



OneKC2024 wk5: An Overcoming Messiah

Introduction: Scripture clearly teaches that perseverance leads to spiritual growth. The problem is no one wants the experiences that require perseverance. Our Messiah showed us how to prepare for those moments that we don't want to experience and that overcoming them requires going through them.

Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think Judas decided to betray Jesus? What do you think he believed he was accomplishing?
2. Read **Matthew 26:47-56** Why did Judas kiss Jesus? What do you make of what Jesus says to Judas in this moment?
3. Peter's response to the men arresting Jesus is to attempt to use force to free him. From a human perspective, why was that foolish? Was it brave? What is the perspective Jesus tries to show Peter in His response?
4. **Read James 1:20** There are popular calls for Christians to "stand up" or "fight" for Jesus. Why are those calls so popular? What do both Jesus' teaching and example say to those ideas?
5. Read **Matthew 26:39, 42, 44** You have probably heard about the "fight, flight, or freeze" responses to conflict or problems. We see at least 2 of these in the disciples at Jesus arrest. Jesus has just asked the Father about another way. Why doesn't he take another way?
6. When you're in the middle of a difficult situation, what practical steps can you take to ensure you're reacting in a Christ-like way?

Shaping Your Mind – *"the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God."* James 1:20

Moving Forward – *The path to overcoming begins with surrender!*