

# Mark 14:41

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he cometh the third time, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: it is enough, the hour is come; behold, the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

## Analysis

**And he cometh the third time**—biblical pattern of three (Jonah's three days, Peter's three denials, Christ's third-day resurrection) marks finality. **Sleep on now, and take your rest: it is enough** (καθεύδετε τὸ λοιπὸν καὶ ἀναπαύεσθε· ἀπέχει, katheudete to loipon kai anapaueste; apechei)—this phrase puzzles interpreters. Some read it as permission ("Go ahead, sleep"), others as ironic rebuke ("Still sleeping?"), others as resignation ("The time for watching is over").

**The hour is come; behold, the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.** The verb παραδίδοται (paradidotai, "is betrayed") appears in present tense, indicating the betrayal process has begun. **Son of man** (ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου, ho huios tou anthrōpou) references Daniel 7:13's glorious figure—yet this Son of Man is delivered to "sinners" (ἀμαρτωλῶν, hamartōlōn), the term used for the worst outcasts. Glory descends to shame; King submits to sinners' hands.

## Historical Context

"The hour" (ἡ ὥρα, hē hōra) in John's Gospel repeatedly refers to Jesus' crucifixion hour, predetermined by the Father. First-century Jewish expectations anticipated Messiah conquering sinners, not being conquered by them. Jesus' willing submission to "sinners' hands" radically redefined messianic victory as sacrificial suffering.

## Related Passages

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

## Study Questions

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1. How does the contrast between "Son of Man" (Daniel's glorious figure) and "hands of sinners" challenge your understanding of Christ's humiliation?
2. What does Jesus' statement "the hour is come" teach about divine sovereignty over timing in redemptive history and your own life?
3. How should the urgency of "the hour is come" affect your response to God's current calling in your life?

## Interlinear Text

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καὶ ἥλθεν τὸ τρίτον καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς Καθεύδετε  
And he cometh G3588 the third time And saith unto them Sleep on  
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τὸ λοιπὸν καὶ ἀναπαύεσθε· ἀπέχει· ἥλθεν ἡ ὥρα  
G3588 now And take your rest it is enough he cometh G3588 the hour  
G3063 G2532 G373 G566 G2064 G5610

ἰδού, παραδίδοται ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου εἰς τὰς  
behold is betrayed the Son of man into G3588 G5207 G444 G1519 G3588  
G2400 G3860

χεῖρας τῶν ἀμαρτωλῶν  
the hands of sinners  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Mark 14:35** (Parallel theme): And he went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him.

**Mark 9:31** (Parallel theme): For he taught his disciples, and said unto them, The Son of man is delivered into the hands of men, and they shall kill him; and after that he is killed, he shall rise the third day.

**John 17:1** (Parallel theme): These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:

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