



“Swords and Clubs”

Mark 14:43-52 ♦ Pastor Jim Lennon
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Introduction –*In the garden of Gethsemane, Judas betrays Jesus with an armed contingent expecting armed resistance. Judas got it wrong.*

I. Swords and Clubs.

- A. In the Bible the sword means something more than just killing.
- B. The sword represents the authority of this world’s Kingdoms.
- C. In coming to arrest Jesus with swords and clubs, they don’t understand Jesus at all.
- D. Swords have the power not just to take a life, but to compel behavior.
- E. The authority of the Kingdoms of this world are always associated with the sword.

F. What is a Kingdom?

- It is an administration, which is a way of doing things.

G. When Judas shows up with swords and clubs, it exemplifies the Kingdom of this world.

II. The Kingdoms of This World.

- A. What defines a kingdom is a list of priorities about how to get things done.
- B. The sword is at the top of the list of the world’s Kingdoms.
- C. Jesus rejects the world’s administration.
- D. Jesus comes to inaugurate a new Kingdom and a new order of the way things are done.

Conclusion.