

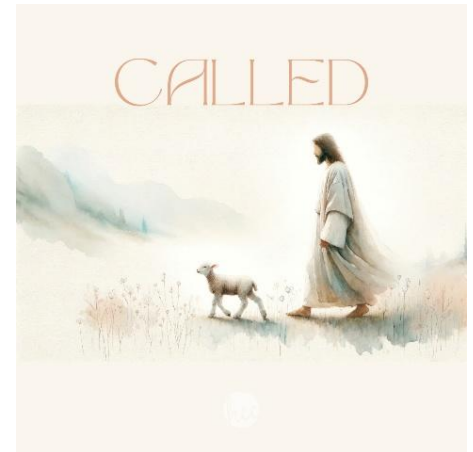
Life Group Study Notes

Date: 23 August 2026

Sermon: **Rejected, Betrayed, Abandoned & Disowned.**

Speaker: Andrew Stubbins

Scriptures: Read Mark 14:41-72



Scripture Questions:

1. Mark 14:45. Why did Judas betray Jesus? Why did he use a kiss to betray him?
2. V47. Why did Peter fight back with a sword? See also, John 18:10. What was Jesus's response to the servant's ear being cut off? Luke 22:49-51. How should we emulate Jesus's passive reply?
3. V48. Why does Jesus challenge his arrestors with "Am I leading a rebellion"? Jesus points out that His arrest fulfils the Scriptures. How does knowing that God is in complete control comfort us when we face unfair or chaotic circumstances?
4. V61, "But Jesus was silent" What does this teach us about when to speak up and when to hold our peace during personal conflict or unfair treatment?
5. V62. Look at Jesus response. Why did this specific claim of divine authority provoke a charge of blasphemy from the Sanhedrin? What is Jesus referring to? See Daniel 7:13-14. How is Jesus here claiming to be God?
6. How did Peter go from confidence in Mark 14:31 to denial in V71? What life lessons are there here? How have you seen small, seemingly harmless compromises in faith lead to bigger spiritual failures later?
7. V72. The rooster crows, Peter remembers Jesus's words, and he breaks down weeping. What is the difference between Peter's and Judas's grief?
Matt 27:3-10? How should we handle our own moments of spiritual failure?

Personal Questions:

- V45 and V71. In what ways do we sometimes profess closeness to God with our words or religious habits while compromising our loyalty to Him in our actions?
- V62. "I AM. And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of Heaven" If Jesus is claiming to be God, what is your response to his claim?

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, Thank You for Your incredible humility, courage, and love to us. We are challenged by the price You paid for us, willingly enduring rejection, betrayal, abandonment and being disowned, so that we would never have to be separated from God. Forgive us for the times we, like Peter, have chosen comfort or safety over standing up for You. When we do fail, remind us of Your grace. Guard our hearts against despair, and let our grief lead us back to true repentance and restoration. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit, so that our lives may bear witness to the truth that You are indeed the Messiah, the Son of God. In your wonderful name Jesus. Amen.