

Mark 14:26

And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Talk about a spiritual high, this verse is speaking about what happened as Jesus and the disciples left from just celebrating the Passover Feast (the Last Supper). Think about that, you just celebrated the Passover with Jesus, and during this celebration, Jesus teaches you. Then at the end, you all walk away praising God in song. What a spiritual high. So much so, that Peter and the other disciples did what we would do, and that was to become overconfident in ourselves.

† **Mark 14:27-31** *Then Jesus said to them, "All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written: 'I will strike the Shepherd, And the sheep will be scattered.' 'But after I have been raised, I will go before you to Galilee.'" Peter said to Him, "Even if all are made to stumble, yet I will not be." Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you that today, even this night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times." But he spoke more vehemently, "If I have to die with You, I will not deny You!" And they all said likewise.*

They were all on a spiritual high from what they had just experienced, but soon they would all come crashing down.

† **Mark 14:48-50** *Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs to take Me? 'I was daily with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize Me. But the Scriptures must be fulfilled.'" Then they all forsook Him and fled. (underlined for emphasis)*

So, what happened to these guys, or should we ask, why does this happen to us, that one minute we are praising God, then the next we are hiding from our Christianity? The same thing that happened with Peter and all the disciples: *"If I have to die with You, I will not deny You!" And they all said likewise. Then they all forsook Him and fled.*

We become overconfident because the Lord has done something through us, we turn our eyes off Him and put them on ourselves, thinking that we can handle anything that comes our way. However, we forget that the only reason we were even able to do anything was the Lord working through us, not our own abilities or strength.

† **Prov 16:18** *Pride goes before destruction,
And a haughty spirit before a fall.*

So next time the Lord does something good through you, keep your eyes on Jesus, and remember that He did the work through you, and you were just the vessel being used.

† **2 Tim 2:21** *Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work.*