149)

Man Of Sorrows (Hymn #226)

Come Let Us Return To The Lord (Hymn #101)

The Battle And The Blessing

