

What areas in life are we NOT
recognizing as spiritual warfare?
April 13th, 6 -7:30 pm

TACKLING TOUGH QUESTIONS

And... what are the schemes and powers
of satanic forces according to scripture?



The sacrificial death and resurrection...

According to Mark

**We are Naked
and Helpless
Without Jesus**

Jesus Ministry Leading up to His Passion

John the Baptist prepared the way for the Lamb of God, King Jesus

Jesus preached the Kingdom of God is at hand, called for repentance

Jesus performed many signs proving His authority is authentic

Jesus told His disciples of His coming death and resurrection

Jesus rides into Jerusalem with shouts of praise

Jesus ushered in the New Covenant/ Testament

Mark 14:27-31 (ESV) ²⁷ And Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away, for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' ²⁸ But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee."

²⁹ Peter said to him, "Even though they all fall away, I will not." ³⁰ And Jesus said to him, "Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times." ³¹ But he said emphatically,

"If I must die with you, I will not deny you." And they all said the same.

Jesus states Zechariah 13:7 will soon be fulfilled but gives them hope of the resurrection yet again

After Peter states he'll be the last disciple standing, the other disciples quickly state the same. Do we try to outdo one another in selfish pride?

This prompts Jesus to be very specific to Peter. How often, in our pride, do we speak against the very words of God?

Do you realize Scripture testifies we can't be effective in spiritual warfare unless we first submit to God in humility?

Mark 14:32-38 (NKJV) ³² Then they came to a place which was named Gethsemane; and He said to His disciples, "Sit here while I pray." ³³ And He took Peter, James, and John with Him, and He began to be troubled and deeply distressed. ³⁴ Then He said to them, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, *even* to death. Stay here and watch." ³⁵ He

went a little farther, and fell on the ground, and prayed that if it were possible, the hour might pass from Him. ³⁶ And He said, "Abba, Father, all things *are* possible for You. Take this cup away from Me; nevertheless, not what I will, but what You *will*." ³⁷ Then He came and

found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "Simon, are you sleeping? Could you not watch one hour? ³⁸ Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak."

Did you catch that when you are not watching and praying, you are more susceptible to enter into temptation?

Mark 14:39-46 (NIV)³⁹ Once more he went away and prayed the same thing. ⁴⁰ When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. They did not know what to say to him. ⁴¹ Returning the third time, he said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. ⁴² Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!"

⁴³ Just as he was speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, appeared. With him was a crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests, the teachers of the law, and the elders. ⁴⁴ Now the betrayer

had arranged a signal with them: "The one I kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard." ⁴⁵ Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him. ⁴⁶ The men seized Jesus and arrested him.

Are we aware of how we can dishonor or even betray Jesus with our thoughts, words, and actions?

Mark 14:47-52 (NASB₁₉₉₅) ⁴⁷ But one of those who stood by drew his sword, and struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his ear. ⁴⁸ And Jesus said to them, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest Me, as *you would* against a robber? ⁴⁹ "Every day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize Me; but *this has taken place* to fulfill the Scriptures." ⁵⁰ And they all left Him and fled.

⁵¹ A young man was following Him, wearing *nothing but* a linen sheet over *his* naked *body*; and they seized him. ⁵² But he pulled free of the linen sheet and escaped naked.

It has been estimated there were hundreds of soldiers who came to arrest Jesus

This only shows up in Mark's Gospel which has many scholars concluding Mark includes himself in the story

Jesus is human at this point. Imagine the weight He carried alone

From the first sin, we've needed to be "covered". We must "put on" Christ to cover our sin. Do we realize without Him we're naked & helpless?