

Jesus Prays and is Arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane

Bible passages: Matthew 26:36-46, Mark 14:32-42 Luke 22:39-5

Jesus took His disciples to the **Mount of Olives**, which was a place He often went with them.

It was time to **warn them** of what was about to happen to Him!



Jesus explained that everyone would **run away** and leave Him to die but after He had been raised from the dead, He would meet them in Galilee!

His friend Peter said he would **never** run away like that, but Jesus warned him, 'Before the cock crows 3 times you will say you don't know Me.'



Then Jesus took the disciples to a garden called Gethsemane. He led Peter, James and John away from the others. 'I am very, very sad. Stay here, keep watch and pray,' He said to them.



Jesus went by himself to pray. He cried out to God. 'Abba Father, if it is possible, stop this horrible thing that is about to happen to Me. But don't do what I want, do what You want to be done.' Jesus prayed so hard that His sweat was like drops of blood falling down onto the ground.



When Jesus returned to the three disciples they were asleep. 'Could you not stay awake for 1 hour? The spirit is willing, but the human heart is weak,' He said sadly. Jesus went and prayed once more and again the disciples fell asleep. He prayed a final time and as He woke the disciples, He saw a disciple called Judas coming towards them.



Judas stood before Jesus with a large crowd. They had been sent by the Chief Priests. Some Roman soldiers were also with them. They all carried torches and clubs and swords.



Jesus asked who they wanted, and they said, 'Jesus of Nazareth'.

'I am He,' Jesus replied. At once they all fell back onto the ground. Jesus told the soldiers to let His disciples go and then Judas came and kissed Him on the cheek like a friend to show the crowd He was the one they wanted.



Peter was very angry and started to fight with his sword, but Jesus stopped him. **'Do you not think that my Father could send many angels to help? I shall obey my Father and do what He wants.'** Then Jesus was arrested.



Then Jesus asked the crowd. 'Why have you come to me with clubs and swords as if I am a robber? Every day I preached in the temple. Why did you not arrest me then? **But all that God has written will come true.**'

Then all the disciples ran away.



How do you think the disciples felt when Jesus told them He was going to be killed but then rise from the dead?

Upset, confused or frightened?

How do you think you would have felt when Judas and the soldiers came to arrest Jesus?

Scared, afraid and angry?

Why didn't Jesus get lots of angels to protect him and help him to escape?

Re-read Jesus' words in **red** again to help you to understand. It was written earlier in the Bible that it was God's plan that Jesus would die to take our punishment. Jesus was obeying his heavenly Father.

Verse of the Week

"God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son. God gave his Son so that whoever believes in him may not be lost but have everlasting life."

John 3 :16

Prayer

Dear Father God,

Thank you that Jesus was willing to die for our all the bad sins we people have done, even though it was painful and sad for him.

Thank you that Jesus forgave his disciples for falling asleep and running away from the soldiers!

Thank you that if we say sorry, you forgive us too. Help us to be brave followers of Jesus.

Amen

YouTube Video Links

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W3cCOsiBoGA&ab_channel=ParentCue

Excellent storyteller Jesus Prays in Gethsemane - 7:16 minutes

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pm5UL8So6lQ&ab_channel=BibleBlocks With

wooden puppets - 3 ½ minutes

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9y2pOCAUfUw&ab_channel=SharefaithKids

3:51 minutes

<https://www.freebibleimages.org/illustrations/ls-jesus-gethsemane/>

<https://www.freebibleimages.org/illustrations/preschool-jesus-arrested/>





While they slept, Judas came with a great multitude. He came near to Jesus and kissed Him, betraying Him.

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