

Sunday Sermon Questions • 11/23/2025

Mark 14:27-72

When Strength Isn't Enough

Jesus warns the disciples that they will fall away, yet Peter insists he will never deny Him. What does this teach us about the danger of overconfidence in our own spiritual strength?

Staying Awake With Jesus

In Gethsemane, Jesus asks the disciples to keep watch and pray, but they repeatedly fall asleep. In what ways do we struggle to "stay awake" spiritually today, and what practices help us stay alert?

Betrayal Up Close

Judas betrays Jesus with a kiss—an act of friendship twisted into deception. How do we respond when betrayal or hurt comes from someone close to us? What does Jesus' response teach us?

Courage in the Moment of Fear

When Jesus is arrested, all the disciples flee. What fears cause us to retreat from living out our faith boldly? How can we prepare our hearts to stand firm in difficult moments?

The Rooster and Our Redemption

After denying Jesus three times, Peter breaks down and weeps. How does Peter's failure open the door for understanding grace, restoration, and the hope Jesus gives us after we fall?

The Pause Before the Storm

Before Jesus is arrested, there is a quiet moment in Gethsemane where He pauses to pray. What can we learn about the importance of pausing with God before seasons of difficulty? How does this connect to Advent as a season of intentional waiting?

Waiting in Weakness

The disciples were asked to "keep watch," yet they struggled to stay awake. How does waiting on God reveal our weaknesses? What might Advent invite us to strengthen or surrender during our own waiting?

Pause, Don't Panic

When Jesus is arrested, the disciples immediately scatter in fear. How can pausing to remember God's character help us respond differently when life surprises us? How does Advent slow our pace so we can respond with faith instead of fear?

Waiting for Restoration

Peter denies Jesus three times and then breaks down in tears. What does his story teach us about waiting for redemption after we fail? How does Advent remind us that God meets us in the waiting with hope and restoration?

Prayer Prompt:

Lord, as we reflect on the moments when the disciples scattered, when Peter denied You, and when You chose to pause and pray in the garden, help us to recognize our own moments of weakness. As we enter this Advent season, teach us to wait on You with humble hearts. Give us the courage to pause instead of panic, to watch and pray rather than rush ahead, and to trust that even in our failures You are working toward restoration. Meet us in the waiting, strengthen us in the watching, and draw us closer to Your presence. Amen.