

Study of Mark 14
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Mark 14:1-72

*1 After two days was the Feast of the Passover, and of unleavened bread: and the chief priests and the scribes sought **how they might take Messiah by craft, and PUT Him to death.***

Now please take a moment and think of all the good that Messiah has done up to this point, think of the love of the Father towards His children, that He, Messiah represents, and then, try to think of what kind of evil wicked heart, these people, the chief priests and the scribes must have had, to even consider or contemplate putting Him to death?

*Verse 2 But they said, **Not on the Feast day, lest (BECAUSE) there would be an uproar of the people.***

The fact that they did **NOT** kill Messiah then, does **NOT** exonerate them from the fact, that they wanted to kill Him, they were just afraid that **IF** they did put Him to death at this time, that there would be an uproar and the people would turn against them.

Verse 3 And being in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at meat, there came a woman having an alabaster box of very precious ointment of spikenard; and she broke the box, and poured it on Messiah's head.

We are not told who this woman is, whether she was wealthy or not, but we are told that the spikenard ointment was very expensive, and that she poured all of the spikenard that she brought with her, upon Messiah. The first question that came to mind for me, when I read this, **IS WHY** would this woman do this, why would she use this expensive ointment that she could have sold for three hundred Denarius, and pour it all over Messiah?

It appears that this woman, was so taken by who and what Messiah was, that she would have done anything for Him, and by anointing Him with this very precious and expensive ointment, she was showing Him and the rest of the world, how much she loved, appreciated, and cared for Him, and what He was doing for the people of Yisrael. This indicates to me, that she put her love for Messiah ahead of all of her love for material things, which is the exact attitude, that all of us are to have, for Messiah, **IS** the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father, made flesh, and loving surrendered obedience to the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father, gives us **LIFE**, eternal **LIFE**.

*Verse 4 And there were **SOME** that had **indignation** within themselves, and said, **Why was this waste of the ointment made?***

Now just try and imagine what kind of heart condition that **SOME** of these people must have had, to actually think, that pouring expensive ointment on Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father made flesh, was a waste of the ointment. It is obvious to me and hopefully to you

also, that their hearts, were **NOT** surrendered to YHVH, or else they would have cheered and applauded this woman, for what she has done. The question that **ALL** of us have to ask ourselves, **IS**, what category of people do **WE** belong to? Do **WE** think it was a waste of the expensive spikenard that was poured upon Messiah, or not? If you answered yes to that question, then that would indicate to me that you are more concerned with material things in your life, than you are with the spiritual things. If you are one of the people that would applaud what this woman has done to and for Messiah, then that would indicate that you are more concerned with the spiritual aspect of your life, than you are with the material possessions that you have. I am not asking you to make your answer public, I am simply asking you to truly search your soul, to see what you truly believe. **IS** money or your material well being, more important to you, than your spiritual well being? That is a question that only you can answer for yourself.

Verse 5 For it might have been sold for more than three hundred pence and have been given to the poor and they murmured against her.

(Pence, is the Greek word, Denarius, and according to Scripture, one denarius was valued as the price, to purchase ten asses, therefore since the cost, or the value of this spikenard, was three hundred Denarius, that means that it was enough money to buy **three thousand asses**; and one Denarius, was also the wage of one day for a soldier. Now since the cost of the Spikenard was **three hundred** Denarius it means that the Spikenard was worth one years salary, for a soldier. The question that we have to ask ourselves **IS**, would I be willing, to part with one year's salary of my hard earned money to buy ointment, for the very specific purpose of pouring it upon, and anointing Messiah, as a gesture of the love and respect I have for Him? This is a very serious question, that I believe, we all must answer, because it will tell us where we stand in the scheme of things, it will tell us where our priorities lie. Do they lie with our material things, or, are our priorities, directed towards Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father, made flesh. This **IS** not an easy question to answer, **BUT** I believe it is a question that is of the utmost importance, and, that it **MUST** be answered truthfully, for **IF** we are **NOT** truthful with ourselves, we will always live in darkness, never truly coming to the Light, the Light that Messiah, the Words of Living Torah made flesh, emanates, for it is that Light that gives Life to all who choose to come to Him with contrite hearts that are willing to surrender their hearts to Him, and obey the Words of the Father's Torah of Life),

*Verse 6 And Yeshua said, Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has wrought a **GOOD work** a **Tov Work**, on Me.*

As you can see, Messiah defended her and commanded His disciples to leave her alone, because, He said, she has done a **GOOD WORK** on Me. The English word **GOOD** is from the Hebrew word **Tov**, and this word means, **to function in the manner that YHVH created us to function**, and that of course means, that all of us are to function in total loving surrendered obedience to **ALL** the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life.

Now, knowing that what this woman did, and that Messiah said it was a **GOOD TOV WORK**, which means that she functioned in the manner that YHVH created **ALL** of His children to function, should give you an idea of how sad Messiah must have felt, when these people expressed their displeasure with what she had done, for according to Messiah, what she did was a **GOOD, TOV WORK**, which means that she was actually functioning in the manner that ur heavenly Father created her to function, and therefore, Messiah chose, to chastise all the people, because they complained and murmures

about the **GOOD, TOV WORK**, that this woman had done. This indicates to me, that Messiah must have been so sad, for the people who were at the table with Him, and saying these things, were His *disciples*.

I want you to think upon this for another moment, because I believe it is extremely important that we understand what happened here, for this woman has spent much and maybe all of her money, but at least one year's salary, of her hard earned money, to buy expensive Spikenard, for the very specific purpose of anointing Messiah, because of her love for who and what she believed He was, and what He represents, and these people at the table with Messiah, are actually belittling her and the **GOOD, TOV WORK**, that she was doing or had done. As I said, Messiah must have felt so sad, because, in essence, what these people were saying, whether they knew it or not, **IS** that Messiah was **NOT worthy to receive such an expensive gift**.

Verse 7 For you have the poor with you always, and whensoever you will, you may do them GOOD: BUT Me, you will NOT have with you always. 8 SHE has done what she could: SHE is come beforehand to anoint My body to the burying.

Here Messiah is speaking of the Fact that He is about to be crucified, die and have his dead body placed in a tomb, and He says, this woman is anointing My body, because she somehow knows what is going to happen.

Then Messiah says something that I think is most wonderful, He says that wherever the Gospel, the **TRUTH**, the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly shall be preached, He, the Living Torah made flesh will **ensure** that the story of the **GOOD, TOV WORK** that this woman has done, will be told. Now stop and think how important this event must have been to Messiah, in order for Him to say that the story of the **GOOD WORK** that this woman has done for and to Me, will be recounted forever. How would you love to have one of the deeds that you have done for Messiah, to be forever recounted, because Messiah felt so blessed by it?

Verse 9 Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this Gospel, (The Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life) shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also, what she has DONE, SHALL be spoken of for a memorial of her.

Take a few minutes and let that sink in, think of what this woman did, her selflessness, her love and devotion for Messiah, and even though it is obvious that she was **NOT** looking for recognition, Messiah says, that her selfless deed, **will be remembered forever**. Now it would be easy to stop there, and move on to other matters, **BUT**, there is so much more to say about this event. Scripture tells us that Messiah does **NOT** change, therefore that means that whatever **GOOD** or **TOV** deed that any of us do for Him, for the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father, made flesh, for our Messiah/YHVH, whenever we choose to **function** in the manner that our heavenly Father **created us to function**, then Messiah says, He will remember that, He will Zakar it, which means that He will speak and act on behalf of what we have done for Him, speak and act of the **GOOD, TOV deeds** that we have done for Him, in the presence of His Father, just like He chose the memorialize (Zakar) the deeds of the woman.

Next we are told that one of the people that were at the table, and who were indignant to this woman

for the **GOOD, TOV WORK** that she had done for Messiah, was Judas, which of course should not surprise anyone, for Judas' heart was firmly set on material things.

*Verse 10 And Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went unto the chief priests, to **betray** him unto them.*

Now, we don't know if this incident of Messiah chastising Judas and the others, for complaining about what this woman had done, is what pushed Judas Iscariot to betray Messiah, **BUT** you can rest assured, by what Judas said, that his heart was **NOT** at all surrendered to Messiah, and that furthermore, he relied and trusted more on the material things of this world, as his security blanket, than he relied on Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father made flesh.

Verse 11 And when they (the priests) heard it, they were glad, and promised to give him money.

Now stop and think for a moment of what kind of heart it takes to **BETRAY** Messiah? Messiah was the epitome of **love**, He taught all people to **love** our heavenly Father with all of our hearts, minds, soul and strength, and to love our neighbours as ourselves. Furthermore, He healed countless people of their diseases, whether they were physical, mental and spiritual diseases, He raised Lazarus from the dead, He healed blind people, leprous people, people with deformed limbs, and much more, and now, because of jealousy, envy, and a hurt spirit, Judas **BETRAYS** Messiah.

*And Judas sought how he might **conveniently BETRAY** Him.*

Verse 12 And the first day of unleavened bread, when they killed the Passover, His disciples said unto Him, Where do you want us to go and prepare, so that You may eat the Passover?

Here we see that His disciples, who include some that Messiah has just chastised for complaining about what this woman had done by pouring expensive Spikenard upon Him, come to Him and ask Him, where they should go to prepare the Passover Meal, so that they can eat it all together; and Messiah instructs them what to do in *verse 13*

*And He sends forth two of His disciples, and says unto them, Go into the city, and there you shall meet a man bearing a pitcher of water: **FOLLOW HIM.***

What or who does this man, who is carrying a pitcher of water, and whom Messiah wants His disciples to follow, represent? We have to understand that Scripture teaches us in many ways, but first, we must learn to surrender our hearts to our heavenly Father, and when we do, when we willingly choose to surrender our hearts to Him and willingly and lovingly choose to obey the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, made flesh, He fills us with His Holy Spirit who in turn **IS** tasked by YHVH to **CAUSE** every surrendered contrite heart, that will allow, Him, the Holy Spirit, to believe, follow, obey and **DO** the Words of the Father's Torah of Life. Therefore, I believe that since they were obeying Messiah, the Words of Living Torah, that YHVH provided His Holy Spirit as a guide, and the disciples being obedient to Messiah, chose to willingly follow Him, the **good-man**, YHVH's messenger, as they were instructed to do by Messiah, the Living Torah.

*Verse 14 And wheresoever he shall go in, you shall say to the **good-man** of the house, The Master says, Where is the guest chamber, where I shall eat the Passover with My disciples? 15 And he will show you a large upper room furnished and prepared: **THERE** make ready for us. 16 And His*

disciples went forth, and came into the city, and found as Messiah had said unto them: and they made ready the Passover.

Can you see what is happening here, the lesson that we are being taught? Scripture is telling us that when we willingly choose to **OBEY** the Words of Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah, that were made flesh, that we will arrive at the planned destination, and that destination, in this case is the upper room, where they will be eating the Passover Lamb with, the actual Passover Lamb that was sacrificed at the beginning of time, and that upper room my friends **IS** a shadow picture of the kingdom of Elohim, where we will experience everlasting Life with Messiah/YHVH, and all of this happens, just because they (we) chose to willingly surrender and obey the Words of Messiah, the Living Torah made flesh. Amen

*Verse 17 And in the evening Messiah came **with** the twelve. 18 And as they sat and did eat, Yeshua said, Verily I say unto you, **ONE OF YOU** who eats with Me **SHALL BETRAY ME**. 19 And they began to be sorrowful, and to say unto Him one by one, **IS IT I?** and another said, **IS IT I?***

Now this prompts me to ask you a question, **IF** you were one of Messiah's disciples, what would be your reaction to His comment, that **ONE OF YOU IS** going to betray me? Would you ask Messiah the same question as His disciples did? Would you ask Messiah **IS IT I?** If you answered yes to that question, then that tells me, that your belief system **IS** very weak to non-existent, and your discernment, your wisdom and your understanding is sadly lacking. Scripture makes it abundantly clear that **IF** any person willingly and lovingly chooses to believe follow and obey the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, then that person, will be blessed with everlasting Life, therefore there **IS** no need to ask **IS IT I, BUT** instead, these disciples **should have asked WHO IS IT**, so that they could deal with that individual?

Next we get Messiah's answer to their question, **IS IT I?**

Verse 20 And He answered and said unto them, It is one of the twelve, that dips with me in the dish.

Well, that isn't much of an answer, for they all dipped in the dish with Messiah. This tells me that Messiah was telling them that they will have to figure out for themselves, who this betrayer is. In other words, use your Elohim given discernment and judge for yourself, who the betrayer is.

*Verse 21 The Son of man does indeed go, as **it is written** of Him:*

Where, in Scripture, is it written that Messiah will be crucified and die? I know where, but it is up to you to search the Scriptures and find out for yourselves, for all of us should know this very basic fact, and be able to answer that question any time it is asked of us.

*But woe to that man by whom the Son of man is **betrayed!** It would be good that man **IF** he had never been born.*

Now take a moment and contemplate what Messiah has just said here about the man that is about to betray Him, He says, it would be better **IF** that man had never been born. Now think of who Messiah really is, He is the Creator of all things, He is YHVH, He is the Word of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life made flesh, He is our Deliverer, our Saviour, He is the door, the passage, through which all

must go through, to receive everlasting Life, and He says: it would be better **IF** this man **had never been born**. Now I don't know what heart condition Judas had, after he betrayed Messiah, but we are told that he hung himself, and that seems to line up with what Messiah said, that it would be better **IF** he had never been born, for it **appears** that he will suffer everlasting damnation. Now I cannot be sure that YHVH, through His gracious forgiving heart, did **NOT** forgive Judas, when he seemed to repent of what he had done, by returning the money that he had received from the Priests for the betrayal of Messiah, but the Words that Messiah used to describe the fate of the man that betrayed Him, would indicate to me, that Judas is lost forever.

*Verse 22 And as they did eat, Yeshua took bread, and blessed our heavenly Father for the provisions, and broke the bread, and gave it to His disciples, and said, Take, eat: **this IS My body**.*

What did Messiah mean by these words? Well first of all we have to understand that the **bread** that Messiah broke and gave to His disciples, was **unleavened bread**, and leaven, in Scripture, is a metaphor for Sin, for transgressing the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life. Therefore the **unleavened bread** represents, Messiah's Torah obedient Life, and here, He is telling His disciples to do the same, they are to partake of the **Bread of Life**, and the **Bread of Life, IS** Messiah, who happens to be, the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, made flesh.

*Then Messiah 23 Took the cup, and when He once again had given thanks to our heavenly Father for the provision of the wine, He gave it to His disciples: and they **ALL drank of it**. 24 And He said unto them, **This is My blood of the Renewed Testament, which IS shed for many**.*

When Messiah says that the **wine** that He is giving His disciples to drink, **IS** to be seen as His blood, He means that the **wine IS** to be compared to the Torah obedient Life that He willingly and lovingly chose to lead, and when His disciples or any other person for that matter, chooses to willingly and lovingly partake of that **wine**, which **IS**, a symbol of Messiah's **blood**, and the blood that He shed, is a shadow picture of His Torah obedient Life, for Scripture makes it very clear, that the **LIFE of ALL FLESH IS** in the blood. Therefore based upon that truth, when we partake of Messiah's blood, we are actually committing, to partake of His Torah obedient Life, and make obedience to the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, **OUR GOAL IN LIFE**. This is so important that I will repeat it once more, Scripture quite clearly points out, that the Life of all flesh **IS** indeed **in the blood**, which, as I said, indicates to us, that it is the Torah obedient Life that Messiah lived when He was here on earth with us, **that is blessing us**, and therefore, when we partake of the wine, which is representative of His blood, it means, that we are partaking of the Torah obedient Life the He willingly and lovingly chose to Live.

*Verse 25 Verily I say unto you, I will drink no more of the fruit of the vine, **UNTIL** that day that I drink it new in the kingdom of Elohim.*

Messiah has not yet been crucified, but He prophesies that He will **NOT** drink of the fruit of the vine **UNTIL** He does so in the kingdom of Elohim. This tells us, that Messiah will not partake of any of the **pleasures** of this world any more, **UNTIL** He is actually in the kingdom of Elohim, at which time He says, then will I partake of the fruit of the vine. This is something for all of us to rejoice about, for this indicates to us that many of the fruits of this world, that we now enjoy, **WILL** be in the kingdom of Elohim, when we get there.

Verse 26 *And when they had sung a hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives. 27 And Yeshua said unto them, All of you **SHALL** be **offended** because of Me this night:*

How does Messiah know that? It is because those words are written in Scripture, *I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered.*

*Zechariah 13:7 Awake, O sword, against My shepherd, and against the man that is my fellow, says YHVH of hosts: **smite the shepherd**, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn My hand upon the little ones.*

This tells us that what is happening to Messiah, was prophesied a long time ago, and there is nothing that anyone can do to stop or change it.

Verse 28 *But after that I am risen, I will go before you into Galilee. 29 But Peter said unto Him, Although **ALL** shall be **offended**, yet I Peter will **NOT** be **offended**.*

As you can see, Peter was absolutely convinced that nothing, nor anyone could ever cause him to be offended enough to leave Messiah's side. Peter spoke those words from his heart, when he was standing next to Messiah, where he felt very confident, but, as we will learn, when the actual event happened, Peter was indeed **offended**. The lesson that we absolutely have to learn from this, **IS**, that **ALL of us will be confronted** for what we have chosen to believe, that the Words of the Father's Torah of Life **ARE HIS EVERLASTING TRUTH**, and, while it is easy to answer from the comfort of our homes, and say that no matter what happens, no matter what it is that they do to us, we will **NOT** be offended, we have to be realistic, that some of us, and I am not pointing the finger at anyone here, but some of us, will indeed be **offended** and do as Peter did. I hope and pray that that **is NOT true of any of us here, BUT**, since Peter, and all the other disciples, who truly loved Messiah, were **offended**, then let us ensure that we diligently pray on a daily basis, that **WE**, the people in this room today, and all the people that are listening, and the people that will read this at a later date, let us ensure that we do **NOT** follow in Peter's and all the other disciples footsteps, and be offended at what they, the so called Pharisees and Scribes of the world, the leaders of the man made religions of the world, along with all the secular leaders, will more that likely say and do to us. We have to learn to have the belief and trust that Shadrak, Meshak and Abednego had, when they entered the furnace, so that we will be protected as they were.

Let's read what Messiah had to say in *Luke 21:34-36 And **take heed** to yourselves, lest at any time your **hearts be overcharged** with surfeiting, (debauchery, gluttony) and drunkenness, and **cares of this life**, and so that day comes upon you unawares. 35 For as a snare, it **SHALL** come on **ALL** them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. **Watch** therefore, and **PRAY ALWAYS**, that you may be accounted **WORTHY to ESCAPE** all these things that shall come to pass, and to **STAND** before the Son of man (with a clear conscious).*

The admonition that Messiah is giving us here, **IS**, we are to prepare for this event by praying on a daily basis that we are **worthy to escape** the misery that YHVH Himself is sending upon the world, and the only way to be **worthy** according to Scripture, is by willing and lovingly, choosing to believe, follow and obey all the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life.

*Verse 30 And Yeshua said unto Peter, Verily I say unto you Peter, That **this day**, even in **this night**, before the cock crows **twice**, You Peter shalt deny Me **three** times 31 But Peter spoke even more vehemently, and says **IF** I should die with You, I will **NOT** deny You in any way.. Likewise also said they all.*

As you can see, all (but one, Judas) of Messiah disciples, were convinced that they would **never deny Messiah**. These are people, that have spent **three** plus years with Him, and have seen all that He has done; they have listened to all of His teaching, as you and I have endeavoured to do, and they still **denied** Messiah in His time of need. That is why we have to commit ourselves to believe, follow and obey the Words of the Father's Torah of Life every day of our lives, and pray, that because we do have a surrendered contrite obedient heart, that YHVH will find us **worthy to escape** all these things that Messiah says **SHALL** come to pass.

As you know I am fascinated by the numbers that we encounter in Scripture, and here in this verse, Messiah says that before the Cock will crow **TWICE**, you Peter will deny me three times. The number two in Scripture means, witness, and the number three, represents, resurrection, coming from death to life. Therefore I believe that Messiah is witnessing to Peter, that he, Peter will indeed, deny that he knows or is even associated with Messiah, out of fear for his own well being, **BUT**, since Messiah said that he, Peter, would deny him **three** times, I believe that Messiah was telling Peter and all of us, that **IF** Peter, or anyone else for that matter, chose to repent, and confess their Sins, and then choose to willingly and lovingly continue to walk in obedience to **ALL** the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, that Messiah taught Peter and all of us, that he too, regardless of the fact, that he, Peter, denied Messiah, would be resurrected along with all the other people, who confessed their sins, and then willingly and lovingly committed, to believe, follow and obey **ALL** the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, on judgement day, would spend all of eternity in the kingdom of YHVH Elohim, as the bride of Messiah.

Therefore I believe that what YHVH is telling us, is that our escape from the calamities, that He, YHVH has planned for this world, **IS** based on our willingness to obey **ALL** the Words of His Torah of Life as Messiah did and taught is to do. Amen

Verse 32 And they came to a place which was named Gethsemane: and Messiah said to His disciples, Sit here, while I go to pray.

This tells us that Messiah had different levels of trust in His disciples and that He wanted some closer to Him than others. Now, you have to ask yourself, what kind of disciple do I want to be? Do I want to be one of the ones that Messiah wants close to Him in His time of need, or will I be happy to be like the other nine? It is entirely up to you.

*Verse 33 And Messiah took with Him Peter and James and John, and began to be **sore amazed**, and to be **very heavy**;*

(the words, **sore amazed** are the Greek Word, Ekthambeo, Strong's number G1568, ἐκθαμβέω ekthambéō, pronounced, ek-tham-beh'-o, it is from G1569; to astonish utterly, fright, greatly sore, amazed. This word means **to throw into terror, or amazement, to alarm thoroughly**, to terrify or astound. And the words **very heavy** are the Greek word Ademoneo, Strong's number G85, ἀδημονέω, adēmonéō, pronounced, ad-ay-mon-eh'-o. It is from a derivative of ἀδέω, adéō, to be sated to loathing; **to be in distress of mind, be full of heaviness**, be very heavy.

Please remember that Messiah, at this stage is **FULLY human**, and He knows and understands the pain that He is about to go through, and **He is praying for strength in order to submit to the will of the Father**).

Verse 34 And Messiah said unto the three that were with Him, My soul is exceeding sorrowful grieved, unto death: tarry here, and WATCH.

(Gregoreuo, Strong's number G1127 γρηγορεύω, grēgoreúō, pronounced, gray-gor-yoo'-o, it is from G1453; to keep awake, **WATCH**, literally or figuratively, **to be vigilant, wake, be watchful**).

Verse 35 And Messiah went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and PRAYED that, IF IT WERE POSSIBLE, the hour might pass from Him.

This tells us that Messiah **DID NOT WANT TO GO TO THE CROSS, AND** Messiah pleads with the Father and says in verse 36

And He said, Abba, Father, ALL things are possible unto You; take this cup (this prophesied event, this crucifixion, this incredible agony) AWAY FROM ME:

As you can see, it is quite clear that Messiah **did NOT want to go through with the event that was going to cause the incredible pain that was ahead of Him, BUT** what was His final conclusion, what did He say to our heavenly Father?

Nevertheless NOT My will be done, BUT let whatever Your WILL IS, heavenly Father BE DONE.

This is such a beautiful passage, because it shows me, the incredible love that Messiah had for our heavenly Father, and for all of us, since He **KNEW the pain and humiliation** that He was about to go through, and **STILL**, He insisted that the Father's Will be done and **NOT** His own will. That paints such a beautiful picture of our Messiah, that it actually brings me to tears, **BECAUSE** all of mankind, including us who are present today, **ARE** the reason that Messiah had to go through what He did, it was **OUR** transgressions of the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, our Sins, and not His own, that caused Him to have to go to the Cross, for He was sinless.

Verse 37 And Messiah came back, and found the three of them sleeping, and He said unto Peter, Simon, ARE you sleeping? Could you NOT watch even one hour?

What a very sad statement, while Messiah was agonizing over the pain and humiliation that He was about to go through, His disciples were sleeping, they could **not** even stay awake for one hour, to pray along with Him from a distance. Messiah told them that He was about to be put to death, and **still** they could **not** find it in their souls to stay awake and pray with Him. There is a phenomenal lesson here, for all of us. **WE cannot** fall asleep on our watch (*our daily life*), we have to be very diligent in searching the Scriptures on a daily basis, and then, willingly and lovingly choose, to conform to the Words of the Torah of YHVH, the very same Torah that He gave to Mosheh at Mount Sinai, or else, we too **will fall asleep on our watch**, when Messiah, the Living Torah made flesh needs us the most.

Next Messiah tells Peter and the other two disciples, in verse 38 **Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, BUT the flesh (NOT the Words of the Torah) IS WEAK.**

That reminds me of what Paul said in *Romans 7:18- 25* *For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwells **NO good thing**: for **TO DO** the will of Elohim **IS** present with me; **BUT** how to perform that which is **GOOD**, *Tov*, (how to function in the manner that the Creator wants me to function) **THAT** I do **NOT** find. For the **GOOD**, the *Tov* that I should **DO**, **THAT** I do **NOT DO**: **BUT** the evil which I really do **NOT** want to do, **THAT** I do. **NOW, IF I do what I really do NOT want to do, IT IS no longer I, that does it, BUT SIN that dwells in me.** I find therefore, a Law, that, when I want to do **GOOD**, *Tov*, (when I want to function in the manner that the Creator, created me to function), **EVIL is present with me.** For I **DELIGHT in the Words of the Torah of Elohim after the inward man**: **But**, I see another Law in my members, **WARRING** against the **Torah of my mind**, and bringing me into **captivity** to the **Law of Sin** (the law of transgressing the Words of the Father's Torah of Life) **which is in my members, my body.** O wretched man that I am! **WHO** shall deliver me from the body of this death? (the wages of Sin, the wages of transgressing the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, is death) I thank Elohim, through Yeshua Messiah, our Master. So then with the mind (with my whole being, my soul and my spirit) I myself, Paul, **SERVE** the Torah of Elohim; **BUT** with the flesh (when I rely on and trust my flesh, my carnal mind, my fleshly desires) **I serve the law of Sin.***

Verse 39 And again Messiah went away, and **prayed**, and spoke **the same words**.

Which means that He asked our heavenly Father a second time, that **IF** it were possible, that He Messiah, wanted this cup, these events that were about to happen to Him, the arrest, the flogging, the humiliation, the crucifixion, and His death, to pass from Him, **BUT** as always, He finished by saying **NOT** My will be done, **BUT** your will be done, heavenly Father.

Verse 40 And when Messiah **returned**, he found the three Disciples **asleep again**, (for their eyes were heavy,) **neither did they know what to answer Him.** *41* And He came the **third** time, and said unto them, **Sleep on now, and take your rest: it is enough, the hour is come; behold, the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.** (please remember that it is the religious leaders, the Pharisee, the Sadducees, and the Scribes, that are coming to arrest Messiah to put Him to death, **THEY** are the ones that Messiah says, **ARE** sinners, transgressors of the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, *1John 3:4*) *42* Rise up, let us go; lo, he that **betrays** Me is at hand. *43* And immediately, while He yet spoke, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with **swords and staves**, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. *44* And he that **betrayed** Him had given them a token, saying, **Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is He; take Him, and lead Him away safely.**

Here we see, that like Peter, of whom Messiah said would deny Him **three** times, before the cock crowed **twice**, Messiah visited these **three** disciples **three** times, and every time they were asleep. As I said above, these were His disciples that were with Him for over **three** years, and yet, they could not muster the will to stay awake for one hour and pray for Him in His time of need. Therefore, it is of paramount importance, that we, you and I, understand, that this **IS** the human condition, to be more concerned about self than others, as Messiah's sleeping disciples are showing us, unless there is a direct threat to us, a threat that could actually harm us, we tend to put off some of the things that we ought to do, therefore, the message that I believe Messiah is giving us, **IS, WATCH, be alert, don't let your guard down**, when it comes to the enemy, for he is very deceptive and will attack when you least expect it. It is only by willingly choosing to obey the Words of the Father's Torah of Life that we can be **on full alert**, from the attacks of the enemy, for he cannot and will **NOT** attack when he knows that we are aware of what he is doing, he always uses subterfuge, deception, and waits until

people have let their guard down and then he attacks. So let us make a commitment today, that as for me and my house we shall diligently serve YHVH.

In these *verses* we also learn of how Judas planned to betray Messiah, and how he would point Him out to the Priest that were coming to arrest Him. Judas told the priest that the man that he kisses on the cheek, is the man that they want. ***Can there be a more heinous crime than betraying someone who has called you a friend in the past?*** While there are many heinous crimes, where many people are hurt and or killed, ***betrayal*** ranks at the top of all of them, because it not only attacks the person's heart, who realizes that the person he put his trust in ***IS*** the cause of his demise, but it also affects the person's spirit, which makes it even harder to trust other people in the future, because of this betrayal.

Verse 45 And as soon as he was come, he goes straightway to Messiah, and says, Master, master; and kissed Him.

What was going through Judas' heart and mind at that time? He came right up to Messiah and kissed Him on the cheek, ***KNOWING***, that he was betraying Him. I cannot for the life of me understand how someone can do that, even though it has been done to me more than once. It is very demoralizing, not only because you feel betrayed, but because you start questioning your discernment abilities, which makes it harder, or at least a more lengthy process to start trusting other people again.

Verse 46 And they laid their hands on Him, and took Him. 47 And one of them that stood by, (Peter) drew a sword, and smote a servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear.

The time to stand with Messiah was when He ***asked them to pray for Him, BUT*** they fell asleep, and here, whether through guilt, or just because he was upset with how the events were going, Peter, stands up, and uses His sword to defend Yeshua. Now while I understand that Peter wanted to defend Messiah at that point, it was fruitless, and as you will see, Messiah also felt the same way for He says in *verse 48*

*And Yeshua answered and said unto them, Are you come out, as against a thief, with swords and with staves to take me? 49 I was daily with **you** in the temple teaching, and you did **NOT** take Me: **BUT** the **Scriptures** must be fulfilled. What Scripture?*

*Isaiah 53:7 He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He did **NOT** open His mouth: He is brought as a Lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He too did **NOT** open His mouth.*

*Verse 50 And they (His disciples) **ALL** forsook Him, and fled.*

I am sitting here, in my comfortable chair, at my desk, in the comfort of my home and trying to understand how and why Messiah's disciples deserted him, why, they did **NOT** speak out against His unlawful arrest, and demand that they let Messiah go. The answer is right there, in my face, for we have experienced in Canada and around the world, exactly what made Messiah's disciples abandon Him in his time of need, and it is because of ***FEAR***. We have seen first hand what the effect of ***FEAR*** can do for the past four years, with people being so afraid of the fabricated potency of the so called virus, Coved 19, that it would kill millions and millions of people, and that fear caused many to even abandon many of their own family members, and many cut ties with friends and family

members, because of the **fear** of being infected by the people that chose **NOT** to be Guinea pigs and be vaccinated with an unapproved and untested vaccine. We have to understand that **FEAR IS** contagious, and as soon as you give in to the any **LIE**, like what was perpetrated on the peoples of whole world, that some **VIRUS** is about to kill million and millions of people, it is everyone for themselves, then the **FEAR** will continue to mount, until **it is so great** that some people would rather put family members and or friends to death, than have them come near them, without being vaccinated, vaccinated with a vaccine that has proven to be **totally ineffective against the virus anyway**. **FEAR** will paralyze people, and put their common sense, on the back burner, never to be used again until the so called threat is removed; and that is what I believe happened to Messiah's disciples, they were very **afraid** for their lives and they fled.

*Verse 51 And there followed Him a certain young man, having a linen cloth cast about his naked body; and the young men laid hold on him: 52 And he left the **linen cloth**, and fled from them naked.*

Why is that even mentioned in Scripture, **WE** are **NOT** told who this young man is, only that he had a linen cloth over his body. In the Hebrew Scriptures the word linen is Shesh, שש, and it is defined as Egyptian linen in *Genesis 41:42*, but it is also the spelling for the number six, and the number six in Scripture represents man, for man was created on the sixth day.

Now with all this information, I believe that the spiritual message that Messiah is conveying to us here, is that when we allow our covering (the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life) to be removed from us, by the lies of the enemy, then mankind is left naked and then our only defence, is to try and escape, run away.

Verse 53 And they led Yeshua away to the high priest: and with him were assembled all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes.

So here we see that the spiritual, is being attacked by the carnal, and that is representative of the carnal mind that is at enmity with YHVH.

*Verse 54 And Peter followed him afar off, even into the palace of the high priest: and he sat with the servants, and warmed himself at the fire. 55 And the chief priests and all the council sought for witnesses against Yeshua to put Him to death; **AND FOUND NONE**. 56 For many bare false witness against Him, **BUT** none of their testimonies agreed with each other (they were all lies).*

Here we see that they could **NOT** find two witnesses that had the same testimony, or the same evidence against Messiah, because, according to Scripture, you need evidence from two or three witnesses to put someone to death, and all the testimonies of these false witnesses, contradicted each other, **BUT** the Priests did **NOT** stop there, we are told in *verse 57*

*And there arose certain, who bare **false witness** against Him, saying, 58 We heard Him say, I **will destroy this temple** that is made with hands, and within **three** days I will build another made without hands.*

There is some truth in this statement, **BUT** Messiah did **NOT** say that He would destroy the Temple, He said, that **NOT** one stone of the temple would be left upon the other, and that it would be destroyed. Furthermore, in another incident, when He spoke of destroying the temple and then raising

it up on the **third** day, He was speaking about His own body, as being the Temple that they, the religious leaders of the day, would destroy, and that His Body, His Temple, would be resurrected on the third day. But again, we see in *verse 59*, that the testimonies of different false witnesses did not agree with each other, therefore they could not sentence Messiah to death by their testimony, because, as I said, it is only under the testimony of **TWO** or **THREE** witnesses that a person can be put to death.

Verse 59 But neither so did their witness agree together.

*Verse 60 And the high priest stood up in the midst, and **asked** Yeshua, saying, Why do you **NOT** answer anything? What is it that these witnesses are witnessing against You? 61 **BUT** Messiah held His peace, and answered nothing.*

There was no need for Messiah to answer, since He had not done anything wrong, even according to their own man made laws and or their man made religious doctrines.

*Again the high priest asked Him, and said unto Him, Are You the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed? 62 And Yeshua said, **I am:** and you shall see the Son of man sitting on the Right Hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.*

Here Messiah admits to the whole group of people that were present, that He **IS** indeed the prophesied Messiah, the Son of the Blessed heavenly Father, and as soon as He did that, we are told what the high priest did in *verse 63*

*Then the high priest **rent his clothes**, and said, What need we any further of witnesses? 64 You have heard the blasphemy: what think you? And they **ALL** condemned Messiah to be guilty of death.*

Here we see that Messiah spoke the **TRUTH** and because He did, the High Priest says that Messiah has blasphemed, and, that that so called blasphemy, made Him worthy of being put to death, **BUT** you and I know, that He spoke the **TRUTH** about who He is.

Because of the High Priests accusations, some people felt the need to spit on Messiah to show their disgust with His comments.

Verse 65 And some began to spit on him, and to cover His face, and to buffet Him, and to say unto him, Prophecy: and the servants did strike Him with the palms of their hands.

It is amazing to me, how some people, who for some reason feel like they are **Righteous**, and **above reproach**, **ACT in such an unrighteous manner**. This tells me, that their man made version of the **TRUTH**, their man made doctrine, their oral torah, was based on **unrighteousness**, and that is why they felt **justified** to spit on Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father, made flesh. They felt that they had the right to push Him and slap His face. There is no worse person in the world than a person that is **SELF RIGHTEOUS**, because, that person, somehow believes, that he or she are above reproach, just like Iyov's three friends thought that they were above reproach, and that their so called **righteousness** gave them the right to accuse Iyov of wrong doing without any proof whatsoever.

Verse 66 And as Peter was beneath in the palace, there came one of the maids of the high priest:

Denial number One:

*67 And when she saw Peter warming himself, she looked upon him, and said, And You also were with Yeshua of Nazareth. 68 But Peter denied it, saying, I do **NOT** know, **neither do I understand what you are saying.***

And Peter went out into the porch; and the cock crew.

Denial number Two:

*Verse 69 And a maid saw him again, and began to say to them that stood by, This is one of them. 70 **And Peter denied it again.***

Denial number three:

*And a little after, they that stood by said again to Peter, Surely **YOU** are one of them: for **YOU** are a Galilean, and your speech (accent) agrees thereto. 71 But Peter began to **CURSE and to SWEAR**, saying, **I do NOT KNOW this man of whom you speak.***

*Verse 72 And the cock crew a **second** time.*

At that point, when Peter heard the cock crow a second time, he recalled the words that Yeshua said unto him, *Before the cock crows twice, **YOU** Peter **SHALL deny me three times.***

When Peter finally calmed down and realized what he had done, we are told in the balance of *verse 72: And when he thought thereon, **HE WEPT.***

Ask yourself, how you would feel, **IF** you denied Messiah three times, and then put yourself in Peter's shoes, and try and understand how scared he was, and then answer truthfully, would you have done what Peter did to save your own life, would you deny knowing Messiah, and **curse** and **swear** at the people that accused you of **knowing Him**? Only you know the answer to that question. Amein

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