

There may be as many as 50 quotes of the OT, in the NT. However, the number of places that Jesus Himself quotes the OT, are far fewer. We are in a series looking at these and learning from His example, how to read the OT.

### Context for Mk 14

- 1] This is Jesus' last night before His crucifixion
- 2] After their last supper they sing a hymn (a Passover Hymn? - Ps 115 – 118)
- 3] They then left the city for the Mt of Olives, where He warns them that it is written in the Bible *'I will strike the shepherd and the sheep will be scattered'*. (Zech 13:7)

### Zechariah 13:7-9

- 1] The time is the 5<sup>th</sup> C BC. It is after exile, & the Temple & city have been rebuilt.
- 2] In this poem, the Lord foretells that He will 'strike the Shepherd and the flock will be scattered', but some will persevere and call upon His name /be faithful.

Let's now read from (Mark 14:26-32, 51,52)

Intro

*'I will strike the shepherd and the sheep will be scattered'* (Zech 13:7; Mk 14:27)

### I will strike

- 1] Zechariah 13:7

*"Awake O sword, against my shepherd against the man who stands next to me, declares the Lord of Hosts. Strike the shepherd and the sheep will be scattered; I will turn my hand against the little ones"* (Zech 13:7)

Nb the action is **by** the 'Lord of hosts' **against** the shepherd/ the prophet and His sheep  
\*God's Word / Will be done.\*

- 2] Jesus

Is the Crucifixion - A tragic accident or part of the divine plan

*nb Jesus, God the Son, embraced crucifixion to pay our debts against the unchangeable Law of God of God made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God (2Cor 5:21)*

*cf While we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Rom 5:8)*

- 3] The church at Pentecost

a) commissioned before Pentecost...

*you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, the ends of the earth (Acts 1:6)*

b) early church grew in Jerusalem –

**'5000 men'** and **'growing'** (Acts 4:4; 6:1)

c) Persecution

***‘There arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem and they were all scattered throughout the regions’ (Acts 8:1)***

*Nb The Jerusalem church evicted, persecuted, imprisoned ...etc*

d) consequences....?

1) individual? – horrific – loss of home, work, freedom, life?

2) Gospel? - spread outwards – Samaria etc

3) Young Christian church/ - 35 years later a Jewish rebellion was crushed by Roman legions – 1m killed and Jerusalem was raised to the ground (the young church had previously been dispersed)

## **I will strike ... The shepherd**

1] In Zechariah’s time this referred to the shepherd/the prophet/ the leader in Is.

2] Jesus applies it to Himself

*Nb I am the good shepherd the good shepherd lays down His life for his sheep (John 10:15)*

*Cf The Lord is my shepherd I’ll not want (Ps 23:1)*

## **And the sheep will be scattered**

1] “you all will fall away” (27a)

*Nb the word for ‘fall away’ means literally ‘entrapped/tricked’ i.e. by the work of the devil*

2] for a time... ‘But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee’ (28’ cf 16:7)

*I.e. after the resurrection (8:31; 9:9,31; 10:34)*

*\*Note the backdrop for all Christian suffering is the resurrection of Jesus - and His followers too (1 Cor 15:20-22) It is only for a time then - resurrection\**

*\*God reveals to His people the information we need at the time we need it\**

*\*JESUS leads the way\**

*\*GRACE - Jesus invites His disciples to follow Him\**

3] Protest

a) Peter – ‘Even though they all fall away, I will not’ (29)

*cf Peter – ‘you shall never wash my feet’ (John 13:8)*

b) Peter - ‘If I must die with you, I will not deny you’. And they all said the same (29,31)

*cf willing to die cf Thomas (John 11:16)*

*\*NEVER, ‘emphatically’ contradict Jesus\**

*\*Note – know your weakness / sinfulness by many \**

*\*Do not be swayed by the crowd\**

4] Reality

a) At Jesus’ arrest – ‘they all left Him and fled’

*nb - Jesus predicted they **ALL** would fall away, they **ALL** protested, then **ALL** fled (27,31,50)*

b) Peter denied Him - 3 times (14:66ff)

*\*God knows what you will do before you do decide to do it\**

## 5] Young man

a) Taken to be author John Mark by some commentators

*cf 'young man' and 'the one who Jesus loved' is the author in John's Gospel (Jn 13:23; 20:2; 21:7,20)*

b) 'young man'?

*nb word only used twice in Mark's Gospel – 'other on entering the tomb they saw a **young man** sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe..' (16:5)*

c) 'linen'

*nb In OT it was worn by priests (Lev 6:10)*

*In NT only mention is as a rich man's daily garment (Lk 16:19)*

*used amongst people for dead bodies (Jn 11:44)*

*nb in Mark, the same word used for young man's garment as for Jesus' shroud (15:46)*

*?A linen garment was taken from the young man and a linen garment used to wrap Jesus' body?*

*\*Note – they seized Jesus, crucified (enshrouded Him) while the young man(we?) escaped the shroud of death*

*\*Jesus took upon Himself the sin/punishment/ death of Mankind, that we might live\**

d) 'he ran away naked'

*cf both **naked** and were not ashamed (Gen 2:25) ...knew that they were **naked** (3:7)*

## Conclusion

1] Jesus was in complete control - He was, He is and He always will be

2] Whatever situation you are in – “He will go before you to Galilee”. There will be a glorious day of resurrection for all who follow Him.

3] Do you follow Him? Are you His? Then relax He has it all in hand!

## Key verse

*'I will strike the shepherd and the sheep will be scattered' (27b)*

## Main Point

*'God will hand Jesus over to be crucified and all of His followers will desert him'*