

MATTHEW

July 30, 2023

Matthew 26:47-56

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Mark 14:43-52

Luke 22:47-53

QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. What is your impression of this band of men coming out against Jesus (v. 47)?
2. What about the sign arranged by Judas is so scandalous (vv. 48-49)?
3. Reflect on Jesus' responses to Judas' kiss. How do they strike you?
 - Luke 22:48
 - Matthew 26:50
4. What is behind Peter's (John 18:10) defense of Jesus (v. 51)?
5. What is Jesus' reaction to Peter's response (Luke 22:51a)? Why (Matthew 26:52)?
6. Does Jesus need Peter's sword (v. 53)? Why?

7. What is at stake if Peter is to continue (v. 54)?

How had Peter previously overstepped (Matthew 16:21-23)?

8. What point is Jesus trying to make to His captors (vv. 55-56)?

9. What is the morale of the disciples in fleeing (v. 56b)? How do these events impact them?

Are you still haunted by a failure from the past? (Can you share?) Why does it still hang on?

How can Galatians 2:20 help redefine you?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

I will put my roots down deep into Christ this week by . . .

I will take up the sword of the Spirit this week by . . .