

## JESUS BETRAYED, ARRESTED, AND FORSAKEN

TEXT: Matthew 26:47-56; Mark 14:43-52; Luke 22:47-53; John 18:2-12

PLACE: Gethsemane on the Mt. of Olives

TIME: Thursday night (early Friday morning just after midnight)

### ◆ The Traitor's Kiss

#### - The Arrival:

- o How did Judas know where to find Jesus?
- o Who accompanied Judas to the Garden?
- o What did they bring with them?

#### - The Encounter:

- o What question did Jesus ask?  
Their answer?
- o Jesus' response? "\_\_\_\_\_"
- o When Jesus answered, "they drew \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ on the ground."

Discuss: The reaction of the mob. What did they probably expect Jesus to do? Paul Butler (Ozark Bible College, Commentary) says, "They were so surprised Jesus but He surprised them!"

- o After they recovered, Jesus ask them again,  
"\_\_\_\_\_ do you seek?"
- o Note the concern for His disciples in vs. 8

#### - The Betrayal:

- o The "kiss" - Judas went to Jesus and said, "\_\_\_\_\_!" and then he \_\_\_\_\_ Him.

Discuss: What an interesting scene. Why a kiss? The Greek indicates that it was a passionate and earnest kiss. What do you think Judas was feeling at this point? What was his motive for the whole thing?

- o The response- Jesus said, "\_\_\_\_\_ do what you have come for."
- o The arrest- "they ...seized Jesus."

### ◆ The Disciples' Reactions

#### - Peter's: What did Peter do?

NOTE- Much has been said about the disciples being cowards and yet we see great boldness here in this scene. They are ready to fight the mob if need be and at least Peter has come so prepared! Later, we find Peter and John in the courtyard of the high priest...why? To rescue Jesus and help him escape. But Jesus was not interested in their efforts to help Him or be rescued. He goes without so much as a word in protest. Confusion must have reigned in the

disciples' minds by now. Suddenly their hope for a powerful and reigning Messiah was vanishing. They were now more ashamed than afraid.

- Jesus' response to Peter's action...what could have Jesus done? What did Jesus then say to the mob?

- o Disciples'- "then all the disciples \_\_\_\_\_ Him and \_\_\_\_\_ ,

**NOTE:** Mark's account tells of one follower who fled naked into the night. Some think it may have been himself.

### **FIRST JEWISH TRIAL, BEFORE ANNAS**

**TEXT:** John 18:13-24

**PLACE:** Jerusalem, court of Annas

**TIME:** Early Friday Morning

**NOTE:** Annas has been high priest but has been deposed by the Romans and now his son-in-law, Caiaphas, is the high priest. Why was Jesus taken to Annas' first? Annas was still the power behind the ruling high priest.

**OVERVIEW OF THE TRIALS:** The trials of Jesus can be divided into two sections: (a) the ecclesiastical trials- before Annas; before Caiaphas and the elders; and before Caiaphas and the Sanhedrin; and (b) the civil trials- before Pilate; before Herod; and back to Pilate. All were mockery of justice, but then what would you expect with Satan in charge of men's hearts?

### **◆ The First "Trail"**

(Note- we shall discuss the denials of Peter in more detail in a later lesson. Let's look at the trial now.)

- What did the high priest question Jesus about?
  - o What do you think he was looking for"
  - o Note Jesus' response in vs. 20, 21.
  - o He now turns the tables. He demands that they produce witnesses to testify. He has no secrets to conceal.
  - o What response did Jesus then receive?
  - o Jesus' response?
  - o Where then was Jesus sent?

### **SUPPLEMENTAL STUDY**

Can you list some of the illegal aspects of this first trial?

If you are interested in a more detailed study of this subject, here is a lists of books you might read. "The Trial of Jesus Christ" by Frank J. Powell, and English Magistrate, published by Eerdmans. For a devotional study of the arrest, trials, and crucifixion he recommends a book entitled, "The Trial and Death of Jesus Christ" by James Stalker, published by Zondervan.