

The King Endures Betrayal and Abandonment

One way of imitating our Lord is with self control

Joseph would not give into temptation (**Genesis 39**)

David in the cave with Saul (**1 Samuel 24**)

Daniel won't eat the Babylonian meat (**Daniel 1**)

The stoning of Stephen (**Acts 7**)

*Jesus had the power to destroy His adversaries,
but His goal was greater... to save them.*

Matthew 26:48-52 (ESV) ⁴⁸ Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; seize him." ⁴⁹ And he came up to Jesus at once and said, "**Greetings**, Rabbi!" And he kissed him. ⁵⁰ Jesus

said to him, "Friend, do what you came to do." Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him. ⁵¹ And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. ⁵² Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword.

'Greetings' is the Greek word *χαίρω* (*Chairo*) which proclaims joy & wellness

This was Peter's last public act of allegiance to Jesus before His crucifixion. The grace from Jesus' sacrifice was NOT to bring violence to those He was saving

Even with Judas's pretense, Jesus still calls him friend and loved him to the end

What are your wishes for your enemies?

Matthew 26:53-56 (NIV₂₀₁₁) ⁵³ Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? ⁵⁴ But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?" ⁵⁵ In that hour Jesus said to the crowd, "Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? Every day I sat in the temple courts teaching, and you did not arrest me. ⁵⁶ But this has all taken place that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Rather than calling on the armies of heaven, Jesus would suffer tremendous humiliation and was obedient to His cup of suffering – His sacrificial death.

Have you considered how this Jesus was fulfilling many scriptures foretold, yet most were completely blind to it?

Have you meditated on Isaiah 53 & Jesus' fulfillment of it?

Matthew 26:57-58 (NASB1995) ⁵⁷ Those who had seized Jesus led Him away to Caiaphas, the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were gathered together. ⁵⁸ But Peter was following Him at a distance as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and entered in, and sat down with the officers to see the outcome.

There are various reasons this was an illegal trial, especially when Caiaphas, who is presiding over the trial, plotted to kill Jesus!

*They unknowingly put the Author of life and **THE** Judge on trial!*

From a fearless follower of Jesus, to keeping his distance from His Lord, Peter demonstrated how quickly the enemy influenced his faith. Without the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit, we're at an extreme disadvantage to the plots of Satan.

When considering all the benefits of following our Lord, do you recognize the power of the seal of the Holy Spirit?