

# Mark 14:49

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

I was daily with you in the temple teaching, and ye took me not: but the scriptures must be fulfilled.

## Analysis

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**I was daily with you in the temple teaching, and ye took me not**—Jesus contrasts public ministry with midnight arrest. The imperfect tense ἦμην (ēmēn, "I was") indicates continuous, repeated presence—day after day openly teaching. Their choice of darkness over daylight exposes evil's nature: "Men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil" (John 3:19).

**But the scriptures must be fulfilled** (ἀλλ' ἵνα πληρωθῶσιν αἱ γραφαί, all' hina plērōthōsin hai graphai)—Jesus interprets events through Scripture's lens. The divine necessity δεῖ (dei, "must") indicates not human plotting but divine decree. Scriptures like Isaiah 53, Psalm 22, and Zechariah 13:7 required Messiah's suffering. Jesus' awareness of fulfilling Scripture sustained Him through suffering, showing how biblical understanding provides courage in trials.

## Historical Context

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The temple was Jerusalem's public teaching venue, where rabbis gathered disciples. Jesus taught there regularly, especially during feast weeks when crowds swelled. That religious authorities avoided arresting Him there demonstrates fear of popular support (14:2). Night arrest avoided public witness and possible riot. First-century readers familiar with Scriptures would recognize multiple prophecies converging in this moment.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does Jesus' appeal to public teaching versus nighttime arrest expose the difference between truth and falsehood in methods?
2. What does Jesus' interpretive framework ("scriptures must be fulfilled") teach about how to understand suffering providentially rather than accidentally?
3. Which specific Old Testament prophecies was Jesus likely thinking of when He said "the scriptures must be fulfilled"?

## Interlinear Text

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καθ'	ἡμέραν	ἤμην	πρὸς	ὑμᾶς	ἐν	τῷ	ἱερῷ	διδάσκων
G2596	<b>daily</b>	<b>I was</b>	<b>with</b>	<b>you</b>	<b>in</b>	G3588	<b>the temple</b>	<b>teaching</b>
	G2250	G2252	G4314	G5209	G1722		G2411	G1321
καὶ	οὐκ	ἐκρατήσατέ	με·	ἀλλ'	ἵνα	πληρωθῶσιν	αἱ	
<b>and</b>	<b>not</b>	<b>ye took</b>	<b>me</b>	<b>but</b>	<b>must</b>	<b>be fulfilled</b>		G3588
G2532	G3756	G2902	G3165	G235	G2443	G4137		
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<b>the scriptures</b>								
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## Additional Cross-References

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**John 18:20** (Temple): Jesus answered him, I spake openly to the world; I ever taught in the synagogue, and in the temple, whither the Jews always resort; and in secret have I said nothing.

**John 8:2** (Temple): And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him; and he sat down, and taught them.

**Mark 12:35** (Temple): And Jesus answered and said, while he taught in the temple, How say the scribes that Christ is the Son of David?

**Matthew 26:56** (Word): But all this was done, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the disciples forsook him, and fled.

**Matthew 26:54** (Word): But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?

**Matthew 1:22** (Parallel theme): Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

**Luke 22:37** (Parallel theme): For I say unto you, that this that is written must yet be accomplished in me, And he was reckoned among the transgressors: for the things concerning me have an end.

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