

Negotiating with a Bear

Mark 53-72

Jesus remains steady and true to God's plan, even when His followers continually falter.

1. A devoted witness like Jesus; v53-65 Rev 1:5

- a. will face unfair trials and false witnesses** v53-65 Psalm 73:1-21, 2 Corinthians 4:17
- b. will tell the truth.** V60-65, John 14:2-6, 8:31-32

2. An undevoted witness like Peter; v66-7, 22 Corinthians 1:12

- a. will deny understanding Christ.** V66-68, Matthew 16:16, Proverbs 16:25
- b. will deny belonging to Christ.** V69-70, Galatians 3:26-28, Colossians 3:3
- c. will deny knowing Christ.** V71-72, Matthew 7:21-23, Romans 10:9-10

1 Peter 3:15-16 in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.