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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS



"A JOURNEY OF THE HEART"

Oh, we got Him!

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MATTHEW 26:47-49 NKJV – (47) And while He was still speaking, behold, Judas, one of the twelve, with a great multitude with swords and clubs, came from the chief priests and elders of the people. **(48)** Now His betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "Whomever I kiss, He is the One; seize Him." **(49)** Immediately he went up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed Him.

I understand **MATTHEW 26:47-49**. Often, people you believe who are following the truth turn out to be fallible – they choose to follow man. Why?

This happens for many reason... anger, frustration, etc. Some men even fear righteousness. Man oppresses, depresses and suppresses God's followers and so afraid what man will do, they submit to falsehood and turn away and betray from the truth.

Let me prove my point by scripture. **JOHN 12:37-43 NKJV – (37)** But although He had done so many signs before them, they did not believe in Him, **(38)** that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke: "Lord, who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?" **(39)** Therefore they could not believe, because Isaiah said again: **(40)** "He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts, Lest they should see with *their* eyes, Lest they should understand with *their* hearts and turn, So that I should heal them." **(41)** These things Isaiah said when he saw His glory and spoke of Him. **(42)** Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess *Him*, lest they should be put out of the synagogue; **(43)** for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

You may not be able to undo the damage that has been done by your accuser's words or actions. In such cases, you must comfort yourself with the knowledge that worse things have been said about better leaders. Moses, Jeremiah, and Paul were all falsely accused. The accusation may remain even after you have done all in your power to reclaim your reputation. Your attitude must be that of Christ Jesus, who, "when they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly" (**1 Pet. 2:23**). They underestimated God's very purpose. What they failed to realize is that He would rise again. Those responsible as well as those who are associated with the guilty will be held accountable. And we will see Him again.

SCRIPTURE READING: JOHN 12:37-43

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Jesus said forgive them, for they do not know what they do.