

**“SCANDAL: THE SHEPHERD IS STRUCK”**

**Mark 14:26-31**

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**I. How will the disciples react when Jesus is killed? (vv. 26-27)**

*“they had sung a hymn”* → Psalms 113-8

*“You will all fall away”*

*“for it is written”*

*“I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.”*

**Our common \_\_\_\_\_ reveals our \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus.**

**Job 1-2**

**Psalms 113-118**

**Luke 22:31-32**

**James 3:2**

*“We ourselves fail; others fail us; Christ alone is unfailing.”*

-Sinclair Ferguson

*“Our fears not only tell us what we love; they also push us toward extremes in relationship.”*

-Groves & Smith

**II. How do the disciples respond to this news about their weakness?**

(vv. 29-31)

Peter: *“Even though they all fall away, I will not.”*

**Chrysostom:** *“... the mother of all sins.”* **Augustine:** *“... commencement of all sin.”*

*“This very night ... you will deny me three times.”*

*“But he said emphatically, “If I must die with you, I will not deny you.”*

*“And they all said the same.”*

**Pride \_\_\_\_\_ us into thinking we, not \_\_\_\_\_, are right.**

**Deuteronomy 8:11-13**  
**2 Chronicles 26:16; 32:24-31**  
**Daniel 4**  
**Hosea 13:5-6**  
**James 4:6-10; 1 Pt. 5:5**

*"While pride may be most the grievous of all sins, it is also likewise the most hidden, secret and deceitful of all transgressions."* -Jonathan Edwards

*"People believe things about themselves that are distorted by pride and self-importance."* -Jeremy Pierre

**III. Is this the end of the story? Are we toast? (vv. 27-28)**

*"I will strike the shepherd"*

*"But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee."*

**Jesus pursues \_\_\_\_\_ in His death & \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Exodus 34:6-7**  
**Galatians 6:1**

*"This is something we need to remember about Jesus when we fail. Our sins can easily harden our hearts against him and blind us to his grace. Do not think that he is ever taken by surprise when you fail him. Go to him immediately, and confess your sin, and the weakness of your love for him."* -Sinclair Ferguson

*"God is love, and God is slow to anger. He intends to make us like himself. To be slow to anger means you are willing to work with wrong over time."* -David Powlison

*"God is patient in that he continues to actively treat people well, even when they are offensive and ungrateful."* -David Powlison

**BIG IDEA:**