



Welcome to Bethesda Frankel Estate Church

You did not choose me, but I CHOSE you and appointed you that you should go and BEAR FRUIT & that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.— John 15:16

Rooted in the Living Word Empowered by the Holy Spirit Abiding in Christ only Daring to Hope and to Love Yielding Fruit To God's Glory

Topic: Betrayal and Arrest (John 18:1 - 27)

**Services: 8am & 10am Services
Speaker: Elder Melville Szto**

Our passage this morning tells of the betrayal and arrest of Jesus. John records two of the three betrayals that occurred that night. We will follow the story through these three betrayals before focussing on the central character in the narrative, our Lord himself.

Key Verse: *But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.* -- (Luke 22:32)

1. The disciples' betrayal (Mark 14:32-41)

How did the disciples closest to Jesus, Peter, James & John, betray him? Can we also betray him in a similar way (letting him down)?

What does Jesus parable of the sheep and goats (Matt 25: 41-45) teach us about betrayal?

2. Judas Iscariot's betrayal (John 18:1-9)

What do you think might have been Judas' motive for betraying his Lord? Do you think Judas was a true follower of Jesus? Is it possible for anyone who truly belongs to Jesus to betray him in the way that Judas did? See John 10:27-29, 17:12

3. Simon Peter's betrayal (John 18:15-18, 25-27)

How did Peter betray his Lord? Why do you think he failed so badly despite his earlier boast in John 13:36-38? Three things Peter could have done to protect himself from betrayal are:

- 1) taking seriously Jesus' w _____,
- 2) humbling himself to seek Jesus' h _____,
- 3) p _____ instead of sleeping.

Can we fail the Lord in the way that Peter did? Is recovery possible?

4. Jesus Christ's victory (John 18:4-11, 19-24)

Gethsemane was Jesus' moment of greatest crisis. His need for the support of his disciples in that hour showed him to be totally human. The disciples failed him, but God sent angels to strengthen him. His prayer **"yet not my will, but yours be done"** sealed his victory. He confronted those who came to arrest him with **"I am he"** and they all fell back. Jesus was totally human without ceasing to be totally God. Even in arrest & under interrogation he retained authority, the authority not just of God, but of a man fully submitted to God.

5. Three takeaways

- i. We can betray Jesus like Peter & the other disciples, but recovery is always possible. God can write a different ending to our stories.
- ii. True followers of Jesus cannot betray him as Judas did. The one who is in us (the Holy Spirit) is greater than he that is in the world (1 John 4:4)
- iii. The one key to victorious Christian living is always submission to God's will, no more, no less.

Pulpit Series on Gospel of John "Life In His Name"

"Who is Jesus?" No other question is of greater significance for us. John's Gospel tells us: Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God and by believing you may have life in his name (John 20:31). But what does it mean that Jesus is "the Christ"? How may we believe that, & what does it mean to "believe"? What does it mean to "have life"? And how must we respond? All this and more will be unpacked as we explore the riches of the 4th Gospel in our sermon series on John. Do pray for these brethren who will be taking us through the series.

Date	Bible Passage & Topics	Speaker
26 July	BFEC 62nd Anniversary - World Upside Down (Acts 17:6-7)	Elder Alex Lo
2 Aug	18:28-19:16a - Who's on trial? Who's the king?	SP William Lee (Bt Arang)
9 Aug	19:16b-42 - "It is finished."	Deacon Kiang Tzy Peng
16 Aug	B F E C 46th Annual General Meeting	
23 Aug	20:1-31 - "My Lord and My God!"	Elder Jimmy Tan
30 Aug	21:1-25 - Epilogue - Feeding and (Re) Commissioning	Jason Sin

Notice for BFEC's 46th AGM

Our 2020 Annual General Meeting, will take place on 16 August (Sun).



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<p>Alpha Online is one opportunity to explore the meaning of life and what Christian belief is all about. It is simply a pressure-free platform for anyone who has questions about the meaning of life or is simply keen to investigate Christianity. And during this period, one does not have to leave the privacy of one's home to do this.</p>	<p>Topics covered: 24 Jul (Session 1): Who is Jesus? 31 Jul (Session 2): Why Did Jesus Die? 7 Aug (Session 3): How Can I Have Faith? 14 Aug (Session 4): Why and How Should I Pray? 21 Aug (Session 5): Why & How Should I Read the Bible? 28 Aug (Session 6a & 6b): Who is the Holy Spirit? / How Can I Be Filled with the Holy Spirit? 4 Sep (Session 7): How Does God Guide Us? 11 Sep (Session 8): How Can I Resist Evil?</p>
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My Response: Our Response during the service is an act of worship. Do submit your reflections online to <http://bfec.sg/response> or via whatsapp or sms to 9670 1800.

Holy Communion: We welcome baptized believers to join in the Lord's Supper.

Tithes & Offerings: Giving as "unto the Lord" is the privilege of every disciple of Christ. As an act of personal & corporate worship, we encourage members to participate purposefully thro' regular giving during worship services.

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