

What areas in life are we NOT  
recognizing as spiritual warfare?  
April 13<sup>th</sup>, 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**

**Sorrow from  
Sinful actions has  
2 Paths...  
Which will you Take?**

# Leading up to Mark 14:53...

John the Baptist (the last prophet of the OT) finishes his ministry

Jesus shows His love to sinners, calling them out of sin

Jesus shows anger to the hypocritical religious leaders

Jesus predicts the temple's destruction & His place (Cornerstone)

Jesus introduces the New Covenant during the Passover feast

Jesus experiences sorrow to the point of death and prays for God's will, is arrested, and all of His disciples abandon Him.

**Mark 14:53-56 (NASB<sub>1995</sub>)** <sup>53</sup> They led Jesus away to the high priest; and all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes gathered together. <sup>54</sup> Peter had followed Him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the officers and warming himself at the fire. <sup>55</sup> Now the chief priests and the whole Council kept trying to obtain testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, and they were not finding any. <sup>56</sup> For many were giving false testimony against Him, but their testimony was not consistent.

*The priests, elders, & scribes were supposed to know scripture, yet they knew not Jesus, the living Word.*

*The Sanhedrin sought Jesus' death unaware that their actions would result in Jesus offering salvation for the entire world.*

*Notice how Peter follows. Scriptures does not teach a private or strictly personal faith.*

**Do we remember that Jesus died for those that presently hate him?**



**Mark 14:57-64 (NKJV)** <sup>57</sup> Then some rose up and bore false witness against Him, saying, <sup>58</sup> "We heard Him say, 'I will destroy this temple made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands.' " <sup>59</sup> But not even then did their testimony agree.

<sup>60</sup> And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, saying, "Do You answer nothing? What *is it* these men testify against You?"

<sup>61</sup> But He kept silent and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked Him, saying to Him, "Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" <sup>62</sup>

Jesus said, "I am. And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven." <sup>63</sup> Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "What further need do we have of witnesses? <sup>64</sup> You have heard the blasphemy! What do you think?" And they all condemned Him to be deserving of death.

**Do we recognize that WE are the ones deserving death?**

**Mark 14:65-68 (HCSB)** <sup>65</sup> Then some began to spit on Him, to blindfold Him, and to beat Him, saying, "Prophecy!" The temple police also took Him and slapped Him. <sup>66</sup> While Peter was in the courtyard below, one of the high priest's servants came. <sup>67</sup> When she saw Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, "You also were with that Nazarene, Jesus." <sup>68</sup> But he denied it: "I don't know or understand what you're talking about!" Then he went out to the entryway, and a rooster crowed.

*Little did they know that Jesus would be aware of every sin against Him, but His grace would cover all who repented and followed Him.*

*Peter hears the rooster the first time, but his focus on getting everyone's attention off him has him blind to Jesus' prophecy.*

*Our culture will more and more call us out if they think we have allegiance to Jesus. Will we identify with our Lord no matter the cost?*

Do we hear the "rooster crow" when our actions are denying our Lord?

**Mark 14:69-72 (ESV)** <sup>69</sup> And the servant girl saw him and began again to say to the bystanders, "This man is one of them." <sup>70</sup> But again he denied it. And after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, "Certainly you are one of them, for you are a Galilean." <sup>71</sup> But he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, "I do not know this man of whom you speak." <sup>72</sup> And immediately the rooster crowed a second time. And Peter remembered how Jesus had said to him, "Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times." And he broke down and wept.

*The world is relentless in its accusations. We must seek the strength only the Holy Spirit can give us to stand.*

**2 Corinthians 7:10 (NIV)**  
*Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.*

**1 Peter 5:8 (ESV)** *Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.*

**Which direction will you take when sorrow from sin consumes you?**